



North Andover High School Student Receives MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award

Diya Ackerman-Vallala – North Andover High School
Nominated by Steve Nugent, Athletic Director

A high achieving and dedicated student, Diya is a state champion and record holder for the North Andover swim team. She captained the team her senior year and was named Swimmer of the Year by the Eagle Tribune as well as All-Scholastic in the Boston Herald and Boston Globe as she captured the 100 breaststroke title at both the Division 2 state meet and North sectional, and also finished first in the 200 IM at the state meet.

She is currently enrolled in 5 AP classes and has taken nine in her academic career at NAHS and is actively involved in the NAHS Black Student Union, National Honor Society, and Editor of the NAHS Yearbook.

On a regional and national level, Diya also serves on the USA Swimming National Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, New England DEI Committee, and has volunteered at the Greater Boston Food Pantry.

She has championed swim initiatives for people of diverse backgrounds and drowning prevention and swim lessons for all children.

As Steve Nugent states, “Diya is the full package, a scholar, an athlete, and a dedicated community volunteer.”

