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BAY STATE GAMES ATHLETES RECOGNIZED AS FUTURE LEADERS

\$2,000 scholarships awarded to exceptional high school students

WOBURN, MA-Six Bay State Games athletes have been chosen as recipients of the 2006 Future Leaders Scholarship. The \$2,000 scholarships are awarded annually by the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation (MASF) and Verizon.

The athletes will all be high school seniors in the Fall, and represent six different towns and schools in Massachusetts. The winners were selected from a competitive pool of over 100 candidates based on their leadership skills, academic excellence, athletic involvement, and dedication to their community. Thomas Salah (Gloucester, MA/Gloucester HS), Lauren Creedon (Stoneham/The Rivers School), Kevin Breen (Norwood/ Norwood HS), Robyn Panciocco (Canton/ Canton HS), David Lauritano (Stow/ Nashoba Regional HS), and Gina Marie Raymond (Sutton /Pomfret School) will be honored as the 2006 Verizon Future Leaders Scholarship recipients at the 2006 Bay State Summer Games Opening Ceremony. The Ceremony, which kicks off the Bay State Summer Games, will take place Thursday, July 13 at Boston University's Agganis Arena.

The 2005 Future Leaders Scholarship recipients have already chosen colleges where they plan to further their academic and athletic endeavors. Kathryn Forand (Dartmouth, MA/Dartmouth HS), will be attending Endicott College and plans to study nursing. Andrew Knapp (Duxbury, MA/Duxbury HS) will be wrestling for Harvard University this Winter. Connor Hogan (Stow, MA/Nashoba Regional HS) will be attending Bates College where he is going to run indoor and outdoor track, as well as hopefully play intramural soccer. Elizabeth Pizarik (Chelmsford, MA/Chelmsford HS) is going to stay local as she will run cross country and track at Brandeis University.

For more information about the Verizon Future Leaders Scholarship program, and past winners, please visit www.baystategames.org/summer, or call (781) 932-6555.

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