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BAY STATE GAMES NAMES 2008 ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Pembroke's Shaquana McDonough and Carver's Kyle Larrow earn honor

WOBURN, MA- It is with great pleasure that the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation names Shaquana McDonough and Kyle Larrow as the 2008 Bay State Games Athletes of the Year. They were selected from the more than 7,000 athletes who competed in this year's Summer and Winter Games.

McDonough, of Pembroke, MA, and Larrow, of Carver, MA, each participated in the 2008 Summer Games this past July in Boston. McDonough competed in both basketball and soccer for the Coastal region, while Larrow was a member of the Coastal baseball squad.

McDonough lives in Pembroke, Massachusetts, and attends The Learning Center for the Deaf in Framingham. She has just 30 percent hearing with the aid of bilateral hearing aids. She can read lips and uses American Sign Langue as her primary means of communication.

During the 2008 Summer Games, she led the Coastal region soccer team with two goals and an assist on the way to a berth in the bronze medal game, while, at the same time, competing in basketball as one of her team's top scorers. This year, Shaquana was selected at the Deaf Athlete of the Year among all Massachusetts high school students. She was also selected to attend the University of Rhode Island's International Scholar Athlete Games. In addition, Shaquana has earned numerous awards in high school athletics including several league all-star nominations.

When she's not taking playing sports, Shaquana loves dancing, acting, photography and community service. She is also an honor student. Shaquana is a terrific role model, and puts that talent to work as she loves to help and teach children.

Larrow enters his senior year at Boston College High School where he is a member of the soccer and baseball teams. Off the field, Larrow, a straight-A student, is president of the Student Council and a member of the National Honor Society. He also spends much of his free time volunteering.

In June, Larrow was selected as a winner of the Verizon Future Leaders Scholarship which is awarded to six Massachusetts high school juniors who participated in the Bay State Games.

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