

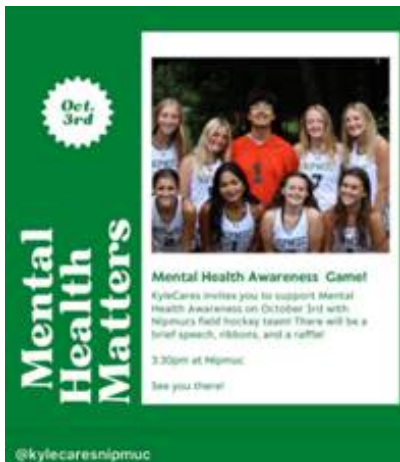


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# 2022-23 MIAA Community Service Challenge

*First Half – August through December 2022*



**Franklin, MA-** The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) is excited to announce Gianna Yordanopoulos and Kylie Bodzinski of Nipmuc Regional High School as the winners of the first half of the 2022-2023 MIAA Community Service Challenge! Members of the MIAA Student Advisory Committee reviewed 159 incredible submissions before selecting the winner.

In partnership with the Nipmuc Chapter of the Active Minds Organization and Kyle Cares Foundation, Gianna and Kylie created a league wide leadership summit with mental health awareness being the focal point. The summit included student athletes from across the Dual Valley Conference.

Nipmuc Athletic Director, Chris Schmidt, reflected on the summit and stated, "Social emotional well-being of students has been a focus for us this year. The work that Gianna and Kylie have done with Active Minds and the Kyle Cares Foundation has been instrumental in helping our coaches and student-athletes focus on this initiative beyond the school and inside the athletic arena."

[Click here](#) to review the full submission by Nipmuc Regional High School.

The MIAA is grateful for the continued partnership with [Team Up 4 Community](#) (TU4C) that began in March 2021. The partnership encourages schools to submit their projects online providing sports teams the opportunity to showcase community service projects, demonstrating their commitment and impact on the community.

A total of 159 community service projects were submitted between August and December 2022. This included 7,819 student-athletes participating in some type of community service project. In total, \$210,097 was raised for charitable causes with 34,013 hours of time donated by MIAA student-athletes.

A presentation of this award will take place at Nipmuc Regional High School in the coming weeks.

Please be reminded to continue to submit your projects on the website. **The second half of this challenge will run from January 1, 2023 – May 15, 2023!** Winners will be selected shortly after May 15<sup>th</sup>!

Thank you to all MIAA member schools and student-athletes who participated in this years' service challenge. To view all projects submitted, [click here](#).

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