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## 2022-23 MIAA Community Service Challenge *Second Half – January through May 2023*



**Franklin, MA-** The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) is excited to announce Notre Dame Academy of Hingham, Swim and Dive team as the winners of the 2022-23 second half MIAA Community Service Challenge! Members of the MIAA Student Advisory Committee reviewed 139 incredible submissions before selecting the winner.

Over the winter, Notre Dame Academy Swim and Dive Coach reached out to the roughly 30 student athletes who were participating on the team with the opportunity to volunteer their time at the South Shore YMCA and help swimmers prepare for the Special Olympics. Hannah Glynn, Angela Kennedy, Grace Pistorino, Kit Wee, Sophie Rigaurd and Delaney Krause seized the opportunity and signed up to volunteer. They dedicated 90 minutes every Sunday from January to April for this program at the South Shore YMCA. They helped these athletes strengthen their swimming skills, build their confidence, and prepare for competition. Their role changed from one-on-one hands-on training in the pool, to a more supportive and coaching role from the pool deck as the season progressed. The season ended with the group competing at the Special Olympics event at Bridgewater State University, where the girls stood in as coaches and cheered on their athletes!

Next year's team captain, Grace Pistorino, reflected on the experience and stated, "I grew up on the water and have been swimming competitively for 11 years. When I heard about the opportunity to be able to share my love of swimming with other members of the community, I immediately signed up. The feeling of gratification I felt at the end of their swim meet, having seen all of the athletes' skills progress and how excited everyone was for each other, was like no other. I was so impressed by the athletes' dedication to swimming and how they supported each other as a team and I can't wait to be a part of their next season."

Notre Dame Academy Principal, Mary O'Brien Merrigan stated, "I deeply appreciate the initiative, dedication, and commitment that Grace, Hannah, Angela, Kit, Sophie, and Delaney have modeled for our entire community through their service to the Special Olympians. We are all very proud of them."

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 **299** MIAA community service projects were submitted between August and May of this school year. With **13,012** student-athletes participating in some type of community service project. In total, **\$384,916** was raised for charitable causes with **59,068** hours donated by MIAA student-athletes, with an estimated value of **\$499,125** in time served. Incredible acts of service and leadership on display throughout the year!

A presentation of this award took place at Notre Dame Academy's spring banquet last week.

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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