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David Morton of Saint Michael School Recognized for Volunteer Service

Honored with a President's Volunteer Service Award

North Andover, MA – April 15, 2011 – David Morton, age 13, of North Andover has been honored for his exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award.

The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to service their communities and their country, was presented by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Barack Obama. David Morton participated in a Spirit of Community program this year as a representative of Saint Michael School in North Andover, where he is a student.



Rev. Paul Keyes and Rev. John Delaney (Saint Michael Parish), David Morton, Susan Gosselin (Principal, Saint Michael School)

David Morton earned this award by contributing to his school and local community. David volunteered to work at Saint Michael School this past summer. He spent countless hours assembling computers, cleaning, unloading books and supplies and assisting teachers upon their return to school in August. Additionally, David is a very active member of the youth ministry program at Saint Michael Parish. David volunteers for the Greater Lawrence Community Boating program assisting with classes and maintaining equipment. He is also a member of the Boy Scouts and actively volunteers with their community service projects.

“We are extremely proud of David for earning this prestigious award. David is a glowing example of how one person can directly influence their community,” said Susan Gosselin, Principal of Saint Michael School. “David exemplifies the values and selflessness that we work hard to instill through Catholic Education.”

Sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program recognizes young people across America for outstanding community service activities. More than 310,000 young people across America have been considered for these awards since the program began in 1995.

“The recipients of these awards vividly demonstrate that young people across America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities,” said John R. Strangfeld, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial. “In recognizing these students and placing a spotlight on their volunteer service activities, we hope to motivate others to consider how they can also contribute to their community.”

“The young people recognized by the Spirit of Community Awards demonstrate an enormous capacity for giving and reaching out to those in need,” said Gerald N. Tirozzi, executive director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. “NASSP is proud to honor them as they are wonderful examples of the high caliber of young people in our nations’ schools today.”

About Saint Michael School

Saint Michael School is a Catholic Christian community serving children from early childhood through grade eight from our parish community and the Greater Merrimack Valley. Saint Michael School offers a solid academic foundation that will enable the students to succeed in the future. Promoting gospel values through prayer, religious instruction and community outreach, we strive to carry on the spirit of faith and love initiated by the Sisters of Charity of Halifax. Visit Saint Michael School on the web at www.saintmichael.com.

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