

Caitlyn Abonte awarded Daniel P. Madigan Memorial Scholarship

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NORTHBRIDGE, Mass. - June 14, 2010 - Northbridge High School two-sport standout and future engineer Caitlyn Abonte was named the 2010 recipient of the Daniel P. Madigan Memorial Scholarship.

Sponsored by Wheelabrator Technologies Inc., the scholarship is awarded annually to two students – one from Northbridge high and Triton Regional High School in Byfield – who have been accepted into an engineering program at a degree-granting college or university. Each Recipient receives \$5,000.

This year marks the 14th annual presentation of the scholarship, which honors the former New England regional vice president of Wheelabrator, Daniel Patrick Madigan, who oversaw the construction of the Wheelabrator Millbury waste-to-energy plant in 1987. A Northbridge resident, he passed away in 1995.

Wheelabrator Millbury General Manager Fred Confalone presented Abonte with the scholarship during the senior awards ceremony. He was joined by Madigan's brother, Jim, and son, Cornelius. "The Madigan Scholarships memorializes a man who led the nation's first commercially successful waste-to-energy facility into operation in Saugus, Massachusetts," said Confalone. "Dan was a pioneer in the waste-to-energy industry for two decades and was instrumental in the development of today's most advanced refuse-fired power plants. It is important to Wheelabrator that Madigan's legacy lives on through this scholarship."

"It's great that the company does this," said Cornelius Madigan. "Our family appreciates everything Wheelabrator does in memory of my father, and it's wonderful we're able to help some students pursue their goals."

In addition to playing soccer and basketball for four years, Abonte was a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council. She has also coached youth soccer for several years. She will attend Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey, where she plans to study chemical engineering.

Joseph Chandler was this year's recipient from Triton. He will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he will major in chemical engineering.

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Located in Saugus, Massachusetts, and the Wheelabrator Saugus waste-to-energy facility provides dependable, environmentally safe disposal of municipal solid waste for 750,000 people, while generating clean electricity for sale to the local utility. In continuous operation since 1975, this landmark facility is the United States' first commercially successful waste-to-energy facility. Designed, constructed, owned, and operated by Wheelabrator, Wheelabrator Saugus processes up to 1,500 tons per day of municipal solid waste from 10 communities on the North Shore of Massachusetts. Wheelabrator Saugus has an electric generating capacity of 40,000 kilowatts; the equivalent of supplying the electrical needs of 35,000 Massachusetts homes.

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