

Allard awarded Madigan Scholarship

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BYFIELD, Mass. - June 9, 2008 - Triton Regional High School track and field athlete and future engineer Nathan Allard was named the 2009 recipient of the Daniel P. Madigan Memorial Scholarship.

Sponsored by Wheelabrator Technologies, Inc., the scholarship is awarded to two students each year - one from Triton and the other from Northbridge High School - 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 scholarship, which honors Daniel Patrick Madigan, former New England regional vice president of Wheelabrator, who died in 1995. A pioneer in the waste-to-energy business, Madigan also served as chief engineer and plant manager of Wheelabrator Saugus (then known as RESCO) during the company's early years.

Wheelabrator Saugus Plant Manager John O'Rourke and Madigan's son, Cornelius - who serves as site manager at a Waste Management (the parent company of Wheelabrator) recycling facility in Gloucester - presented Allard with the scholarship during the senior awards ceremony at Triton June 5.

"This scholarship really means a lot to me," said Allard. "I did not expect it at all. This is huge; I really appreciate it."

"This award is a great opportunity Wheelabrator offers to students and it means a lot to have my father acknowledged," said Madigan. "This award has been a great way to honor my father's memory and help future engineers like Nathan."

Cornelius Madigan is one of seven children who attended Triton Regional High School; he currently has four children in the school district.

"I think it is terrific that this scholarship honors Dan (Madigan)," O'Rourke added. "He and his team built the waste-to-energy industry with his fortitude and unwillingness to fail, helping to make it what it is today."

Allard, who plans on getting his associates degree in engineering at Northern Essex Community College (NECC), said he will continue his education at UMass Lowell once he has completed the two-year program at NECC.

"My aunts on my mom's side are engineers at Raytheon. They got me interested in the field," he said. "Also, I have always been stronger in math and tech classes. I like learning about how things work."

In addition to fulfilling his academic responsibilities, Allard was a member of the indoor and outdoor track teams, has worked part-time at Tom's Discount in Salisbury for the past four years, and has been active in community service since 2006. He lives in Salisbury with his parents and two sisters.

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