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## **KEEFE TECH STUDENTS ATTEND SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT**

**FRAMINGHAM, MA** – Three Keefe Tech students attended the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual MIAA (Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association)/MSSADA Sportsmanship Summit on Friday, November 21 at Gillette Stadium.

“More than 150 schools were represented at the Summit by approximately 750 students and 300 coaches,” explained Keefe Tech Athletic Director Chris Kane, who is also a member of the Sportsmanship Committee and helps to plan and organize the Summit annually. “We are always excited at the opportunity to promote sportsmanship. Our student leaders were excited and honored to be a part of this prestigious event,” he added.

Keefe Tech Cross Country Coach Phil Rosano and Soccer Coach Kevin Kramer accompanied three underclassmen to the Sportsmanship Summit, who were chosen to attend based on their leadership skills. The students who attended are Andressa Fernandes, Captain, MVP, and All-Star for the Girls Volleyball Team, Axel Burgos, a member of the Cross Country, Basketball, and Track and Field Teams, and Bruno Geronimo, a member of the Soccer Team.

“The coaches attended workshops while students had the honor of listening to Harvey Alston deliver the Summit’s Keynote Speech,” Coach Kramer said. “He talked about making the right decisions and gave students a very positive outlook on their roles and their futures.”

Also a Business Technology junior, Andressa Fernandes said that she was inspired by Alston’s speech. “I never thought of myself as a role model outside of my classes at school,” she noted. “Listening to Mr. Alston made me realize that I am seen as a leader by other students and can make a difference at my school. It made me feel honored and proud of my accomplishments.”

Harvey Alston, Motivational Speaker and CEO of Best, Inc., also spoke at Keefe Technical School a few days before the Sportsmanship Summit through the recommendation of Keefe Tech Ashland School Board Committee Representative and MIAA Assistant Deputy Director William Gaine, Jr.

“Mr. Gaine told us how wonderful Harvey Alston’s motivational talks were, so we invited him to our school,” explained Margaret Ellis, Keefe Tech Vocational Coordinator. “He presented our faculty with an inspiring Professional Development seminar about our role as educators in the lives of our students, and also addressed the entire student body with a motivational speech that really related to their everyday lives at home and in school.”

A private, nonprofit organization, the MIAA is dedicated to promoting interschool activities that provide lifelong and life quality learning experiences to students while enhancing their achievement of educational goals.

Keefe Technical School, located in Framingham, MA, is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. In addition to 13 different vocational programs, Keefe Tech



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