



# Director's Digest

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*"The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning."*

- Mitch Albom

## FRCS Students Awarded John and Abigail Adams Scholarships

We have 15 students (nearly twice as last year) who qualified for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, recognizing high academic achievement on MCAS exams. These students are eligible to receive a tuition waiver to any Massachusetts public state college or university.

In order to be eligible for an Adams Scholarship, a student must earn a performance level score of Advanced on one grade 10 MCAS test (English Language Arts or Mathematics) and Proficient or higher on the other test, and have a combined score that places him or her in the top 25% of students in his or her district on these tests.

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding accomplishment:

Carina Bassick	Megan Bassick
Gregory Byron	Angela Casadonte
Kevin Connell	James Daigle
Heather Jaber	Sarah Merrill
Kassandra Michajlov	Brendan Murphy
Nicholas Oliverio	Keyan Pishdadian
Sarah Rajeh	Owen Sullivan
Melissa Woodman	

Great job!!

## FRCS Raises Funds for American Heart Association; Students and Staff Recognized with Revolution Visit

On Monday November 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Lavery attended the MAPERD Convention (Massachusetts Alliance for Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.) In a wonderful surprise presentation during the convention, a representative from the American Heart Association recognized Foxborough Regional Charter School and presented Mr. Shaw a plaque on behalf of the School.

Last year, FRCS held it's second annual Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart event. For this event, our students raised over \$10,000 for the American Heart Association. With this money raised, FRCS was the second highest fundraising school in Massachusetts, and 7<sup>th</sup> highest in the Northeast region.

As a result of our students' efforts, we were honored to be visited by New England Revolution Star, Steve Ralston. Steve discussed the importance of staying healthy and showing good sportsmanship. "Participation in sports is not about winning, it's always about having fun doing it."

Congratulations to our students and staff for their support of the Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart program.

## FRCS Senior Melissa Smith— Independent Enrichment Combines Academics, Service, and Leadership

Independent enrichment is a course designed for seniors to learn about and participate in a specific, in-depth area of interest. Typically, students plan to pursue a similar course of study in college. Students enrolled in this course are advised by an individual faculty member. Senior Melissa Smith, in her own words, highlights her course:

My name is Melissa Smith and my area of interest is the fashion industry. Through my experience at the Foxborough Regional Charter School, I have developed a great care for giving to the community. In order to do this, I have created "Cinderella's Closet". This business provides girls with an alternative to expensive prom dresses by offering them donated dresses at lower costs.

My business plan includes collecting donated and pre-owned dresses for redesign and redistribution. Each dress will be cleaned and modeled at a large community-wide fashion show event held at Foxborough Regional Charter School. Following the fashion show, juniors and seniors will be able to purchase dresses and make an appointment for a fitting (if necessary).

All of the profits from this business will be donated to this year's Prom Committee to lower the price of admission tickets and in turn, make Prom a more accessible event for students of all income levels.

I hope you will support my efforts in the following way:

- Assist with dress alterations and redesigns
- Volunteer at the Fashion Show
- Donate Prom dresses

I ask parents, friends, and neighbors of the Foxborough Regional Charter School to give a helping hand in support of my efforts. Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

Melissa Smith—Cinderella's Closet

- Mark Logan