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## Press Release

### DA Morrissey presents leadership awards to high schoolers from across the Norfolk County

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District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey has presented 23 Peer Leadership Recognition awards for 2012 to students from 13 of Norfolk County's public high schools.

"The strength and health of school communities derives largely from the students who lead by example," District Attorney Morrissey said after presenting the award at his 2012 Peer Leadership Conference, held in Norwood recently. "Good teachers and thoughtful administrators are important, but it is students like these who are doing much of the work."

Students were nominated by faculty at their high schools or their police chiefs. Several nominees were leaders in peer-to-peer support organizations at their schools, many had outside charitable activity and others had started or led campaigns to make their schools and communities stronger.

"They are an impressive group," District Attorney Morrissey said.



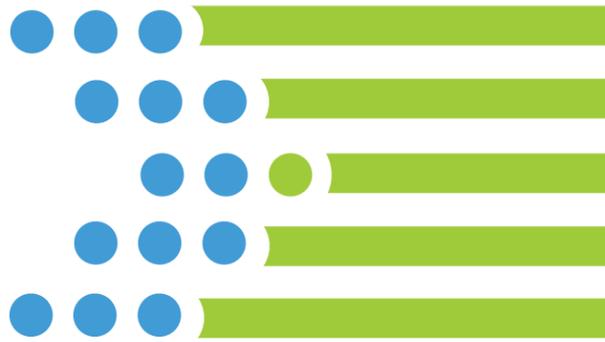
The award presentations were made midway through the five-hour Peer Leadership Conference on October 24, 2012, held at the Savage Center in Norwood. The event supplied workshops and presentations on bullying prevention, dating violence, drug and alcohol use, mentoring and other subjects to more than 150 students hand-chosen to attend from across the county. "We worked to put together a program that might supply tools to the students who are shaping the attitudes and cultures within our schools," District Attorney Morrissey said.

The conference was financed with money seized in drug raids and forfeited during subsequent court proceedings. "We are using money earned through bad decisions and dangerous activities to promote good decisions and safety in our schools," District Attorney Morrissey said.



#### 2012 Norfolk County Peer Leader Award winners

- Avon: Shane Davis.
- Braintree: Alexander Heger.
- Canton: Lauren DiPillo; Kelechi Ugocha; Natalie Rossi; Angelina Salcedo; Gianna Sapounakis; Samantha Sullivan; Bethany Kelly; Colleen O'Regan; Daniel Sheehy.
- Dover: Mollie Brach and Keaton Stoner
- Foxborough Regional Charter: Mary Daly
- Franklin: Nick Montanaro
- Medfield: Haley Kramer
- Millis: Colleen Fagan.
- Milton: Robert Dan Halloran
- Needham: Jen Spink and Leah Siegel
- Norwood: Mackenzie Sheehan
- Quincy: Amelia Wool
- Wellesley: Anna Zannetos



## 2012 Annual Peer Leadership Registration Form

2012 Annual Peer Leadership Conference

Presented by Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey

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