Joseph Chandler awarded Daniel P. Madigan Memorial Scholarship

BYFIELD, Mass. - June 14, 2010 - Triton Regional High School wrestling standout and future engineer Joseph Chandler 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 each from Triton Regional and 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 presentation of the scholarship, which honors the former New England regional vice president of Wheelabrator, Daniel Patrick Madigan, who passed away in 1995. A pioneer in the waste-to-energy business, Madigan served as chief engineer and plant manager of Wheelabrator Saugus during the company’s early years.

Wheelabrator Saugus Plant Manager John O’Rourke and Madigan’s son, Cornelius, presented Chandler with the scholarship during the senior awards ceremony.

“It’s very appropriate that this scholarship honors Dan Madigan,” said O’Rourke. “He and his team built the waste-to-energy industry with their fortitude and unwillingness to fail, helping to make it what it is today.”

“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.”

“Being selected is an honor,” said Chandler. “It was a great feeling when I heard my name called.”

A Salisbury native, Chandler is one of four children. He and his brother, Dan, and sister, Kate, are triplets. At Triton, he was a four-year member of the wrestling team. He also ran track his freshman year and played football his sophomore year. He hopes to wrestle at the collegiate level. Chandler will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the fall, where he plans to study chemical engineering.

Caitlyn Labonte was this year’s recipient from Northbridge. She will attend Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey where she will major in chemical engineering.

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