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## **Press Release Natick, MA**

ACCEPT Education Collaborative is pleased to announce the ***Michael J. Palladino Scholarship Award*** will be presented on Thursday, June 9 at 10:00 p.m. at the Ashland High School in Room A223. Congratulations to **Devin Wheaton** from Medway! Devin has been selected to receive the scholarship for 2016.

The scholarship was established in 2007 to honor of Dr. Palladino's legacy of exemplary special education programs and dedication to improving outcomes for students with disabilities. Dr. Palladino was the founding director of ACCEPT Education Collaborative and the scholarship was created upon his retirement after 32 years of leading the collaborative. Dr. Palladino continues to work on a consulting basis for the Collaborative.

### **Scholarship Criteria**

The ***Michael J. Palladino Scholarship*** is presented annually to a graduating ACCEPT Education Collaborative student. The student selected to receive the award has attended a Collaborative program for a minimum of three years and demonstrated enthusiasm for life and learning. The scholarship may be used to assist the student with their transition into adult life. The scholarship committee is comprised of the executive director, special education director and collaborative teachers.

Donations to the scholarship fund are welcome.

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