October 3, 2011

Dear Unified Sports Coaches and Athletic Directors,

We hope your school year is off to a great start and commend you for your continued support for the CAS/CIAA Unified Sports Program in your school. Our Michaels Cup Unified Sports Awards banquet will move in a different direction this year with the hope to expand the recognition of your Athletes and Partners.

The Michael Savage Award will be the same as last year, one High School and one Middle School Athlete who represents Athletic Excellence will be given this award. The Essay portion will now be selected from those students wishing to submit an essay for a scholarship opportunity. The High School essayist will be awarded a college scholarship and a Middle School student will be awarded a school grant in that student's name.

Another significant change will be a nomination of a partner and athlete per team. These two students will represent your school is Unified Sports team; both students will receive a plaque and formal recognition.

The School Questionnaire has had minor changes in the application.

Attached are copies of these three nomination forms and the school questionnaire. It is through this process, we will be able to share the recognition with more students in your school.

Sincerely,

Louis J. Pear
Director, Unified Sports Connecticut
Connecticut Association of Schools and Special Olympics Connecticut

2011 – 2012 Michael Savage Athletic Award of Excellence
Nomination Form

Award: Michael Savage Athletic Award of Excellence
This award will be presented to a Unified Sports® athlete that exemplifies sportsmanship, enthusiasm and teamwork. It will be awarded to one middle school and one high school athlete at the Unified Sports® Michaels Cup Banquet on April 24, 2012 at the Aqua Turf Club.

Name of student: ________________________________
Home Address: __________________________________________
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Home phone: __________________________ cell number: __________
E-mail: ______________________________
School Name: ______________________ Coaches Name: __________
School Address: __________________________________________
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How long has the nominee been involved with Unified Sports?

Please list the sports that the athlete has participated in:

Please list the number of CIAC/Unified Sports Tournaments that this athlete has participated in school in this past year.

1-2  2-4  4-6  6 or more

Please list any additional activities related and community related that the athlete has participated in: ex: Assemblies, halftime games, youth activation summit, dances, pizza parties, proms, penguin plunges, Special Olympic events outside of Unified Sports etc.

Please provide a brief summary as to why this athlete is deserving of this award.

This form must be submitted to Karol Brzozowski at: kbrzozowski@casciac.org, mailed into CAS/CIAO Unified Sports 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410 or faxed to 203-250-1345
Michael’s Jewelers / Unified Sports Banquet

ONE ATHLETE & ONE PARTNER

Nomination Form

Please submit the names of the athlete and partner who will be honored at this year’s Michaels Cup Unified Sports Banquet representing your school

School Name ____________________________

Athlete Name ___________________________ (Please Print Clearly)

Partner _________________________________ (Please Print Clearly)

What are two attributes of these students?

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Important: submit no later than January 15, 2011

Karol Brzozowski 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire CT 06410 or by e-mail kbrzozowski@casciac.org
MICHAELS JEWELERS/UNIFIED SPORTS® CUP
2011-2012
COACHES
Nominating Partner Essay Form

Please nominate one (use a separate form if you wish to nominate a second partner) of the partners in your Unified Sports® program addressing the following and return to the Athletic Director by 1/15/12:

Nominated Partner: ________________________________________ (Please Print) ___________________________ Sport

1. The service record of the nominee emphasizing the quality of their experience as a partner: ______________________________________

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2. Why have you nominated this particular partner? ______________________________________

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Submitted by: Unified Coach
Please print

Date

Reviewed by: Athletic Director
Please print

Date

__________________________
School

Nominating Form 2011 -Unified 2011
At this time, at The Michaels Jewelers/Unified Sports® Cup Banquet we will recognize the top essay writers. You have received a provisional nomination by your coach. The Unified Sports® coaches and school ADs will select a nominee from those requested to provide essays. Please address the following in a typed essay of at least 250 words.

"Describe the benefits that accrue as a result of your experience as a Unified Sports® partner."

"I certify that I am receiving no assistance in writing this essay. If it is being typed by a third party, I enclose the original hand written essay."

I give my permission to use my essay for public relations opportunities:

Partner Name (Please Print)  Partner Signature

Partner Address (Please Print)  City/Town  ST/Zip Code

Partner's Parent/Guardian Name

Unified Coach Name (Please Print)  Sport

School  Date

Please attach essay to this form and return by 01/15/2012 to CAS/CIAC attention
Karol Brzozowski 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire CT 06410 kbrzozowski@casciac.org
Michael's Jewelers / Unified Sports® Cup – Middle & High School
2011-2012 School Year Questionnaire
Return by 01/15/12 (see reverse)

Name of School ___________________________ Address ___________________________

Coaches Name ___________________________ Date Submitted ___________________________

Coaches E-Mail ___________________________

Please Circle one: High School or Middle School

1 Which of the following sports has your school shown participation:
   Soccer ______ Basketball ______ Volleyball ______ Bowling ______ Track & Field ______

2 Has your Unified Sports program:
   Added student participation ______ Increased in games played ______
   Increased in sports played ______ Increased public exposure ______ Held Half time games ______
   Held Pep Rallies ______

3 In the past year, how many times did your school participate in halftime games in basketball?

4 How many CIAC sponsored Unified tournaments did your school participate in?
   Soccer ______ Volleyball ______ Basketball ______ Track ______ Bowling ______

5 Are Unified Sports teams included in your school athletic awards programs? Yes ______ No ______

6 What activities do you support to fund your Unified Sports program such as:
Penguin Plunge ______ Booster Club ______ Fundraising Activities ______ Other ______

7 Does your school host a Unified Sports tournament?
   Yes ______ No ______

8 Approximately, how many practices does each Unified Sport average a week?
   Soccer _______ Basketball _______ Volleyball _______ Track _______
   _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______

9 What percentage of time are practices held in your main gym? ______ %

10 How many times did your Unified team compete at a varsity game? (i.e. pre, post, between)
    Soccer ______ Basketball ______ Volleyball ______ Track ______

11 Are your Unified Sports forms fully completed and submitted on time?
    Always, ______ Usually, ______ Sometimes ______

************* To be completed by the CIAC Only *************
14 Does your program encourage your Special Education students to be involved in Special Olympics opportunities at the local level. ___Yes ___No

15 Does your program encourage your special athletes to participate in other organized recreational activities outside of school? ___Yes ___No Please check those that apply ___Unified Art, ___Unified Theater ___Park and Rec ___YMCA ___Other

16 Has your Unified Sports program, athletes and or partners received any local, regional, state awards? (other than Michaels Cup Awards). Spirit of Life School Recognitions Scholarships Other (Please list)

Have any coaches/volunteers received local, regional, state awards, or grants related to Unified Sports. ___Yes ___No Please Describe

17 What has been your public relations plan for your Unified Sports program? ___Promote written articles on team or individuals, ___Publicize game scores, ___Closed circuit TV, ___Assemblies, ___Social Networking Sites ___Face book ___

18 Has your Unified Sports team held a “R” Word Campaign ___ Attend the Youth Leadership Summit ___ Used the “Get Into It” Curriculum ___

Signature of Principal or Athletic Director __________________________ Date ___________ (Area) Telephone __________________________

Signature of Coach __________________________ Date ___________ (Area) Telephone __________________________

RETURN NO LATER THAN 01/15/12 to:
Lou Pear, Director of Unified Sports®
CIAC/Unified Sports
30 Realty Drive
Cheshire, CT 06410