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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/CIAC 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's 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lou Pear", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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: _____

Home phone: _____ **cell number:** _____

E-mail: _____

School Name _____ **Coaches Name** _____

School Address _____

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/CIAC 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?

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: _____

2. Why have you nominated this particular partner? _____

Submitted by: Unified Coach
Please print

Date

Reviewed by: Athletic Director
Please print

Date

School

MICHAELS JEWELERS/UNIFIED SPORTS® CUP

Partner's Essay

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

Michaels 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

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| 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 yours schools 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 _____0_____1_____2_____3_____4_____5_____6 Basketball _____0_____1_____2_____3_____4_____5_____6 Volleyball _____0_____1_____2_____3_____4_____5_____6 Track _____0_____1_____2_____3_____4_____5_____6 | |
| 10 | What percentage of time are practices held in your main gym? _____ % | |
| 11 | How many times did your Unified team compete at a varsity game? (i.e. pre, post, between) _____ Soccer _____ Basketball _____ Volleyball _____ Track _____ | |
| 13 | Are your Unified Sports forms fully completed and submitted on time? Always, _____ Usually, _____ Sometimes _____ | |
| ***** To be completed by the CIAC Only***** | | |

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| 14 | Does your program <u>encourage</u> your Special Education students to be involved in Special Olympics opportunities at the local level. ____ Yes ____ No |
| 15 | Does your program <u>encourage</u> your special athletes to participate in <u>other</u> 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 <u>coaches/volunteers</u> 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
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