## Needham Youth Services

## June RAY of Hope Recipient Sean O'Connor



Left to right: Jon Mattleman, Director, Needham Youth Services, Sean O'Connor, June RAY Recipient, and Dr. Kathleen Hoye, owner of Hoye Dental

## June Recipient – Sean O'Connor

Sean O'Connor was nominated for the RAY of Hope award by Chanie Krinsky who leads the Friendship Circle Program in Needham, where Sean has been a volunteer for four years. As a senior, Sean has been captain of the cross country, indoor and outdoor track teams; he has participated on these teams for his four years at Needham High School. Sean was vice-president of Needham High School's National Honor Society this year, and was a member of the National Chinese Honor Society as well. He just finished his fourth year studying Mandarin which he hopes to continue studying at college. In his sophomore year Sean went to China for ten days with students from the Mandarin class. Sean holds a black belt in karate and is an instructor at the Martial Arts School in Needham. Sean also writes the girls' track team articles for the Needham Times. Sean will be attending American University in September where he plans on studying in the school of International Services and running cross country and track there as well. Sean loves to read in his spare time, as well as hang out with friends and family.

Watch the Needham Channel's piece on the June RAY ceremony at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRLjaebh3uY

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