

# Needham Youth Services

## April RAY of Hope Recipient John Cronin



Left to right: Michelle Butman, Social Worker, Needham Youth Services, and John Cronin, April RAY of Hope Recipient, and Peter Russell, of Russell & Associates LLC.

### April Recipient – John Cronin

John is a senior at Needham High School. He was nominated by Andrea Bassett, his English teacher and member of the Needham Coalition for Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Program as well as two other Coalition members, Carol Read and Karen Mullen. This year John helped to found SALSA (Students Advocating Life without Substance Abuse) and became a trained peer leader to meet with 8th graders as they prepare for the transition to high school regarding substance use and refusal skills. John is also in the “Be the Change” Leadership class at Needham High School. Additionally he has been a member of the French Club for four years. John is the captain of both the wrestling and rugby teams and founded the Needham High Street Hockey Club. Last summer, John went on a mission trip with his church to Trinidad/Tobago to build houses and help orphanages. In his free time, John enjoys playing recreational basketball and street hockey. His postgraduate plans consist of majoring in International Business at the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota and to one day study German abroad.

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

<http://youtu.be/TAmh4UZdh0Y>

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