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Student leader kicks butts

The Reading Coalition Against Substance Abuse (RCASA) is proud to announce that Timothy O'sullivan, a senior at RMHS has been awarded the 2010 Northeast Youth Leadership Award from the Health Resources in Action organization.

As a Youth Leadership Award recipient, Tim will be honored at The 84 Awards Festival on Saturday, May 8, from 2 ...4 p.m. at WCVB-TV Channel 5.

Tim has been an active member of the RCASA Youth Crew since 2008. He was part of the first cohort of youth leaders for the coalition.

Since joining the crew, he was promoted in 2009 to the role of Crew Organizer.

He has been a strong and effective leader in the crew. He has progressed in his knowledge of community substance abuse issues. He learned how to communicate this information and learn from his peers. He has participated in over 350 hours of training since joining the program in 2008.

Tim has participated in the statewide and regional trainings offered by the 84 in 2008, 2009, and 2010 and developed a strong interest in the statewide efforts to reduce tobacco. He took on a stronger leadership role in co-organizing the recent Kick Butts Day event. He has served as a liaison for his peers between our local efforts in Reading and his knowledge of the statewide efforts.

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