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**VOLUNTEER FROM THE ROXBURY LATIN SCHOOL WINS 2022 EXCELLENCE AWARD
FROM MASSACHUSETTS ASSISTED LIVING ASSOCIATION**

August 9, 2022 – Jim Ryan from the Roxbury Latin School was named the recipient of the Volunteer Excellence Award by the Massachusetts Assisted Living Association (Mass-ALA) at the organization’s annual Excellence Awards Dinner on July 26th, 2022. The awards are presented each year to individuals at every level of assisted living who have demonstrated their desire to make a positive difference in the lives of residents and who, in the view of their peers, stand out as role models in the industry.

Ryan and his students provide an intergenerational program to the residents at the Edelweiss Village Assisted Living community, which is designed for students to interact with residents and collaborate on special and seasonal projects throughout the year. It creates dialogue to learn about the past, present and future. The program has brought two generations together benefiting both residents and students. It gives students an opportunity to learn from past generations and community residents able to learn about technology.

“We are honored to recognize the 2022 Excellence Award winners for their hard work and dedication in ensuring the highest quality of life for older adults, especially during the last two years,” said Brian Doherty, President and CEO of Mass-ALA. “Their commitment to their communities has been exemplary and we are incredibly proud to partner with them in strengthening assisted living across the Commonwealth.”

The Volunteer Excellence Award recognizes a person who is not a resident or employee at an assisted living residence, but who has still given their time and talents at a Mass-ALA provider member organization to enhance the quality of life for the residents within the community.

About Mass-ALA

The Massachusetts Assisted Living Association ([Mass-ALA](#)) is a not-for-profit association dedicated to professionally operated assisted living residences that provide housing and services for individuals with varied needs and income levels. Mass-ALA serves as the voice of

assisted living, providing information and education, and advocating on behalf of our members and the seniors they serve. Mass-ALA promotes a model of care which treats all residents with dignity, provides privacy, and encourages independence and freedom of choice.

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