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Chaminade-Madonna Senior Robert Raynor Recognized for Volunteer Service

Hollywood, FL – Robert Raynor of Miramar has been honored for his exemplary volunteer service with a President’s Volunteer Service Award.

The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was presented by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Obama. Robert participated in the Spirit of Community program this year as a representative of Chaminade-Madonna in Hollywood, where he is a senior.

Robert earned his award by completing nearly 550 hours of community service at St. Stephens Catholic Church in Miramar. Robert’s volunteer activities involved assisting at numerous church retreats and fundraisers, leading the youth group, and regularly serving as a lector, Eucharistic minister, and altar server.

“Rev. Jonathan Closner-Benavidez got me involved at St. Stephen’s,” said Robert. “He helped me realize the benefit of helping without expecting something in return.”

“At Chaminade-Madonna, students must complete 20 hours of community service each year,” said Principal Gloria Ramos. “Robert certainly went above and beyond the required number of hours. He is a true example of our motto Toward a Better World,” she continued.

Sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program recognizes young people across America for outstanding community service activities. More than 275,000 young people across America

have been considered for these awards since the program began in 1995. For more information, please visit www.prudential.com/spirit.

About Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory

Chaminade-Madonna, a Catholic and Marianist high school, educates the heart and soul as well as the mind and body. It is a family-like community in which individuals of all backgrounds shape and share their faith, achieve excellence, and become caring participants and leaders in the service of community, church and those in need.

Chaminade-Madonna is one of sixteen schools in the United States sponsored by the Marianist Province of the United States. The high school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and has received recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, the highest award given by the U.S. Department of Education. The 2009-2010 school year marks Chaminade-Madonna's 50th Anniversary Jubilee. For more information about Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory, please visit www.cmlions.org.

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