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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF METROWEST ALUM TO RECEIVE NATIONAL HONOR**

*U.S. Coast Guard Commander Daniel Travers to be Inducted into BGCA Alumni Hall of Fame*

**Marlborough, MA** – On Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, U.S. Coast Guard Commander Daniel Travers will be inducted into the Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s (BGCA) Alumni Hall of Fame at the 2010 National BGCA Conference in New York, New York. As an alumnus of the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest’s (BGCMW) Marlborough Club, Commander Travers is honored to be added to the list of accomplished alumni including: actor, Denzel Washington, former U.S. President, Bill Clinton, NBA star, Shaquille O’Neal, singer, Jennifer Lopez.

Commander Travers’ leadership and outstanding moral character started at a young age and was apparent during his 10 years as a Club member. In 1983, he was the Youth of the Year winner at the Marlborough Clubhouse and also the Massachusetts State Youth of the Year winner. The title recognized Travers’ outstanding contributions to his family, school, community and here at the Club, as well as personal achievements. During a recent visit to the Marlborough Clubhouse with his father and son, Travers reminisced about being a Club member and how the Club provided a safe and fun environment for him as a kid. He also praised the Club’s current and continued success in serving the Marlborough, Hudson and Framingham communities.

“The Marlboro Boys Club provided me with the opportunity to learn lifelong leadership skills in a safe environment while also instilling a strong sense of community service. It clearly helped me become the person I am today as a leader in the Coast Guard and in my local community. I am forever indebted and grateful for all that the Boys Club has done for me and for my family. I urge other families to allow their children to participate in its amazing programs that will allow them to grow and learn in a fun and safe environment while also teaching them the importance of teamwork, commitment and fair play,” said Commander Travers.

Travers graduated from Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School and went on to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, graduating in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering with High Honors. Commander Travers is currently the Commanding Officer of U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Detroit located 20 miles north of Detroit, Michigan on Selfridge Air National Guard Base. He lives in the Detroit metro area with his wife, Caroline, son, Ben, and daughters, Kristen and Jennifer. Travers’ parents, Richard and Diane, still reside in Marlborough, MA and they also have fond memories of his time spent at the Boys & Girls Club.

“We are proud to have U.S. Coast Guard Commander Daniel Travers representing the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest as a member of the BGCA Alumni Hall of Fame,” said Fran Hurley, President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest. “Commander Travers has said that the leadership skills he learned at the Club are still with him today and that is a great reflection on the quality and success of the out-of-school programming we offer to more than 3,200 boys and girls in the MetroWest community each year. We look forward to celebrating Commander Travers’ induction at the BGCA National Conference.”

Commander Daniel Travers will be inducted into the BGCA Hall of Fame at the National Conference along with the following Club alumni: Cathy Hughes, Founder/CEO Radio One; Francisco Sanchez, U.S. Undersecretary for International Trade; Ben Gazzara, Actor; Michael Bell, Mayor, Toledo, Ohio; Michael Goldberg, National Basketball Coaches Association; Jimmy Rollins, MLB, Phillies; and Richard Sheirer, Giuliani Partners.

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**About the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest serves over 3,200 children and youth each year with a low membership fee of only \$25 per child, which makes it one of the largest and most affordable Boys & Girls Club organizations in Massachusetts. 2010 marks our 66th year of providing quality out-of-school programming for the children and youth of greater Marlborough, Hudson and Framingham. The Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest remains dedicated to being the *Positive Place for Kids*. Visit us online at [www.bgcmetrowest.org](http://www.bgcmetrowest.org).