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### **State Board of Education Recognizes June Student of the Month**

Brandon Holderbaum, a stand-out athlete and student at Somerville High School, was recognized this morning by the State Board of Education as the June Student of the Month.

Holderbaum is a member of the National Honor Society, as well as a three-year varsity letter winner in football, wrestling and baseball. An honor roll student, he is also actively involved in his church and Baseball Buddies, a group that helps autistic children play baseball.

"People like Brandon are the reason why we take time each month to recognize the outstanding students in this state," said Dr. Arnold G. Hyndman, president of the State Board of Education. "He is well-rounded, cares about people, and is driven to succeed in all of his activities."

Holderbaum is an usher at St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Church, a volunteer at the Branchburg County Fair and an assistant coach for the Branchburg Falcon Wrestling Club. This year, he was captain of both his high school wrestling squad and football team.

"We're reminded each month why New Jersey children are leading the nation on so many different levels," said acting Commissioner Lucille E. Davy. "Our students are well-rounded, diverse, and dedicated. Brandon should be proud to represent the students in this state."

Each month, the State Board of Education recognizes an outstanding student from one of the 21 counties in the state. Last month, the board recognized Sescily Coney, a junior at Pennsauken High School.

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