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It was a great honor to represent the Michael LaViola Foundation Scholarship on June 9th, 2011. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the foundation.

What makes this scholarship award so important to me? While the money that was awarded to me most certainly means a great deal and will be used appropriately to help fund my education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, there are other aspects of the award and scholarship that mean more to me. When I was filling out and applying to various scholarships I questioned if and which ones I would fit the mold for. I truly did not know. What I did know was that I had a certain list of characteristics, accomplishments, extra-curricular activities and community service and I hoped somebody would find them worthy of representing their organization. What I appreciate most sincerely is that the Michael LaViola Foundation chose me in a pool of very worthy candidates to represent their award scholarship.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the work that the Michael LaViola Foundation does. It truly is inspiring. For this reason it was a humbling and gratifying experience being selected to represent to foundation. I would also like to apologize for not being in attendance at the Strongman Competition. I had a family obligation. However, if you are ever looking for volunteers please contact me. I am more than willing and will certainly be attending the next event that the foundation sponsors. Once again, thank you very much.

Regards,

John Dunlea