



## MAIN LINE GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

MERION, PA.—(May 31, 2004)—Justine Malloy, a senior at Lower Merion High School, is the winner of the second annual **Main Line Girls Basketball Association (MLGBA) Scholarship Gift**. The MLGBA Scholarship was created to recognize and encourage athletic ability, academic performance and community service among those girls, who are now seniors in high school, who have participated in the league for at least three years.

Malloy, an honors art student at Lower Merion who will attend The Pratt Institute in the fall, played nine years in the league. A three-year varsity basketball player and captain of the team at Lower Merion High School, Malloy was winner of the Coaches Choice Award. She was also captain of the varsity volleyball team, and played varsity lacrosse for three years.

Teachers and coaches praised Malloy for her outstanding ability as well as her sense of humility. Many young people would be well-served to model this outstanding young woman's behavior and demeanor, wrote one of her teachers at Lower Merion High School.

In addition to her athletic skills, Malloy is an accomplished artist. She has won several art awards, and her work has been exhibited in many community art shows. Malloy is a member of the National Honor Society at Lower Merion High School



“The Main Line Girls Basketball Association helped me become the student athlete I am today,” said Malloy. “Without my early instruction, I would have never developed the skills that have led to my great success as a student athlete, and an artist.”

The annual MLGBA Scholarship Award is given to a senior who has participated in the league for at least three years, has demonstrated good sportsmanship, concern for the community around her and has maintained a grade point average over 3.0.

Since its inception in 1993, the MLGBA provides a fun introduction to organized basketball, improves athletic skills and gives older girls a chance to play in league competition. Research shows that playing sports provides girls with physical, mental and emotional benefits that last throughout their lifetimes. To give more girls the chance to play sports and gain those benefits, the MLGBA gives a sound foundation for beginners and a challenge for older players. The MLGBA scholarship is funded through donations to the league.

**Past winners:** Kirsten Lawson, 2003