

Needham Youth Services

February RAY of Hope Recipient

Nathan Rosin



Left to right: Chris Teachout, Vice President of Business Development for Needham Bank, Nathan Rosin, February RAY Recipient and Michelle Butman, Youth Services Clinician

February 2014 Recipient – Nathan Rosin

Nathan Rosin is a senior at Needham High School. Dr. Abdul Cader Asmal, a retired physician and a member of the Needham Human Rights Committee, nominated Nathan for his dedication and commitment to service work in the community. Nathan is a member of the Human Rights Committee, as well as the Needham Diversity Summit Planning Committee. He involves himself in this work because he has come to deeply value the ideals of equality, acceptance, and tolerance. Nathan's parents grew up in South Africa during the era of Apartheid, and they joined efforts to actively combat the oppressive system. Nathan learned about oppression and maltreatment from a young age, and about the power people have to invoke change. In town, he is involved in planning events and working on campaigns to advocate for the ideals he strongly believes in.

Nathan is also a co-chair of the Needham High School Own Your Peace/Piece Coalition, which advocates for mental well-being by encouraging and helping students to maintain an inner peace and take responsibility for a piece of the community. He has worked with local sculptor Ted Clausen to develop a permanent and compelling sculpture that will be built at the high school to represent the ideals of Own Your Peace/Piece. He is a captain of the Debate Team and the Mock Trial team, and a teacher's assistant in the high school's leadership class, "Be the Change." He is also a member of the ski and track teams at the high school. He loves to ski, run, and do art. In the fall, Nathan will be attending Columbia University in the City of New York.

Watch the ceremony honoring Nathan at: <http://youtu.be/gtpFrj3cnTs>

For more information please visit www.needhamma.gov/youth/ray

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