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**Pope John XXIII High School Junior  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medalist Winner  
“Not Your Ordinary Medal of Achievement”**

**Everett, MA** – Pope John XXIII High School junior, **Sun-Young Lim**, has been awarded the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute’s Medal for achievement in mathematics and science.

The Rensselaer Medal was first presented in 1916 with two purposes: to recognize the outstanding academic achievement of young men and women, and to motivate students toward careers in science, engineering, and technology. The Medal is awarded to secondary school juniors who have distinguished themselves in mathematics and science. A \$15,000 per year merit scholarship is guaranteed for four years for each Medalist who chooses to enroll at Rensselaer.

"Sun-Young Lim has the potential to be among the world's future leaders," said John Kachinsky, Director of Guidance, at Pope John. "Ms. Lim is a remarkable individual and the Rensselaer Medal has the potential to help provide her with the tools and support for success during her academic and professional career."

About the School

Pope John XXIII High School, an accredited, coeducational, college preparatory, Roman Catholic High School, founded in 1966, by the Archdiocese of Boston, is an academic community of faith. Many different faces make up the Pope John community. There is no one ideal student. Rather, this is an environment where extraordinary students achieve their personal goals by collaborating with each other. They discover some great friends here – each one building a unique future and succeeding as an individual.

Students who thrive at Pope John do share certain things in common: they get involved and work hard. They respect the process of learning and embrace new challenges with confidence. At Pope John our students grow in ways they can’t imagine. They become more responsible and independent, and learn to recognize those risks that are truly worth taking. They are taught to embrace our core values and instill them as part of their everyday life. And, in a few years, as their priorities take shape, they are likely to find themselves rising to positions of leadership that reflect their true ambitions and abilities. Ms. Kathleen F. Donovan is President of Pope John XXIII High School.

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