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SPORTS GALA 2020-2021

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Spirit of Sport*



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DEDICATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND
ENCOURAGEMENT OF ATHLETIC ENDEAVOUR



Calgary Booster Club

In keeping with its
 “Dedication to the Development
 and Encouragement of Athletic Endeavour”,
 the Calgary Booster Club
 takes great pride in recognizing this year’s
 Founding Members, Past Sportsmen of the Year,
 Athletic Leaders, Calgary’s Athletes of the Year,
 and the 67th Sportsman of the Year.





On behalf of the Directors of the Calgary Booster Club, I welcome all to the very first Virtual Sports Gala (formerly the Sportsman of the Year Gala). This past year has been hard for everyone, and challenges have been many and varied. We have witnessed amazing determination and commitment in the sport community from volunteers, coaches, athletes, and administrators. Programs have not been delivered in the typical fashion but through the use of video platforms and other creative adaptations you have managed to continue moving forward. You should all be so proud of yourselves for keeping your goals in sight and refusing to give in to the challenges presented by the worldwide health crisis.

The Calgary Booster Club was formed in 1952 by a group of sport minded individuals whose main goal was to recognize outstanding leadership and contributions in the sporting community. Sixty-seven years later, the CBC has established a large portfolio of awards that are presented annually. Each year the CBC distributes over \$100,000 in grants and scholarships to Calgary and area athletes; acknowledges the immense personal sacrifices our volunteer leaders contribute in the sporting community to keep sport alive; and honours the outstanding Female, Male and Special Olympic athletes in the City of Calgary.

Although this past year has been unlike any other, the Calgary Booster Club has maintained operations and is steadfast in a longstanding commitment to support sport. Scholarships, grants and awards continue to be distributed and it is the Calgary Booster Club's privilege to provide financial assistance to those dedicated athletes who have successfully managed the many challenges presented by this COVID environment and who continue to excel in their sport. While the Calgary Booster Club's efforts to recognize significant athletic achievement and leadership have been compromised due to COVID restrictions, the CBC is very proud to produce a Virtual Sports Gala with the expectation that this event duly respects the 67 years of CBC tradition.

In closing, I would like to thank the Calgary Booster Club Directors without whose collective hard work, none of this would be possible. Thank you to each and every one of our viewers for joining in this celebration of our award winners and honourees.

I'm certain I speak for many, as we look forward to life returning to normal. Until that happens, stay positive and keep your goals in sight.

Don Buchignani



Don grew up in Trail, B.C. where he played hockey in the winter and baseball in the summer.

He attended St. Francis Xavier University (Nova Scotia), University of Alberta (Edmonton) and Gonzaga University (Washington), earning a Master's degree in Education Administration.

Don was a math and science teacher, a coach, and an administrator for 34 years in the Calgary Catholic School District. He rose to vice principal at Father Lacombe High School before assuming the position of principal at St. Francis

High School prior to his retirement in 1997.

Don enjoyed an extensive coaching career with volleyball, basketball, hockey, and cheerleading taking up most of his time. His true passion however was recognized in swimming and diving where he coached many successful teams at St. Francis High School. He also found time to serve as 'The Official Starter' at the annual Calgary high school swim and dive meets for more than 20 years. Over 1,000 competitors would be organized and shepherded on-time, and on a tight schedule through their heats and finals in this one-day meet, as the direct result of Don's expertise and leadership.

Don's community involvement is equally as impressive as he served as president of the University of Calgary Swim Club and was also the Lindsay Park Sports Society president for 12 years. He was a Board member of Swim Canada and Swim Alberta sitting on numerous committees, along with officiating regularly at swim meets. Don also served as Swim Canada Team Manager for the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games, the 2007 World Swim Championships and the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. These are undoubtedly among the proudest moments of Don's illustrious swim volunteer leadership career.

Another area of interest for Don has been the Calgary Booster Club where he has volunteered as a Director for 24 years, including a term as President. He has been an active member of the Awards and Endowment selection committees which selects promising young athletes to annually receive Calgary Booster Club scholarships. As Chairman of the original Calgary Booster Club Wall of Fame at the Lindsay Park Sports Centre (now Repsol), Don was responsible for overseeing the fund raising and eventual renovations to this project before it was eventually moved to WinSport at Canada Olympic Park. Don continues to ensure the Wall is updated each and every year. He was also the Booster Club's representative on the former CODA Board of Directors for many years.

Recently, Don has taken on a key leadership role in the organization and planning for the 67th Calgary Booster Club Virtual Sports Gala night.

The Calgary Booster Club is honoured to recognize an outstanding individual with the President's Award for 2020 -2021, for his many contributions to sport in Calgary and specifically, to the Calgary Booster Club.

Congratulations Don Buchignani for this well-deserved recognition.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Since 1954 – and under normal circumstances - the Calgary Booster Club has annually recognized and honoured an individual, either male or female, who has made a significant impact on sport in Calgary. A SOY is an individual who has contributed unselfishly in their role as a sport leader, and will have typically contributed a minimum of twenty-five years service as a coach; official; volunteer; and/or administrator in sport.

A SOY will have earned previous recognition from the Calgary Booster Club as a HAL – Honoured Athletic Leader – demonstrating a high degree of involvement and influence on sport in Calgary.

A SOY is someone who has achieved sport-related accomplishments in community, media, awards, as well as earning peer recognition. Finally, a SOY is someone who has earned distinction at the city, provincial, national, and/or international levels in sports.

In 2021 however, for this unique virtual and streamed Calgary Booster Club Sport Gala, and after enduring the most challenging of years in recent memory, there is a deviation from this time tested tradition.

In acknowledgement of the challenging circumstances we have all experienced over the past 12 months, the Calgary Booster Club has decided that rather than presenting our most prestigious annual award to one individual, we will instead be honoring many. The 2021 Calgary Booster Club Sportsman/Woman of the Year award will pay tribute to the numerous local heroes who worked so hard and committed so much to preserving the ‘Spirit of Sport’ under the most challenging circumstances.

Given the required pandemic restrictions which limited virtually all youth sport participation, it was gratifying to hear about and even witness the many volunteers, coaches, teachers, and front-line sport leaders who adapted so impressively with selfless dedication to keeping local young athletes connected, engaged, and motivated.

It was a year like no other and for that reason, the Calgary Booster Club will make a SOY presentation unlike any previous Sport Gala in our 67-year history.

We are all most appreciative for the heroic efforts of support for our young aspiring local athletes. Thank you and congratulations.

PAST SPORTSMEN OF THE YEAR

CALGARY BOOSTER CLUB

67 Years of Tradition



2019
Don Young



2018
Lawrence King



2017
Jack Gregory



2016
Joe Massey



2015
Christine Hampshire



2014
Ken Bracko*



2013
Tony Spoletini



2012
Carol Kyle*



2011
Bob Vickers



2010
Frank Sisson



2009
Wilf Kaiser



2008
Alf Fischer



2007
Doug Mitchell



2006
Jim Holden



2005
Russ Parker



2004
Stan Schwartz



2003
Frank King*



2002
Jim Courchesne



2001
John Semkuley



2000
Eldon Godfrey



1999
Bill Warren



1998
Donald Phelps



1997
Tom Humphrey*



1996
Ted Rhodes*



1995
Joe Shea

*deceased

PAST SPORTSMEN OF THE YEAR

CALGARY BOOSTER CLUB

67 Years of Tradition



1994
Margaret Scott*



1993
Murray Copot*



1992
Tony Anselmo*



1991
Bill Salt*



1990
Dorothy Read*



1989
Ted Bancks*



1988
Keith Evans



1987
Doug Rooke*



1986
Marg Southern &
Ron Southern*



1985
George Blundun*



1984
Jim (Deak) Cassidy*



1983
Keith Kendal



1982
Bob MacNichol*



1981
Stan Jaycock



1980
Ray Kingsmith*



1979
Bill Phillips*



1978
Harry Maubert*



1977
Dr. Lou Goodwin*



1976
Henry Viney*



1975
Arthur "Scotty" Kay*



1974
Tom Cheney*



1973
John Mayell*



1972
Jack Setters*



1971
Charlie Scott*



1970
Dr. Ward Steckle*

*deceased

PAST SPORTSMEN OF THE YEAR

CALGARY BOOSTER CLUB

67 Years of Tradition



1969
Doug Kyle



1968
Les Ferguson*



1967
Ed Corbett*



1966
Bob Freeze*



1965
Stu Peppard*



1964
Jack Bannerman*



1963
Jimmie Condon*



1962
Jerry Trudel*



1961
Harold Brandreth*



1960
Frank Woodman*



1959
Pete Egan*



1958
Art Davis*



1957
Lloyd Turner*



1956
Father Jim Whelihan*



1955
Rose Kohn*



1954
Eugene "Musty" McGill*

**deceased*



Daryl Slade

Daryl Slade was born in Smeaton, Saskatchewan and lived on the farm for the first sixteen years of his life. He attended elementary and junior high school while living in Smeaton. Daryl moved from the farm to Rosthern, Saskatchewan where he completed grade 10 at William Mason High school and grades 11 and 12 at Rosthern High school. During his school years, Daryl was a competitive athlete, participating in track & field; football; basketball; softball; and curling. It was through his competitive nature and commitment to sport that Daryl won several major student athletic awards while

attending Rosthern High school. Daryl went on to play 3 years with the Saskatoon Hilltops of Manitoba-Saskatchewan Junior Football League, 1972 to 1974 (he was selected as league all-star defensive lineman 1973), he was also the placekicker, 1973 to 1974.

Daryl has also spent time living outside the province of Saskatchewan. He lived in Yellowknife, NWT and during his stay Daryl paddled with the Yellowknife team in a 1,800-kilometre, 10-team Sir Alexander MacKenzie Canoe race from Fort Providence to Inuvik as a major event of Northwest Territories Centennial in 1970, in which Prince Phillip, accompanied by Queen Elizabeth, shot off the gun to start the race. Daryl was asked and accepted the offer to tour Prince Charles and Princess Anne around paddlers' campsite at Fort Providence on opening day of the race. While living in Red Deer, AB, Daryl played with the Red Deer Packers of the Alberta Junior Football League in 1975 (he was named runner-up as the Packers' outstanding lineman). During his time living in Saskatoon, Daryl attended the University of Saskatchewan from 1977 to 1978 as a student in the general studies program.

In among his sport endeavours and university, Daryl worked a variety of jobs from construction to mining to driving a delivery truck. However, it was Daryl's career as a newspaper reporter and writer and then eventually a statistician that he became well known for. He began in a volunteer role in 1973 with the Saskatchewan Valley News and from there moved into the sports department with the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix in 1976. It was in April 1978, that Daryl made the move to Calgary and has called our fine city home ever since. Daryl began his long standing career, of almost 38 years, with the Calgary Herald as a reporter and writer. From 1978-1993, his reporting and writing covered amateur, high school, post-secondary, national, international, Olympic and professional sports. He also covered numerous Provincial, Western and Canadian winter and summer games. He covered bantam, high school, junior and university football from 1978-1985. He also reported and wrote about the Calgary Wranglers of the major junior Western Hockey League; Calgary Canucks, Spurs and Royals of Alberta Junior Hockey League. Other sports that Daryl has reported and written about include alpine skiing; motor sports; amateur billiards; world badminton championships. From 1993-1994, Daryl's role turned to covering all general news events in Calgary. Daryl then covered criminal court trials, including hundreds of high-profile murder trials, and legal issues from 1994-2016. He also wrote many historical sports features and obituaries of famous sports men and women. Daryl was also a photographer and took many photos that appeared in the Herald's sport and news sections. In 2013, Daryl wrote several stories that were part of the Calgary Herald's National Newspaper Award for coverage of the massive flooding in Southern Alberta (including Calgary) in 2013.

Daryl has also done work for other newspapers and publications. He has been involved with all papers in the Southam/Hollinger/Postmedia chain, as well as Champion Magazine, Alberta Games Magazine, Calgary minor hockey, Sports Journal to name

a few. Daryl often did radio and television interviews to speak about subjects covered throughout his career.

On August 25, 1984, Daryl married his wife Paulette and combined their mutual love for sports. Daryl volunteered with the Calgary Fencing Club (1988-1991), when his wife Paulette, was a competitor - working at local, provincial and Western Canadian tournaments in various capacities, plus keeping records of Alberta athletes' performances at events. Daryl and Paulette spent almost 36 years together until Paulette's passing on April 1, 2020. Since January 2020, Daryl has been writing daily Calgary Stampeders and/or Canadian Football League historical items for Twitter.

Highlights and accomplishments of Daryl's Career:

➤ **Writer and Author:**

- Wrote and published several books/biographies/stories on the history of the Calgary Stampeders Football Team
- In 2010, he wrote a series of 10 weekly historical articles for the CFL website
- Wrote two lengthy illustrated features in Grey Cup program in 2009 at Calgary (one on Calgary's performances in Grey Cups to that point and one on the previous Grey Cup games held in Calgary in 1975, 1993 and 2000)

➤ **Calgary Sports Media**

- Member of Calgary Sports Media Club 1979-1992 secretary and treasurer
- Won volunteer award in 1981 for researching history of club and awards dating back to 1958
- In 1987, Daryl made successful motion to have a separate female award for Calgary Athlete of the Year. The Henry Viney Award has now been awarded to city's top female athlete for more than 30 years and Scott-Mamini Award goes to Calgary's male athlete of the year. Calgary Booster Club took over presentation of the awards from Calgary Sports Media Club in 1992

➤ **Statistician in hockey, football and baseball from 1973-2013**

- Includes the Prairie Junior Football Conference; University of Calgary Dinos Football; Calgary Stampeders Football; Calgary Expos of Pioneer Baseball League; Fort Carlton Hockey League; Saskatchewan Valley Hockey League; and Northern Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League

➤ **Calgary Stampeders Wall of Fame Committee**

- Voting member of Wall of Fame Committee (1998-present), selecting and honouring the team's top players and builders back to inception of team in 1945. Involved in selection of 34 of the 49 current members of the Wall of Fame. Produced and edited extensive programs for Wall of Fame dinners in 2010, 2012 and 2014.
- Calgary Stampeders' volunteer historian - 1995-present.
- Canadian Amateur Wrestling Association
- National media award in 1980 for coverage of amateur wrestling at the community, high school, university and national team levels.

➤ **University of Calgary**

- Co-winner of Peter and Liz Connellan Award in 2010 for meritorious service for working with University of Calgary Dinos football team.

Daryl has had an inconceivable career in sports, whether it has been as a competitor; coach; statistician; reporter; writer; author or simply, as a fan. The Calgary Booster Club is proud to recognize Daryl Slade as the Sport Media Recipient for 2020.



John Currie

John has been volunteering and working in Calgary for over 35 years. He was the key figure in bringing the 1983 Western Canada Summer Games (WCSG) to Calgary. It was his vision, as chair of the Games, that a multisport indoor training facility was needed. Lindsay Park Sports Centre, now Repsol Centre, was built and has become one of Canada’s leading training, competition, and fitness facilities.

As his community contribution, he has volunteered with over 25 boards in the capacity of president, chairman, governor, and director.

John has been recognized by being named Calgary Citizen of the Year, being inducted into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame, and receiving the Order of Canada.

John has certainly been a mentor, a community leader, and a businessman who has achieved success on all fronts, leaving a footprint that has been recognized by various institutions. His voluntary contributions to Calgary and the province of Alberta have been far reaching. He is a rare and celebrated individual whose unwavering commitment to Calgary and Albertans has touched the lives of countless citizens from all walks of life.

Please congratulate John Currie on receiving the Honoured Athletic Leader Award from the Calgary Booster Club.



Derek Dillon

In his role as a coach Derek has had a significant impact on countless athletes and participants in the sport of Lawn Bowls. While Derek has been involved in coaching the sport of Bowls for many years, he has over the last four years expanded his sphere of influence to our national program and increased his impact on coaches and athletes from coast to coast.

Derek believes strongly in the value of coach certification and has always been a leader in demonstrating his commitment to attaining the highest level of certification possible. Derek is one of only two

coaches in Canada who have attained the status of certified Performance Coach – the highest level of certification available in the sport of Bowls. This commitment to ongoing education and development ensures that he offers his athletes the very best in coaching methodology. Derek’s commitment to coach education is also demonstrated through his work as a National Coach Developer.

Not only does Derek train coaches within Calgary and the Province of Alberta, but he is always willing to run workshops throughout the country wherever there is a need. Through his role of Coach Developer, Derek is able to positively impact coaches across Canada. Derek is an all round leader who is always willing to step in and help. When his local club hosted a national championship, Derek was on the front lines to not only coach the Alberta team, but to also promote the sport through a coordinated and professional social media campaign. He was a key member of the hosting committee and played a valuable role in ensuring the success of the event.

Over the last two years, Derek has been selected to the coaching staff to support the national team at various international events. In addition to coaching and supporting the athletes on the green, Derek is always willing to go above and beyond to ensure the mission is a success.

Congratulations to Derek Dillon as an Honored Athletic Leader for 2020.

**Barbara Elms**

Barb's involvement in ski jumping and Nordic combined began nearly 20 years ago when her son Richard was recruited as a young athlete. Not content to simply support her son by driving him to three weekly training sessions at Canada Olympic Park, Barb immersed herself in all the technical details demanded to succeed in the sport as well as volunteering for every conceivable effort required to keep the club afloat financially.

Barb has been an enormous motivation for others by taking on several leadership roles on boards, including various committee chairs, a vice chair and treasurer. She has also taken many initiatives to fund raise and apply for sport grants to the benefit of ski jumping and Nordic combined.

There is no job too large or too small for Barb. She will participate in everything from organizing competitions and dinners to fixing sport equipment. She takes on tasks that others may not notice but are critical to making things work seamlessly. Barb has also learned the skills necessary to volunteer at the highest levels of NC sport including several Winter Olympic Games. She is a wonderful mentor to volunteers new to the sport. To a whole generation of athletes and coaches, she is considered their "Sport Mom".

Please congratulate Barb Elms on receiving the Honoured Athletic Leader for the Calgary Booster Club.

**Richard Galway**

As a member of the Calgary Rowing Club, Richard Galway has been an active participant as both an athlete and Board member. Over the past 20 years, Richard has been involved in the administration, including Treasurer, Vice-President and Director at Large, at the Calgary Rowing Club, and has continuously supported and promoted the sport of rowing in Calgary, Alberta and Canada. He served on the Board of the Alberta Rowing Association (ARA), as a Rowing Canada committee member, and as an Umpire in the province. As Treasurer for the ARA, he was an important contact to

assist all provincial rowing clubs to secure funding and resources.

Richard was also instrumental in welcoming para-athletes to the sport at the Calgary Rowing Club; adapting equipment to accommodate individual needs, assisting athletes in and out of rowing shells, and providing coaching on and off the water.

As a race official, Richard has helped manage fair and efficient races throughout the province. Over the years, he has volunteered to train others in finish line spotting, time keeping and fairness judgement. He is committed to upholding high-quality racing in Alberta as a quiet leader and role model so that rowing can continue to thrive in our city and province.

Please congratulate Richard Galway on receiving the Honoured Athletic Leader award from the Calgary Booster Club for 2020.



Larry Jones

After growing up as a multi-sport athlete in Calgary, Larry Jones had his first taste of Rugby as a university student in Hawaii. Upon his return in 1976, he became a member of "The Canucks" Rugby Club and assumed club Presidency that same year. Larry was selected as a Division 1 player for 10 seasons and to Team Alberta. He continued to play until 2005, when at the age of 52, he earned a Silver Medal at the World Masters Tournament.

Actively involved since 1976 with coaching and administrative duties, it is Larry's leadership in the sport of Rugby that has garnered the utmost respect from his peers. Larry resumed the Presidency of The Canucks from 1990-1994, and again in 2001-2002. He has continuously served as a Senior Board Member since 1994. More impressive yet, he also assumed the coaching position of the U18 team for 23 years, earning numerous City and Provincial Championships. Since 2000, Larry has been influential in the growth of rugby in Calgary and instrumental in the development of the Canucks Junior program, recently named "2019 Club of the Year".

Larry's contributions to the sport of Rugby has expanded to a Provincial and National level and, since 2013, he has served as a Match official and Rugby Canada Board Member. Larry served as Secretary of the Board, a member of the Executive Committee, and member of the Finance Committee for Rugby Canada from 2011-2019. He has organized and led numerous fundraising initiatives to support the National program and attended two World Cups as a member of the board.

Please congratulate Larry Jones as an Honoured Athletic Leader for 2020.



Darlene McLaughlin

Darlene McLaughlin started her love of Little League by playing, then she was a parent of a player, and then became a League Secretary and finally a League President. Her knowledge of the sport as well as her organizational and problem-solving skills have led the four leagues she represent to be considered the most efficiently run leagues in Canada! and quite a feather in her cap.

Darlene has outstanding rapport with players, parents, officials, and coaches in the league which has led her to the positions of Continental West's President for five years and International Field Rep for Little League Canada for three years.

In 2012, she was nominated to the Little League International Board of Directors, where she held this position for three years. She was the first woman in Canada to merit this post. She has also been the Calgary District 8 Administrator for 17 years and the list goes on for all that she has done for Little League in Calgary and in Canada.

If that isn't enough, Darlene was also a Skate Canada judge for over 30 years. This was another sport she excelled in and gave countless volunteer hours to help advance the athletes.

The Calgary Booster Club would like to congratulate Darlene McLaughlin as an Honoured Athletic Leader.

**Robert McLeod**

Robert “Frisbee Rob” McLeod is a World Champion, holding 6 Guinness records, 13 World Championships and a Canadian distance record in his sport in the past 15 years. Besides competing as an athlete, Robert is a member of the Calgary Ultimate Association, the Disc Golf Club, and the World Flying Disc Federation. Not only has he pushed the boundaries of disc sports, but he has also been an ambassador for “everything frisbee”. Rob’s core messages include kindness, resiliency, acceptance, determination, patience, sharing, friendship, effort,

self-discipline, self-awareness, and perseverance.

Using his knowledge and leadership skills that he mastered while competing, Robert has been a motivational speaker talking to over 375 schools and 125,000 students about anti-bullying and how to help overcome this obstacle. Robert also has launched an Unplugged Challenge where he asks families to unplug all their electronics and reconnect doing indoor and outdoor activities together.

If that is not enough Robert, also coaches at various clinics and workshops where he passes on his knowledge and love of sport while helping all feel connected and safe; at no cost!!

The Calgary Booster Club would like to congratulate Robert McLeod as an Honoured Athletic Leader for 2020.

**Joe Petrone**

Mr. Joe Petrone has been a coach, teacher and administrator with the Calgary Catholic School Board for over 34 years. As both a coach and athletic director for the Calgary High School Athletic Association, Joe has played an important leadership role as a fund raiser, volunteer coach (basketball, volleyball, football) and athletic director. He is highly respected by his students, athletes and fellow peers and is consistently described as friendly, easily approached, always willing to listen and always helps when asked.

He is well known for his outgoing personality, intelligence, work ethic, positive attitude. As you might expect, he is highly respected throughout the Calgary and Alberta High School Athletic community. He is known as the ultimate "go-to" person for Basketball.

Joe has been chair for High School Basketball for the past 18 years and his responsibilities included setting up schedules for 30 Senior and Junior teams (boys and girls). This also included playoffs and provincial championships. His responsibilities have included dealing with discipline as needed for both coaches and players. Last but not least he was responsible for scheduling referees for over 1000 games each year.

Joe has been recognized with numerous awards including the Wayne Thomas Award for High School Boy's Basketball (2011), the Calgary Zone of Merit Award from the Albertat Schools Athletic Association (2016) and the Dave Rozbeda Memorial Award for Athletic Directors (2020). Joe is a selfless individual whose commitment to students through sport has changed the lives of many. young people.

Joe Petrone is a most deserving candidate for The Calgary Booster Club's HonouredAthletic Leader Award for 2020.



Gordon Prusky

Gordon Prusky is a legend within the Strathmore, Calgary and Alberta sporting community where he has been a leader for over 58 years. Gordon's particular passion has been track and field, in particular the throwing sports of shot put, discuss and javelin. When coaching, Gordon would demonstrate significant patience and consideration for young athletes who were developing their skills. He would give tips on how to improve their performance and always had time to answer their questions. Having said that, he was also very thorough

and ran the event in a very professional manner.

Gordon is a tireless volunteer. Whenever an official was needed for any of the throwing events, Gordon was quick to help. His attention to detail included his willingness to help set up before the meets and his assistance putting things away when it was over.

Gordon is a man of many talents and has been a successful teacher, coach, administrator and official at local and provincial levels. His involvement in the Alberta High School Athletic Association is unsurpassed and covers all areas of this very successful Provincial organization. He was an executive member, the zone secretary, tournament organizer, and fund raiser. In 1967 he was a founding member of the Canadian Federation of Provincial Schools Athletic Association.

Being community focused, Gordon was also a proud member of the Lions Club International (60 years). In addition, he has been awarded Life Memberships from the: Alberta Teachers' Association, Lions Club International and the Alberta High School Rodeo Association. His biography describes a litany of firsts. To name a few, he started the first ASAA yearbook, hosted the first ever Provincial High School Mixed curling championships, wrote the first set of bylaws for Volleyball. and he founded the Alberta High School Rodeo Association.

It is without reservation we welcome Gordon Prusky as a truly deserving recipient of the Calgary Booster Club Honoured Athletic Leader Award for 2020.

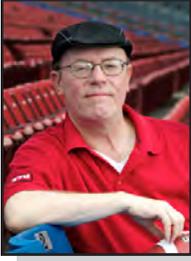


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FOR CALGARY FOREVER



The Calgary Booster Club would like to thank The Calgary Foundation's generous grant for a "History and Archival Project for Amateur Sports in Calgary".

Mark Stephen



Mark is a native Calgarian who began his broadcast career at CFCN Radio-TV. He is currently the voice of the Calgary Stampeders and just completed his 20th season as the play-by-play broadcaster. In 2013, Mark was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame for his broadcast work. Along with Greg Peterson, Mark is part of the longest-serving broadcast duo in Canadian Football League history. He has also been the voice of the Western Hockey League's Calgary Wranglers, the National Lacrosse League's Calgary Roughnecks and the Pacific Coast League's Calgary Cannons. He has been with CHQR Radio

since 1992 and is Sports Director of the station. He is married with three children and resides in Calgary year-round.

- born in Calgary, attending Henry Wise Wood and U of C
- worked at CTV Calgary, then known as CFCN Radio-TV
- spent one year in Regina
- returned to Calgary with Calgary Cannons, acting as PR direction and broadcaster
- moved to CHQR Radio in 1992
- broadcaster Calgary Stampeders, 1996-current
- national broadcaster for four Grey Cup games
- admitted to Canadian Football Hall of Fame, 2013
- have broadcast Western Hockey League, NLL, Triple-A baseball and CFL
- resides in Calgary with wife Cindy. They have three children Allison, Brent and John

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Canadian National Team Member Caeli McKay is the 2019 Henry Viney award winner (Female Athlete of the Year) after a sensational showing at the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru, where she captured two medals. McKay a Calgary native now training in Montreal, has emerged as one of Canada's top divers on the national team. Competing in the tower events McKay represents Canada in all three of the tower disciplines including the 10M solo, 10M synchro and 10M mixed. At the Pan American games McKay and her partner Meaghan Benfeito captured the gold medal in the 10M synchro competition and Caeli won the silver medal in

the 10M solo competition. Caeli had an outstanding 2019 season as she posted personal best scores and made her individual debuts at the FINA World Championships, where she cracked the top-8 and qualified for the prestigious 2020 FINA Diving World Series.

McKay started diving when she was six years old after attending an intro to diving summer camp hosted by the Dive Calgary club. However, her passion for sport was born when she was five, while watching Olympic medalists cry on the podium at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. She told her parents: "I want to go there, I want to go to the Olympics!"

She sprung onto the national scene in 2014, as a 14 year old, when she made the podium at the Canadian Winter nationals behind her idols Meaghan Benfeito and Roseline Filion. Since then, the Calgary native has moved to Montreal to train full time alongside Benfeito. Together, they won a silver medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and a bronze medal at the 2018 FINA World Cup. McKay is also a 2018 World Cup medalist in the mixed 10m synchronized event alongside Vincent Riendeau.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- Pan American Games – Gold in 10M synchro and silver in 10M solo
- World Cup Competitions– Two medals 10M synchro (Bronze)
- FINA Grand Prix – Gold 10M synchro and Silver 10M solo
- FINA World Championships – 4th 10M synchro, 7th 10M solo
- Winter National Championships – 1st 10M synchro, 3rd 10M solo
- Set two personal best scores – 366.80 Women's 10m, 328.47 Women's 10m synchro

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 World Cup medals
- 2 Pan Am Games medals
- 1 Commonwealth Games medals

PERSONAL

In her spare time, the mountain girl loves to take part in outdoor sports like mountain biking, hiking, snowboarding, fly fishing... and any activity where she can get dirty!

The Calgary Booster Club congratulates Female Athlete of the Year Caeli McKay for a tremendous year of accomplishments and her first Henry Viney Award. Caeli is the first diver to receive this award.

Other 2019 Female nominees:

Chelsea Carey - Curling

Danica Ludlow – Swimming

Carla Shibley – Para-Cycling

Henry Viney Trophy

This award, named in honour of Henry Viney, the long-time Sports Director of CFCN Radio-Television, was established in 1987 by the Calgary Sports Media Club. Viney, over a career that spanned some 50 years, covered every major sporting event around the globe and received many major awards including Canadian Sportscaster of the Year (1967 Foster Hewitt Award) and the Calgary Booster Club Sportsman of the Year (1976). The “little man with the big cigar” passed away in 1980.

1987 – CAROLYN WALDO, Synchronized Swimming

1988 – CAROLYN WALDO, Synchronized Swimming

1989 – CAROLYN WALDO/MICHELLE CAMERON,
Synchronized Swimming

1990 – VERONICA VANDER SCHEE, Basketball

1991 – JODI EVANS, Basketball

1992 – KERRIN LEE GARTNER, Skiing

1993 – KERRIN LEE GARTNER, Skiing

1994 – LISA HARVEY, Cross Country

1995 – SUSAN AUCH, Speed Skating

1996 – SUSAN AUCH, Speed Skating

1997 – CHRISTINE NORDHAGEN, Wrestling

1998 – CATRIONA LE MAY DOAN, Speed Skating

1999 – CATRIONA LE MAY DOAN, Speed Skating

2000 – LEIGHANN DOAN, Basketball

2001 – CATRIONA LE MAY DOAN, Speed Skating

2002 – CATRIONA LE MAY DOAN, Speed Skating

2003 – CATRIONA LE MAY DOAN, Speed Skating

2004 – TARYN SWIATEK, Soccer

2005 – CINDY KLASSEN, Speed Skating

2006 – CINDY KLASSEN, Speed Skating

2007 – CINDY KLASSEN, Speed Skating

2008 – HAYLEY WICKENHEISER, Hockey

2009 – CAROL HUYNH, Wrestling

2010 – MELISSA HOLLINGSWORTH, Skeleton

2011 – CHERYL BERNARD, Curling

2012 – CHRISTINE NESBITT, Speed Skating

2013 – KAILLIE HUMPHRIES, Bobsledding

2014 – KAILLIE HUMPHRIES, Bobsledding

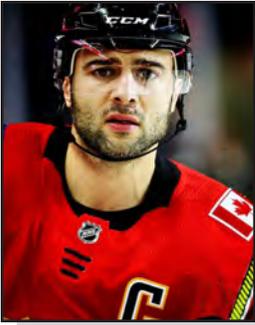
2015 – KAILLIE HUMPHRIES, Bobsledding

2016 – MONIQUE SULLIVAN, Track Cycling

2017 – ERICA WIEBE, Wrestling

2018 – ALANA RAMSAY, Skiing

2019 – ALEX GOUGH, Luge



Calgary Flames defenceman and team captain Mark Giordano is the 2019 Scott-Mamini Memorial Award winner (Male Athlete of the Year). Giordano is considered the backbone of the Flames. He has represented Canada on the International stage and is considered the emotional and competitive leader of the Calgary Flames hockey team. Giordano is one of the sport's most respected leaders and he had by far his best offensive season in 2018-19 with 74 points (17 goals, 57 assists), finished with a plus-39 rating and was voted winner of the Norris Trophy as the NHL's top defenceman. Giordano was also selected as a member of the NHL First All-Star Team (2019).

Born in Toronto, Ontario Giordano was undrafted out of the Ontario Hockey League, before signing as a free agent with the Flames in the summer of 2004. Following a year playing in Russia he returned to the NHL in 2008 and has been a fixture in Calgary and with the Flames since.

Praised for his leadership, offensive, and defensive skills, Giordano is one of the NHL's top defencemen. In 2013 Giordano was named the Flames 19th captain in team history, succeeding Jarome Iginla. He has held the captaincy since and continues to lead the Flames by example, determination and effort. In 2019-20, he won the Mark Messier NHL Leadership Award, given to the player who exemplifies great leadership qualities on and off the ice and who plays a leading role in his community growing the game of hockey.

Off the ice Mark and his family are known for their charitable and community involvement. The Flames have honoured him for his charitable contributions; he was named recipient of the J. R. "Bud" McCaig Award in 2012. Giordano and his wife, Lauren, are spokespersons for Habitat for Humanity. They launched a program called "5-for-5" in January 2011 that aimed to build five homes for the organization, one in the Calgary area and four in Africa and Asia. Prior to the 2014-15 season, Giordano and his wife, Lauren, launched another initiative, known as the "Team Giordano Project", where they and the Flames' charitable arm donated funding to three Calgary schools to supply new gym equipment and computers, as well as to visit the schools and offer mentorship to the students. At the end of the 2016-17 season, Giordano was awarded the ESPN Muhammad Ali Sports Humanitarian Award for his charity work with "Team Giordano Project".

Mark Giordano is the 8th hockey player to be selected as the Scott-Mamimi Memorial Award winner and the 5th Calgary Flame to be recognized.

Al Rollins – 1958	Calgary Stampeders
Doug Barkley – 1962	Calgary Stampeders
Johnny Davidson – 1972	Calgary Centennials
Reggie Lemelin – 1984	Calgary Flames
Joe Nieuwendyk – 1988	Calgary Flames
Mike Vernon – 1989 & 1998	Calgary Flames
Jarome Iginla – 2002 & 2003	Calgary Flames

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Played in NHL All-Star Game 2015, 2016, 2020

SCOTT-MAMINI AWARD WINNER***Mark Giordano***

NHL Foundation Player Award 2016
James Norris Memorial Trophy 2019
NHL First All-Star Team 2019
Mark Messier Leadership Award 2020
Others

ESPY Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Award 2017 ESPY Awards

The Calgary Booster Club congratulates Male Athlete of the Year Mark Giordano for a tremendous year of accomplishments and his first Scott-Mamini Memorial Award.

Other 2019 male nominees:

Stefan Daniel – Para-Triathlon/USPORTS Cross Country
Dane Dobbie - Lacrosse
Wes Heffernan – Golf
Kevin Koe – Curling
Justin Kripps – Bobsleigh
Brady Leman - Skicross
Mike Soroka - Baseball

PAST WINNERS***Scott-Mamini Award***

The Scott-Mamini Award, initiated by the Calgary Press-Radio-TV Sports Club in 1958, was presented annually to the city's Athlete of the Year as chosen by the media. That format continued until 1987 when the Scott-Mamini became the Male Athlete of the Year recognition. It is named for Harry Scott, Sports Editor at the Calgary Albertan and Bob Mamini, the Sports Department Head at the Calgary Herald. Both men were highly respected across the country during the 1930's and 1940's.

1958 – AL ROLLINS, Hockey	1978 – HELEN VANDERBURG, Synchronized Swimming	1999 – JEFF GARCIA, Football
1959 – DON LUZZI, Football	1979 – KEN READ, Alpine Skiing	2000 – JEREMY WOTHERSPOON, Speed Skating
1960 – DOUG KYLE, Track & Field	1980 – KEN READ, Alpine Skiing	2001 – DAVE DICKENSON, Football
1961 – KEITH ALEXANDER, Golf	1981 – JAMES SYKES, Football	2002 – JAROME IGINLA, Hockey
1962 – DOUG BARKLEY, Hockey	1982 – KARL TILLEMANN, Basketball	2003 – JAROME IGINLA, Hockey
1963 – HARVIE WYLIE, Football	1983 – WILLIE deWIT, Boxing	2004 – JEREMY WOTHERSPOON, Speed Skating
1964 – JAMIE PAULSON, Badminton	1984 – REGGIE LEMELIN, Hockey	2005 – KYLE SHEWFELT, Gymnastics
1965 – LOVELL COLEMAN, Football	1985 – TOM PONTING, Swimming	2006 – LEE GRAVES, Rodeo
1966 – RON NORTHCOTT, Curling	1986 – ED LUKOWICH, Curling	2007 – MIIKKA KIPRUSOFF, Hockey
1967 – WAYNE HARRIS, Football	1987 – RICK JOHNSON, Football	2008 – STEPHEN AMES, Golf
1968 – RON NORTHCOTT, Curling	1988 – JOE NIEUWENDYK, Hockey	2009 – HENRY BURRIS, Football
1969 – BOB WYLIE, Golf	1989 – MIKE VERNON, Hockey	2010 – JOHN KUCERA, Alpine Skiing
1970 – PETE SAVINKOFF, Fastball	1990 – MARK TEWKSBURY, Swimming	2011 – JON MONTGOMERY, Skeleton
1971 – BARBARA SIMPSON, Equestrian	1991 – BOB WYLIE, Golf	2012 – JON CORNISH, Football
1972 – JOHN DAVIDSON, Hockey	1992 – MARK TEWKSBURY, Swimming	2013 – JON CORNISH, Football
1973 – JOHN HELTON, Football	1993 – MARK TEWKSBURY, Swimming	2014 – JON CORNISH, Football
1974 – BILL BENKO, Wrestling	1994 – DAVID SAPUNJIS, Football	2015 – ANDREW BUCKLEY, Football
1975 – KATHY PRIESTNER, Speed Skating	1995 – RICHARD BOHNE, Basketball	2016 – ANDREW BUCKLEY, Football
1976 – WILLIE BURDEN, Football	1996 – DON BLAIR, Football	2017 – KEVIN KOE, Curling
1977 – PAUL GOWSELL, Curling	1997 – CURTIS MYDEN, Swimming	2018 – BRIAN MCKEEVER, Skiing
	1998 – MIKE VERNON, Hockey	2019 – JUSTIN KRIPPS, Bobsleigh

Amber Herriman



Amber is 31 years old and is a born and raised Calgarian.

She has been involved with Special Olympics for 11 years. As per Amber, the Special Olympics organization has provided her the chance to grow in sports and it has taught her to have more confidence and friends in her life.

During her involvement she has participated in quite a few sports including rhythmic gymnastics, figure skating, golf, athletics, 5pin bowling, power lifting and soccer.

The ones that are most important to her from a competitive experience are Rhythmic Gymnastics and Figure Skating.

Amber has competed at the following Special Olympics Games and has earned many medals:

- Devon AB, 2013, Rhythmic Gymnastics (Provincials)
- Vancouver, BC 2014, Rhythmic Gymnastics (Nationals)
- Grand Prairie, AB 2015, Figure Skating (Provincial)
- Medicine Hat, AB, 2017, Rhythmic Gymnastics (Provincials)
- Antigonish NS, 2018, Rhythmic Gymnastics (Nationals)
- Calgary, AB 2019, Figure Skating (Provincials)
- Abu Dhabi, UAE, 2019, Rhythmic Gymnastics (Worlds)
- Thunder Bay ON, 2020 Figure Skating (Nationals)

One of the highlights for Amber was competing at the Special Olympics Alberta Provincial Winter Games in her hometown of Calgary. She was rewarded with two gold medals in Figure Skating.

Amber was proud to be a part of team Canada and compete at the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi. She was at the top of her game and her training and performances were outstanding. She won seven gold medals, five individual and two group medals.

Outside of Special Olympics she participates in figure skating at the Lake Bonavista Skating Club, where she skates 3 times per week and also partakes in ballet for stretching and strengthening.

Aside from sports, she is an accomplished artist through the Indefinite Art Centre. Amber has curated art shows in Calgary and surrounding areas as well as has had art shown around the world, such as Scotland, Ireland, Dubai, Hong Kong and Soul Korea.

Amber is a mentor to many of the athletes in Special Olympics and continually offers her leadership and guidance in all sports that she is involved in.

PAST WINNERS

Jack Gregory Athlete of the Year Award

Special Olympics Calgary's Athlete of the Year Award was jointly initiated by the Calgary Booster Club and Special Olympics Calgary in 2014. This award is presented annually to a City of Calgary Special Olympics' Athlete.

2014 – JENNIFER RIDDELL, Cross Country Skiing

2015 – SPENCER STEVENS, Power Lifting

2016 – KATHRYN SAUNDERS, Speed Skating

2017 – SARAH MCCARTHY, Cross Country Skiing, Badminton, Swimming and Powerlifting

2018 – ALLIE PRICE, Golf, Soccer

2019 – JUSTIN THOMPSON, Swimming



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Joining the Calgary Booster Club

What can happen when like-minded individuals get together to discuss a simple idea – to organize a club of sports enthusiasts to boost both amateur sports and sports in general? In Calgary, the results have been exceptional. The founding members of the Calgary Booster Club met in 1951 at Calgary's old Club Café and created such an organization, and this evening's celebration is just one of our annual events supporting athletics. Our members

- are dedicated to the development and encouragement of athletic endeavour,
- have an interest in sport and athletics,
- wish to work with other positive, supportive people,
- enjoy the benefits of volunteering, and
- seek ways to improve sport programs in the City of Calgary.

If you are such a person, please consider becoming a member of the Calgary Booster Club.

For membership information, please contact us by email at info@calgaryboosterclub.com or go to www.calgaryboosterclub.com.

CALGARY BOOSTER CLUB

Support and Partnership Funding

The Calgary Booster Club is proud of its ongoing commitment to sponsor amateur sport through grants, scholarships, and awards to athletes and sporting bodies who demonstrate excellence, determination and development.

Financial support provided during the past year includes:

• High School Athletic Scholarships	\$39,000
• Post Secondary Scholarship Awards	\$13,000
• Art Smith Amateur Sport Legacy Fund Endowment Grants	\$16,000
• Bob Freeze Sports Grants	\$64,000

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1971-72 – Roy Maxwell	1993-94 – Chuck Rose	2015-16 – Al Taylor
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*deceased

Bob Freeze Sport Grants

Bob was the President of the Booster Club between 1959 and 1960. He was named the Sportsman of the Year in 1965. His lifelong passion and enduring legacy was his commitment to promote and develop grass roots sports. He passed away in 2011. In recognition of his support of youth athletes, the Calgary Booster Club will provide awards of up to \$1000 to young athletes up to the age of 16 years old. In addition, the Calgary Booster Club will choose one organization each year and will provide financial support up to \$15,000. The requirements for the individual and organizational awards are listed below.

2020 Bob Freeze Sport Grant Individual Recipients

<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>SPORT</u>
Charlie Adolph	Basketball	Ava Rose Luscombe	Luge
Kailey Allan	Luge	Savanna Martel	Ice Dance Skating
Megan Andrews	Artistic Gymnastics	Dane Menzies	Snowboarding
Charlotte Arbib	Ice Dance Skating	Jonnie Newman	Artistic Swimming
Luke Arbib	Ice Dance Skating	Zaria Olanrewaju	Gymnastics
Kyla Bednarek	T & F; Basketball	Aidan Outtrim	Cross Country
			Mountain Biking
Luke Bednarek	Baseball; Football	Grace Pele	Figure Skating
Karina Boeckx	Rhythmic Gymnastics	Zoe Phaneuf	Trampoline
			Gymnastics
Kaylee Boggs	Soccer	Beattie Podulsky	Luge
Lucas Briggs	Snowboard	Joshua Podulsky	Freestyle Skiing
Pippa Bryan	Wrestling	Kaiya Ruitter	Figure Skating
Addison Butler	Swimming	Mia Saunders	Ice Dance Skating
Jarvis Chantler	Rowing	Emilia Schorr	Water Polo
Connor Chow	Modern Pentathlon	Quinn Schulz	Modern Pentathlon
Jaime Czarkowski	Artistic Swimming	Dawson Sheehan	Triathlon
Emmett Gosche	Pentathlon	Madison Tansowny	Artistic Gymnastics
Payton Kelly	Swimming	Braeden Taylor	Kayaking
Olivia Li	Modern Pentathlon	Emma Yu	Ice Dance Skating

2021 Bob Freeze Sport Grant Individual Recipients

<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>SPORT</u>
Hailey Baker	Softball	Jonnie Newman	Artistic Swimming
Kyla Bednarek	Basketball	Aidan Outtrim	Mountain Biking/ Cyclocross
Luke Bednarek	Football/Baseball	Grace Pele	Figure Skating
Connor Chow	Modern Pentathlon	Lauren Rentz	Sprint Kayak
Dawson Hutchinson	Sprint Kayak	Quinn Schulz	Modern Pentathlon
Freddy Kapinga	Basketball	Gered Thompson	Alpine Skiing
Gillian Kurelski	Sprint Canoe/Kayak	Madeleine Emma Vincett	Volleyball
Jacob Li	Pentathlon	Kiana Worobey	Rowing
Savanna Martel	Figure Skating/Ice Dance		

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The following athletes were selected after considering performance ranking and financial need. The Calgary Booster Club is proud to recognize the commitment and achievement of the following athletes and hopes that this grant will help further their training and competitive opportunities.



Jackson & Jessica-Lee Behiel - Ice Dance

Jessica and Jackson Behiel are a strong, powerful, dynamic, skilled and competitive ice dance team. Jessica and Jackson love to skate, train, and perform. They are a committed team who has competed together for over 11 years.

Jessica and Jackson are the 2017 Skate Canada National Novice Ice Dance Bronze Medalist. After two exciting and consistent performances at the most recent national championship, Jessica and Jackson placed 4th in the Junior Ice Dance event. They plan to compete at the senior level for next season. Jessica is focused, determined and resilient. She has had to recover from a broken ankle on two separate occasions. You have to admire her strong will and determination to overcome challenges and succeed. Jessica is a passionate, energetic and bubbly performer. Jackson is the strong silent type. He is a quiet, thoughtful, genuine and kind young gentleman. He is the first to offer support to ladies who need a young man to partner them. Jackson is highly skilled and talented. He too is an exceptional performer.

Please congratulate Jessica and Jackson on receiving the Calgary Booster Club Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2020.

Art Smith Endowment Grant Recipients



Josh Burger - Figure Skating Ice Dance

Josh Burger is a young but accomplished competitive figure skater who, along with his partner Tori Hollstein, represents Alberta/NWT/Nunavut section of Skate Canada in the Junior Ice Dance category. For the past four years Josh has trained at the Calgary Ice Dance Centre where his coaches describe him as athletically gifted, easy to teach, and someone with a kind nature. Eager to learn, Josh has advanced his skills while moving up in competitive rankings consistently. Josh has qualified for Skate Challenge three years in a row and is determined

to make it to the Canadian Championships. Josh's commitment to development requires an exhaustive training schedule that sees him up before 5 am every school day to complete three and a half hours of on-ice training, complimented with afternoon off-ice conditioning sessions. In addition, Josh and Tori also take supplementary ballroom dancing lessons to develop their partnering and performance skills. His coaches acknowledge that, as he moves to higher levels, Josh's competition becomes much tougher and they recognize that this level of excellence is complex, time consuming and requires a considerable financial commitment. The sacrifices his family has made coupled with the passion Josh maintains are ingredients for success and his coaches see great promise for his future. The Calgary Booster Club is proud to support Josh in pursuing his goal of representing Canada on an international level.



Alexandra Butler - Swimming

There are few Calgary swimmers as hard working as Alexandra Butler and, as an athlete who does not yet enjoy sponsorship from any swimming organization, she has had to make sacrifices in order to train and go to school. Alexandra swims every day, with up to eighteen hours a week of training while balancing school. She is an honours student in International Baccalaureate French Language program at Western Canada High School. Teachers have remarked on Alexandra's capacity for managing to learn remotely when engaged in competition outside of Calgary, and how

she returns to class without seeming to have missed a step. Despite the challenges of balancing sport and studies, Alexandra's results are typically sufficient to qualify her for international competition, her attendance to which is underwritten by an extremely supportive family. As an athlete who does not yet enjoy sponsorship from any swimming organization, they have had to make sacrifices in order to enable Alexandra to train, compete, and go to school. Alexandra gratefully recognizes this support and it drives her to do her very best in improving her ability and reaching toward the goal of making a Swim Canada team in the future. A member of Cascade Swim Club since 2016, she has been part of the Alberta Provincial team and achieved multiple podium finishes at Junior International swim meets, as well as reaching finals during Canadian World Trials. The Calgary Booster Club congratulates Alexandra on her achievements thus far and wishes her all the best for her future accolades. Haley has also been an ambassador with KidSport for three years now and advocates for them at various public relation engagements.

Please congratulate Haley Daniels on receiving the Calgary Booster Club Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2019.

Art Smith Endowment Grant Recipients



Kobi Chant - Figure Skating Ice Dance

Kobi Chant and his ice dance partner Savanna Martel will be starting their third season together as a competitive ice dance team. During their first Pre-Novice season Savanna and Kobi placed 3rd at the National Skate Canada Challenge Event and 3rd at Canada Winter Games. During their first season as a Novice team they qualified to represent Canada at the North American Challenge in Lake Placid in July. Savanna and Kobi successfully finished their competitive season with an 8th place finish in a strong field of Novice teams at the 2020

Skate Canada National Championships. Kobi Chant is a busy and determined young man. He drives from Olds 5 days a week to train at Winsport and is always the first skater on the ice at 6:15 am. He has a contagious smile, a positive attitude, a strong work ethic, undeniable determination, talented and possesses true grit. Kobi loves to skate and he has begun to coach young skaters in his community. Kobi is kind, generous and always willing to lend a hand.

Savanna and Kobi are a captivating duo with aspirations of representing Canada on the Junior Grand Prix circuit. This team has a promising future in competitive ice dance.

Please congratulate Kobi Chant on receiving the Calgary Booster Club Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2020.



Haley Daniels - Canoe Slalom

Haley Daniels is an outstanding female athlete and has demonstrated the drive and determination to excel in the sport of slalom canoe/kayak. Having been a National Team member for 10 years, Haley is one of the Canadian athletes at the forefront of Slalom Canoe/Kayak, winning a Bronze Medal at the 2015 Toronto Pan American Games. The constant in Haley's life is that she works hard at each session she attends, as well as making a more enjoyable place for the other athletes and coaches. Michael Holroyd, Head Coach for

Alberta Slalom, describes her as a leader who consistently volunteers to work with High Performance Program athletes, with Water Aid, with Protect Our Winters (POW) and with Classroom Champions. Many of the young juniors look to Haley as a mentor and person whom they aspire to become. With the excitement of women's C1 being added to the Olympic program, Haley will be working hard to be among the top paddlers in the world. It is with great pleasure that Haley Daniels be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant.

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Amy Fraser - Freestyle Ski Half Pipe

Amy Fraser is a Calgary based Freestyle skier in Halfpipe with the Canadian NextGen Team. She consistently ranks in the international top twenty and, through recent seasons, Amy has competed in Calgary, Colorado, California and New Zealand with a top-five finish in NORAM Cup and top-twenty in the World Cup. Colleagues and coaches confirm that Amy is incredibly dedicated to training and personal health, and they find her level of dedication and drive to be inspiring. She manages to sustain a high degree of discipline and enthusiasm while treating others with respect. She is polite and naturally eager to learn, making Amy an athlete that coaches enjoy working with, and teammates enjoy training alongside. Competitive skiing is not an inexpensive venture, and she has had to maintain multiple part-time employment in order to finance her competitive pursuits, all while balancing her university coursework. The Calgary Booster Club is proud to support Amy's goal of representing Canada at the highest levels in Halfpipe Skiing.



Andrew Hubbard - Rowing

Andrew is currently attending Queen's University, competing on the Varsity team as their Captain. According to his coach, Andrew puts his heart into every stroke whether it's a practice or race.

Andrew won the U19 Singles at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta this summer. The following day he won the U19 Double Sculls and finished with a 3rd in the Quadruple Sculls. The regatta is the pinnacle of rowing in North America. He continued his successful run at Henley with 3 Gold medals at the Western Canada Summer Games as a member of Team Alberta. In the fall of 2019, he finished 2nd in the U19 Singles at the Canadian National Championships (12th overall against the senior national team members). Andrew wrapped up his season with a 4th at his first Canadian University Championships.

Andrew will continue to be a valuable member of the elite rowing community as looks forward to representing Alberta at the 2021 Canada Summer Games.

Please congratulate Andrew Hubbard on receiving the Calgary Booster Club Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2020.

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Danica Ludlow - Swimming

As one of the University of Calgary's most decorated women's swimmers, Danica has demonstrated excellence across many levels of competition, including medaling (twice) at the most recent Pan American Game in Lima, Peru. She has also represented Canada at the FISU Summer Universiade and has been the leader of the University of Calgary Dinos in both Canada West and U SPORTS Championships. Outside the pool, Danica has participated in the Dinos Lead program which is aimed at enhancing leadership skills and attributes for our future team captains. Earlier this year, she was appointed to the University of Calgary's Active Living and Athletics Committee as the lone Dino student-athlete representative. Danica's aspirations are to qualify for Olympic team in April 2020 and rank in the top 25 in the world this year.

Please congratulate Danica on receiving the Calgary Booster Club Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2020.



Brooklyn McDougall - Speedskating

As a long track speed skater, Brooklyn has shown her determination, passion and dedication in all aspects of her training and competition. Brooklyn is a character athlete who works hard and puts in the extra effort to make technical and physical improvements at all dryland and ice sessions.

This is particularly impressive given she is working hard on an undergraduate degree at the University of Calgary in Biological Sciences. The results of her effort have shown through her tremendous improvement this past season, both in her lap times in practice and the final race times achieved at competitions. In the women's sprint events her rate of improvement vastly outshines any of her competition in Canada. As a current National Development team athlete and top Canadian amateur athlete, who has goals of making the Olympic team in the near future, it is only fitting that Brooklyn be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant. It will be going to one of the most deserving and hardworking athletes of this generation.

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Jesse Neufeld - Speedskating

For the past two seasons Jess has been training with the Canadian National Speedskating Team at the Oval in Calgary. He has represented Canada in the 2019 World Single Distance Championships, the 2020 Four Continents Championships and World Cup #5 held in Calgary. Jess has achieved this while self-funding his training and it should be noted it is very rare that athletes achieve this level of success while having to work. Jess's success can be attributed to the qualities he brings to his training each day. Qualities such as his exemplary

work ethic and positive attitude toward training and his exceptional skating talent. He has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership abilities and a willingness to support his teammates through his commitment, discipline and maturity. It is qualities like these that will provide the basis for Jess to become the type of role model needed for new generations of Canadian Athletes. Jess is one of the rising stars in long track, and with the proper support he will go on to proudly represent Canada for years to come. It is with great pleasure that Jess Neufeld be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant.

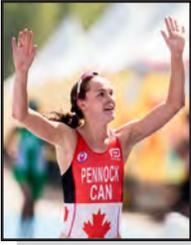


William Oddson - Figure Skating Ice Dance

William Oddson is a double-discipline skater who trains for both Men's Singles at Huntington Hills Figure Skating Club, and for Ice Dance, with partner Mia Saunders, at the Calalta Competitive Ice Dance Program out of Winsport. He is an extraordinarily talented and busy young man who also participates in competitive ballroom dance, also coaching figure skating in his spare time. William and his partner Mia are the 2018 Skate Canada Pre-Novice Ice Dance bronze medalists. In 2018 and 2019 they represented Canada at the North American Challenge

Events in Lake Placid with strong results. In January of 2020, Mia and William competed in the Skate Canada National Championships and they earned the bronze medal in the Novice Ice Dance Event. William's coaches have remarked on his wonderful sense of humour which makes him a pleasure to train. They describe William as "an athletic skater with strong blade skills, soft knees and deep edges. He is a musical, charismatic, versatile and natural performer." Will has attended International competition already and, with his work ethic, his coaches feel he has the capacity to continue to realize his goals of competing at the highest levels. He is an exceptional young man in all areas of his life and has been described as kind, considerate, devoted, and reliable. He is a great leader and role model for younger skaters. He has balanced his success as an athlete with maintaining scholastic priorities and intends to attend University upon graduating High School. The Calgary Booster Club congratulates William Oddson for his past and future successes and is most pleased to present him with this award.

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Ellen Pennock - Triathlon

Ellen possesses the talent and mindset to compete as an International level Triathlete. She has been training at Triathlon Canada's National Performance Centre in Victoria since 2018, where she is determined and committed to qualify for the Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. While training to reach her goals, Ellen recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Earth Sciences at the University of Victoria. She has been a great role model for the next generation of triathletes within Alberta and Canada. Over the past year, she has assisted in providing

feedback to the sport development and high performance initiatives within Alberta, has led a webinar directed at Provincial Program athletes to share her experiences as a triathlete and will be one of our lead mentors in the new mentorship program for our Provincial Triathlon Program. Her passion for teaching and learning has also led Ellen to start her coaching education journey, where in 2019, she completed her NCCP Community Triathlon Coaching Course. Her resiliency, work ethic and leadership make her a great candidate to receive the Art Smith Endowment Grant from the Calgary Booster Club.



Cole Pratt - Swimming

Cole has been a competitive swimmer for 13 years. He qualified for the Canadian Junior Team to compete at the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Swimming Championships in Fiji where Cole won a medal in the 200 Backstroke and for the 2019 World Junior Swimming Championships in Budapest where he won a relay medal. Cole qualified for and competed in the FINA World Aquatic Championships in Korea last summer gaining valuable experience both in the pool and on deck as a teammate and potential team leader for Canada. He brought this

maturity and experience into the Junior Team last summer in Budapest and was partially responsible for the best Junior age men's team's results ever for Canada. At the Ontario Junior International meet in December, Cole smashed the senior men's 200 M backstroke Canadian record in short course 25M pool. He also broke the Canadian 15-17 age group record in the 100M backstroke and the 400 IM.

Cole was an important part of Swimming Canada's Development Team Program – Male Training initiative; a series of 3 training camps spread across an 18-month period directed solely at our best junior age male swimmers. The camps were challenging in all areas and have provided a strategic lift in our key male juniors. Cole is a bright up and coming star as well as an excellent ambassador for the sport. Watch for him in upcoming Olympic games.

Please congratulate Cole Pratt on receiving the Calgary Booster Club Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2020.

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Bianca Ribí - Skeleton

In my first season of bobsleigh she competed as Canada's second top brakeman where she competed racing in the World Championship team race in Whistler BC. Having completed her first season of bobsleigh being a member of the national team and competed on the world cup circuit it gave her a taste of what it's like to compete with the best of the best. Competing in her second season she fulfilled her dream of becoming a driver. She has already had the opportunity to compete on the international stage, traveling to Lake Placid, NY and Park City, Utah. Bianca also competed in Austria and Germany on the Europa circuit, becoming one of the few first year drivers to ever do so. She is currently ranked 27th in the world as a pilot after her first season. After exceeding the world cup pushing standard and now having Competed in 5 races, on 3 tracks, in 2 years, she is now eligible to advance to the next level, the world cup, with 3 spots on the world cup circuit available and only 5 pilots having competed this previous season. She hopes through a rigorous off-season training regiment this summer that she can obtain one of those spots. Bianca's hopes and dreams are to compete on the ultimate international stage, the Olympics.

Please congratulate Bianca Ribí on receiving the Calgary Booster Club Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2020.



Isabelle Roth - Swimming

Izzy has been swimming for the past 13 years, steadily coming up through the ranks of the Alberta provincial program and the Canadian Development program. Izzy's accomplishments to date are impressive: Jr Nationals 2019- Silver in 200m breaststroke and Gold in women's 4x100m medley relay (Jr National Meet record and provincial record). She is currently ranked 5th in the country for women 17 and under age category, 2nd in Alberta for 200m breaststroke for women's 17 and under, top 5 finisher at Jr Nationals 2018 for 200 m breaststroke and a Sr National qualifier since the age of 14. Next year she will be swimming and studying at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver. She hopes to compete at the NCAA Championships and continue her swimming for her 4 years of university at SFU. Her goal for the end of the 2020 swim season is to make the Jr National Team for the summer and finish off her last year of club swimming strong.

Please congratulate Isabelle Roth on receiving the Calgary Booster Club Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2020.

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Carly Shibley - Para Cycling

Carla is currently a national team member of Paracycling Canada and is training out of the Calgary Sport Institute. Carla has Stargardt's disease which impairs her vision. She simply does not let that stop her from living and living well. Carla has tackled school, working and training as a high-performance athlete.

This past summer, Carla and her pilot represented Canada in the Para Pan Am Games. Carla brought home 2 gold, 1 silver and a bronze medal and was named the closing ceremony flag bearer for Canada.

While working part time and training 14-16 hours/week, Carla also attended postsecondary school full time, and received a Criminology diploma in Youth Justice in 2018. Carla always remains a positive and dedicated person, no matter her obstacles or busy schedule.

The next step for Carla to continue her success in her cycling career is to get a new race tandem. This equipment upgrade will allow her to update her outdated equipment allowing her to achieve higher performances. Her goal is to be able to attend international and national races to attain race standards and podiums to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics. The Art Smith Endowment Grant will greatly help support Carla in her athletic endeavours.



Emma Skaug - Triathlon

Emma Skaug has achieved a high level performance in Triathlon with the goal of representing Canada at the 2024 Olympics. Her Calgary performance coach with Kronos Club, and past Olympian, Lisa Mensink recalls Emma's development from a young age to the athlete she is today. "I see that she is a true competitor and I admire her character and attitude. Emma is a mentor to young athletes I currently coach and continues to inspire them daily with her work ethic and positive perspectives. Leading by example, she is pursuing her goals

in education, volunteering in the local community, all while relentlessly chasing her dreams in sport." Encountering success and setbacks, Emma's perseverance has never wavered and, since 2016, she has achieved a number of impressive finishes at Canadian Nationals, Junior Pan-American Championships, and Continental American Nationals, and International competitions.

Emma has been a part of Triathlon Canada's National Performance Centre (NPC) in Victoria since the fall of 2018 as well as a Kinesiology student at the University of Victoria. She is also actively involved in the community through swim club coaching and volunteer work in the UVic Concussion Research Lab. The growth she has shown at NPC bodes well for her long-term success, in both sport, and any of her other current and future endeavours. The passion and curiosity she displays are important characteristics of a high performing athlete and a life-long learner, and The Calgary Booster Club is proud to support Emma Skaug on her path toward those goals.

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Rosemary Stuart - Artistic Swim

Rosemary is very proud to represent her home club, the Calgary Aquabelles, for the last 5 years. During that time, she has been a significant contributor to her team and helped them win the gold medal at the National Championships for 4 of those years and the silver medal for the other year. Last year, Rosemary was very excited to swim for Team Alberta's Artistic Swimming Team and compete at the Canada Winter Games in her home province. They swept all 3 gold medal categories for only the second time in the 50-year history of the games. Rosemary was also very proud to represent Team Alberta at the SYNC competition (Synchro Youth Natation Challenge) in the summer of 2018 in Toronto, and again in the summer of 2016 in Montreal.

In Dec 2019, Rosemary was thrilled to be invited to Montreal for the Junior Worlds National Team selection camp (one of only 32 girls across Canada). Her aspirations are to represent Canada, in the sport that she loves, on the Junior National Team and compete at FINA's Junior World competition that is held every two years.

Please congratulate Rosemary Stuart on receiving the Calgary Booster Club Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2020.



Isabelle Weidemann - LT Speeskatier

Isabelle has already established herself as an accomplished Canadian and International level Speedskater. In the 2019-2020 season, some of her competition highlights include: breaking the 5km Canadian Women's Record, a 1st overall finish in World Cup standings as part of the Women's

Team Pursuit and amassing six World Cup medals (three team pursuit and three individual).

Personally, Isabelle has an open, honest form of communication with those around her. She is an active listener; you can see when coaches and staff are giving her feedback that she is actively taking in the information and trying to put it into practice as soon as possible. She finds time to be a leader as she is an ambassador for "Fast and Female". This is a non-profit organization aiming at keeping girls healthy and active in sports. The focus is to use sport to develop the next generation of resilient, confident woman to be tomorrow's leaders. Isabelle is a role model for all the athletes in the pathway program, not only on the ice, but off the ice as well. The Calgary Booster Club takes great pleasure awarding Isabelle the Art Smith Endowment Grant.

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Taylor Austin - Bobsleigh

Taylor has been described by coaches as a character individual, teammate, leader, and role model. His passion for sport and his passion for developing future athletes, draws out the best from the people around him. He has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to his training and success in the pursuit of international bobsleigh excellence and has been nothing short of an upstanding male role model and an ambassador for sport in Calgary. His pure tenacity, work ethic, compassion and character are second to none. On top of the full time physical and sport training necessary to compete at the highest level, Taylor is required to work full time during the off season. Taylor is a passionate, focused, responsible, humble, and dedicated individual and athlete. He encourages camaraderie and is well liked around the Bobsled circuit. He is a great leader for his team and ensures that he sets positive examples both on and off the track. It is with great pleasure to announce that Taylor Austin has been awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2021.



Jackson Behiel & Jessica-Lee Behiel - Ice Dance

Jessica Behiel and Jackson Behiel are siblings who form a competitive Ice Dance team that have skated together for over eleven years. They were the bronze medalist in the Novice Ice Dance Event at the 2017 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships. More recently they placed fourth in the Junior Dance Event at the 2020 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships. Jessica and Jackson competed at the senior level in the 2020-2021 season, and they were able to participate in the virtual Skate Canada Challenge Competition before the season was discontinued due to Covid-19. During both lockdowns Jessica and Jackson continued training through home workouts, and on-line classes that included ballroom, stretch, and mental health discussions. Their goal for the upcoming season is to improve their overall fitness level and maintain a steady level of training and improvement. Jessica is a passionate figure skater who loves to entertain and perform on the ice. Throughout her career she has had to work through multiple difficult injuries. Her commitment to sport and her resilience as an athlete is admirable. She has a strong spirit and determination to be her best. Jackson is an accomplished male ice dancer with outstanding blade skills. In addition, he is a strong lead when partnering and leading the team through their programs. Jackson is a talented young man and an exceptional expressive performer. As a team, Jessica and Jackson are powerful with deep edges and strong skills which is why they continue to excel in ice dance. They are committed, dedicated and hard working. Jessica and Jackson are leaders and mentors in the competitive ice dance program at the Calalta FSC. For many years now, both Jackson and Jessica have been volunteers at Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth. He is a great advocate for strong allyship and learning more

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about inclusivity and diversity. She has used her skills as an artist to support the goals of others in that organization. Both are eager to support the local programs and find their way to be of service to others and make contributions to their community and, in this framework, find ways of establishing connections, awareness, and reconciliation through dialogue and participation. The Booster Club is pleased to give validation, in some small way, to the hard work, strong character, and dedication this brother and sister team have shown, not only toward their sport, but with their sense of volunteerism as well. It is with great pleasure that we announce both Jessica and Jackson be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2021.



Anna Bourgeois - Long Track Speedskating

Anna is a full time University student who competes at the National level. She has been training full time as a speed skater at the Olympic Oval since the fall of 2016. Since then she competed at the provincial and national level. Last season she competed in the Canada Cup series with many top ten placings, including a 5th in the 1500m and a 6th in the 1000m at Canada Cup #1. Anna also represented Alberta, at the Canada Winter Games winning a silver medal in the women's team pursuit. She also placed 8th in the ladies 1500m and 6th place in the 1000m. She is one of Canada's young inspiring athletes, who continues to make significant progress in her skating, with goals of making the National Team next year.

Anna's an extremely focused individual and sets a high standard for herself. She has continued to set goals and continually challenges herself to reach toward the future rather than being content with where she was. With drive like hers there is little doubt that she will be competing internationally in no time. Well, being part of the Long Track Olympic Oval Program, Anna helps pave the way for our future generation of skater in her day-to-day interaction with her teammates. Due to her drive and technical improvements, Anna is becoming a top contender at the National team qualifiers and Canada Cup events. It is with great pleasure that Anna be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2021.

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Kobi Chant - Ice Dance

Kobi Chant's passion for Figure Skating is illustrated by his commitment to training in Calgary despite having to commute from his family farm near Olds, Alberta. Perseverance and determination paid off in 2019 when Kobi competed at the North American series in Lake Placid during the summer of 2019. Kobi and his partner Savanna Martel were 2019 National Bronze Medalists and selected to represent Alberta at the Canada Winter Games in the same year where another Bronze was earned. An opportunity to represent Canada in Oberstdorf, Germany during spring of 2020 was cancelled and, as the only novice team invited to attend, they were naturally disappointed, but Kobi's enthusiasm and optimism remains undaunted. Looking ahead, Kobi has begun working on new elements of power and speed with off-ice training becoming a priority to help augment on-ice goals. Since lockdown commenced, Kobi has been engaged in Ballroom Dance lessons through zoom on a weekly basis. Online video conferencing has made possible other classes such as yoga, ballet, physical conditioning, sports psychology and other educational seminars. With ongoing restrictions, Kobi and his partner have only been able to participate in a single 2021 competition for Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championship where they placed 1st. Although he trains in Calgary, Kobi has not neglected his own community and the Olds Figure Skating Club recognize the impact his influence has had locally. Having coached there for the past 3 years, he is helping to support the growing interest in skating in rural areas around Calgary, particularly amongst male skaters. Despite the long commute to Calgary early in the morning, Kobi still manages to bring energy and enthusiasm back to the Olds rink after a long day of personal training. The passion he holds for Figure Skating is immense and to see him sharing that passion at his age makes his selection as an endowment recipient even more poignant. It is with great pleasure that Kobi be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2021.



Jaime Czarkowski - Artistic Swimming

Jaime is a dedicated, hardworking and a positive leader who influences everyone around her. She continually pushes herself to achieve the impossible and sees every obstacle as a motivator to help her achieve her goals. Recently Jaime brought home 3 gold medals from the 2019 Canada Games. While competing at the 2019 Canadian Nationals Jaime was also very successful as she brought home gold in tech and free solo, tech and free duet, tech and free combo team. To top it off she was named the aggregate winner of the competition, all in her first official year in the junior age group! Quite an accomplishment! She can conquer difficult goals while maintaining a positive attitude, always with a smile on her face and inspiring positivity to those around her. She continues to stay humble in her wins and still finds the time to cheer on others and be a positive role model to younger swimmers. Jaime is a hard working, dedicated athlete and commits herself fully to the training and daily improvement needed to achieve excellence in her sport. It is with great pleasure we announce that Jaime Czarkowski will be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2021.

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Hailey Daniels - Canoe slalom

Hailey Daniels is a Director of Services at Calgary Transit, a student at Royal Roads (Class of 2022), and a World Class Canoeist, not necessarily in that order. Haley has been the reigning Canadian National Champion Since 2012 (except for 2015). She has had multiple international successes over the arc of her athletic career, including competitions in Australia, Japan, Slovenia, Spain, and Costa Rica. Although she has been through many transitions with school, paddling, family and friends, Haley's constant is that she works hard at each session she attends, as well as making a more enjoyable place for the other athletes and coaches. Haley has consistently volunteered to work with High-Performance Programs, Water Aid, Protect Our Winters (POW) and Classroom Champions. Unsurprisingly, many of the young juniors look to Haley as a mentor and benchmark for aspirations. With so many things going for her, Haley has learned how to juggle a hectic schedule, and her dogged pursuit of success as an international athlete is also a personal mission to leave a legacy in the sport of Canoe Kayak Slalom. Haley has been a passionate advocate, over the last eleven years, for having this event enshrined as an Olympic sport for women. Tokyo 2020/2021 is where this debut is to occur. Still on track to qualify for Canada this summer, we wish her every success in this historic milestone. The Calgary Booster Club is honoured to support Haley and wish her every success in Brazil this spring as she attempts to qualify for Tokyo Olympics this summer. It is with great pleasure that Haley be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2021.



Amy Fraser - Freestyle Ski Half Pipe

Attaining a top-twenty international World Cup ranking in 2019, and third overall in North American Cup standings in 2020, there is no doubt that Amy Fraser is a Halfpipe Freestyle skier to be reckoned with. She exemplifies the dedication, consistency, and desire to improve that is required to excel in sport, while showcasing the compassion and morals that will result in her becoming a community leader in the future. Her Strength and Conditioning Coach has observed Amy making progress with her off-snow training because of her willingness to push herself to improve in each session. Amy engages with training to personally understand how she can optimize all aspects of her life and continue to push the boundaries of female halfpipe skiing. Her drive and consistency in training is clearly paying off in snow performance. Off the hill, Amy serves as the social linchpin within her halfpipe team by coordinating team building activities, cross-training, and social dinners. As a result, her teammates look to her as a leader in both sporting and other contexts. Amy's leadership qualities are further exemplified through her volunteer coaching with young female freestyle skiers. Despite a busy training and school schedule, she prioritizes giving back to the skiing community and serves as a role model to the next generation of female skiers. Those around her recognize that she seems to manage this balancing act with ease. While other athletes may struggle to balance the demands of sport, Amy's time management skills have allowed her to juggle multiple jobs year-round so that she can continue to ski, and enrollment at the Smith School of Business at Queen's University is another illustration of Amy's ability

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to find balance with her priorities. Her recent qualification for the World Championships puts her squarely in line with the next steps that will see her competing at the 2022 Beijing Olympics, and we wish her well toward that goal, and all future accomplishments. It is with great pleasure that Amy be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2021.



Andrew Hubbard - Rowing

Andrew Hubbard has been a dedicated member of his junior rowing club for over four years, and a captain for the last two. He exhibits great attitude and provides a positive example for his teammates. Andrew demonstrated his rowing prowess at the 2019 Royal Canadian Henley Regatta where, on the first day, he won the U19 Single and, on the next, won U19 Double Sculls and placed 3rd in U19 Quadruple Sculls. This Regatta is the pinnacle of club rowing in North America and these results bode well for an athlete set on making the U23 National

Team. While representing Alberta at the Western Canada Summer Games, Andrew claimed 3 Gold Medals. At the Canadian National Rowing Championships, he earned second place in U19 Singles, and a ranking of 12th place amongst a field of current senior national team members! Since graduating from High School in Calgary, Andrew is now competing on Queen's University varsity rowing team. He landed a 4th place finish in his first Canadian University Championships last fall. Possessing speed and maturity well beyond his age, he and his first-year partner earned silver at Ontario University Championships, and fourth place at the Canadian University Championships. Andrew's athletic ability is only outdone by his positive mindset and determination to improve. Coaches remark on how prepared he is to learn daily and receive critical feedback necessary to improve. This has allowed him to adapt quickly and grow in skill and technical ability. Andrew is a great teammate who brings passion and excitement out of others. His strong communication skills, dedication, and tenacity will serve him well as he aspires to the highest levels of his sport. It is with great pleasure that Andrew be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2021.

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Olivia Li - Modern Pentathlon

Olivia has competed, since 2018, in the Olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon which is a combination of 5 different sporting disciplines (Fencing, Swimming, Running, Shooting and Equestrian). She is an intelligent, compassionate, and goal-oriented young woman with a bright future. Outside of sport, she maintains a 96% grade average, is a musician, and volunteers extensively.

According to her coach, Olivia is probably the strongest junior athlete in Canada and is seeking to make the Canadian Junior National Team this summer.

Olivia is also a junior club coach and a recipient of its annual Leadership Award. She provides support to other athletes and is always one of the first to volunteer when an opportunity presents itself. Olivia spends her free time volunteering as a youth leader at her church and tutoring online. She has shown an innate ability to balance sport and education.

Currently, Olivia is focused on training for the 2021 Junior Pan Am Championships.

It is with great pleasure that Olivia be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2021.



Brooklyn McDougall - Long Track Speedskating

Brooklyn is currently a member of the Speed Skating Canada 2020-21 NextGen Long Track Team and represented Canada at the 2019 NeoSr ISU World Cup in Enschede, The Netherlands winning Gold medals in both the 500m, and the Team Sprint as well as Silver in the 1000m. Brooklyn was also selected to represent Canada at the inaugural 2020 ISU Four Continents Championships in Milwaukee, USA winning a Gold medal in the Team Sprint and Silver medal in the

500m. Brooklyn closed out her 2019-20 competitive season racing in the ISU World Cup #5 in Calgary placing 7th in the B-Division.

As an athlete, Brooklyn has shown determination, speed, passion, and dedication in all aspects of her training and competing. The results of Brooklyn's efforts show in how much her racing times have continually improved over the last three seasons. Going from being ranked on a Canadian development level to being on the podium at the Four Continents Competition in three years shows just how far she has improved.

Due to the Covid-19 Global Pandemic Brooklyn has not been able to compete in the 2020-21 season, however her commitment level and continual need to adapt within the daily training environment through the pandemic has not wavered. This season, Brooklyn has brought focus and attention to improving her technical, physical and mental performance skills.

As one of Canada's top young athletes, Brooklyn has goals of making the Olympic team for the 2022 Beijing Olympic Winter Games.

It is with great pleasure that Brooklyn be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2021.

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Zaheen McKnight - Ice Dance

Zaheen McKnight moved to Calgary to train in the Calalta Competitive Ice Dance Program in July of 2019. Coupled with his partner Grace Pele, they earned a top half finish placing 7th in the Novice Ice Dance Event at the Skate Canada National Championship in January 2020. For the 2020-2021 season Grace and Zaheen qualified for the virtual Skate Canada Challenge Event in Junior Dance. Zaheen and Grace have been determined and resilient as they adapted to the ever-changing Covid-19 training protocols. This has been a difficult training time for everyone.

Zaheen is an athletic skater who excels at artistry, interpreting and performing to a variety of music and themes. He is present, engaged in lessons and strives to learn and grow as a competitive athlete, skater, performer and, as a person. He approaches every challenge with optimism and determination. He is a self-motivated learner with an extremely curious mind. His ability to tackle questions, and the resolve he exhibits to find answer, places him in a tier of his own. What has stood out to his coaches this past year has been his ability to take responsibility and appropriate actions to resolve any issues or obstacles that have come his way.

Zaheen is passionate about his pursuit of competitive ice dance. His goal is to eventually compete at a senior level. It is with great pleasure that Zaheen be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2021.



Mia Saunders & William Oddson - Ice Dance-Figure Skating

Mia and William have been skating partners for nearly 6 years and are enjoying a very successful career in ice dance. They are the 2018 Skate Canada Pre-Novice Ice Dance bronze medalists. In 2018 and 2019 Mia and William successfully represented Canada at the North American Ice Dance Challenge competition in Lake Placid, NY. In January 2020, they competed in the Skate Canada National Championships where they earned a bronze medal in the Novice Ice Dance event. Mia and William hope to be named to the 2020 Skate Canada Next Gen team, as well they aspire to be selected to compete in the up-and-coming Junior Grand Prix series.

Mia is a dynamic and graceful skater who is passionate about her pursuit of ice dance. She is powerful, feisty, and a consistent competitor with the ability to interpret a variety of music and characters on the ice. When Mia encounters a challenge, she is proactive and determined to face it head on. She has developed into a truly exceptional competitive athlete.

William is a busy young man who attends on-line courses through the University of Calgary, with an interest in philosophy and business. Due to William's commitment to the sport of figure skating during these difficult times, he has still been able to develop and improve his skills (he can now do all triple jumps including a triple/triple combination). William continues to be a member of the Skate Alberta NWT/Nunavut team. He is a talented, hardworking, self-motivated, independent young man. William approaches life with kindness, determination, and a wonderful sense of humor. It is with a great deal of pleasure that we announce both Mia and William as Art Smith Endowment Grant award winners for 2021.

Art Smith Endowment Grant Recipients



Jacob Portz & Alyssa Robinson - Ice Dance

Jacob Portz had a successful competitive career with former partner Isabel McQuilkin. They were assigned to represent Canada in the Junior Grand Prix Event #4 in Riga, Latvia in September of 2019. Alyssa and Jacob began their partnership on March 12, 2020 and had two days of full training before the first Covid-19 lockdown.

The strict and constantly evolving Covid-19 protocols made training complicated as they continued to modify and pivot both on and off the ice. Alyssa and Jake placed 2nd in the Junior Dance Event at the in-person Skate Canada: Alberta/NWT-Nunavut Sectional Championship in October. Later they participated in the Skate Canada Challenge Virtual Competition placing 7th. Alyssa and Jake were the highest placing Alberta team in this national competition after only 6 months of training together. Alyssa and Jacob are a charismatic and talented competitive ice dance team who show great potential for international competition.

Alyssa is a determined, self-motivated, and committed athlete who has an incredible ability to focus on details in both technical skills and performance. In addition, she has an elegant, graceful captivating and dynamic presence on the ice.

Jacob is a strong athlete who is known to be exceptionally talented at lifts. He also a natural at feeling and interpreting music when he performs.

Jacob is a kind and generous young man who loves to help people. He has volunteered to demonstrate at the Calalta Junior Prep/High Performance Program and the Alberta/NWT Nunavut Ice Dance and Pair Seminar. He was outstanding with the young skaters helping to partner them so that they could have an ice dance experience. It is with great pleasure that we announce both Alyssa and Jacob be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2021.

Art Smith Endowment Grant Recipients



Ryan Sommer - Bobsleigh

Ryan has been a member of the Canadian national bobsled team since 2018, sliding on the top Canadian sled as a brakeman. During that time, he has proven his ability to be a valuable member of the veteran team, contributing to multiple world cup medals in the 2-man and 4-man bobsled disciplines since 2018.

Starting as a rookie on the team, he was skeptical of his ability as he joined Justin Kripps team, a gold medalist from the 2018 Winter Olympics, but quickly found confidence in his abilities and truly believe that their team can be 2022 Winter Olympic medalist as he pursues his dream of competing at the Winter Olympics. Ryan's goal for next season is to stand on top of the podium at the 2022 Beijing Olympic Winter Games. He truly believes that their team has an excellent chance to win Gold in the 4-man discipline. They have a proven track record of having top-3 pushes on nearly every track, have a pilot who can step up when it matters, and have the camaraderie among the team to perform when it counts the most.

Ryan's incredible work ethic, attention to detail, and dedication have resulted in him continually setting personal bests, year after year.

He has the physical ability, mental capacity, and emotional intelligence to thrive at the highest levels of bobsled. It is with great pleasure that Ryan be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2021.



Madison Tansowny - Gymnastics

Currently, Madison is a JO10 National level gymnast. She routinely competes in nationally contested events and in international invitationals as well. Already through her young journey in gymnastics, Madison has undergone two major elbow surgeries. But her strong desire to excel coupled with an exceptional work ethic that is second to none has helped Madison persevere.

In 2018 Madison was crowned National Champion in floor exercise as both a Junior and a Senior. She was a member of Team Alberta and helped our province secure the National Championship in the team division. In 2018/19 end of the year awards banquet, Madison was unanimously voted the "Gymnast of the Year" for her accomplishments, leadership, and hard work. At the 2019 International Gymnix Madison was Junior floor champion and 4th all-around Elite gymnast. This past year, 2020, at the International Gymnix, Madison was Senior All around champion, Gold medalist in Bars and Beam as well as a Silver on floor.

Madison has signed for the 2021 season with the Southern Connecticut State University Gymnastics program. She has been accepted into the college of nursing as well as being a finalist for honors college for a double degree. It is with great pleasure that Madison be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant.

She is an exceptional elite gymnast and her future in gymnastics is very bright.

It is with great pleasure that Madison be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2021.

Art Smith Endowment Grant Recipients



Gabrielle Yarema - Rowing

Gabrielle is an incredible young athlete. In 2019, she made the provincial rowing team for the Western Canada Summer Games and went on to win 2 gold and 1 silver at that event. She also placed 6th at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta (a major North American competition with over 2000 competitors) in the U19 Women's Pair event and won the Junior Women's Pair at the 2019 National Rowing Championships. This is an incredible achievement for an athlete so early in her rowing career. She is a very dedicated athlete and is consistently putting in the work at practice to help achieve her goals. She is supportive of her teammate's achievements and is always around to give them a high five after a hard workout or a tough race. Over the past 3 years, Gabrielle has done those little extras to improve. This effort takes dedication and a level of emotional maturity which is remarkable for a person her age. She is passionate about rowing and her commitment to the sport is demonstrated by countless hours of training while balancing the heavy course load that comes with being a kinesiology student. Responsible, motivated, and extremely hard working, Gabrielle has an incredible predisposition for success in her athletic and academic endeavors, it is with great pleasure we award her with the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2021.

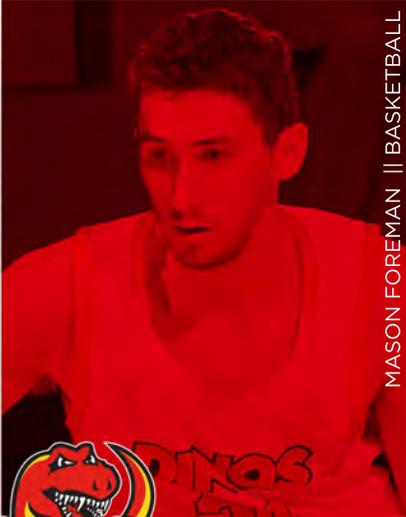


Daniel Yu - Ice Dance

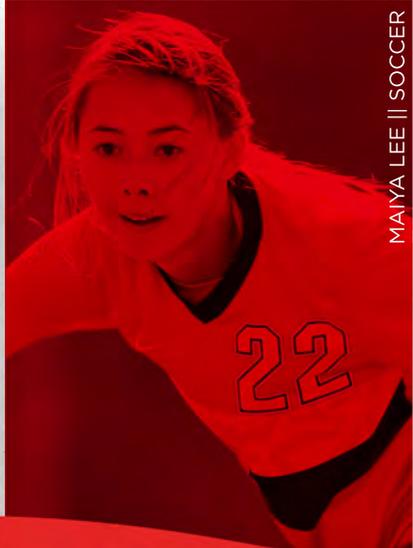
The figure skating discipline of ice dance requires attention to detail while performing complex dance patterns and routines. Daniel and his partner must stay on time to the music and work together as a team. The goal is to achieve technical proficiency in combination with artistry. Daniel possesses a high degree of interpersonal skill which is needed to navigate the many expectations placed on competitive ice dancers. Additionally, time management is critically important in achieving a healthy balance between schoolwork and training.

To quote one of his coaches: "I am confident in stating that Daniel ranks among the top 5% of the 500+ competitive skaters whom I have worked with". He is a disciplined, focused, dedicated, polite, respectful, committed, self motivated athlete with an exceptional work ethic. Daniel has a big genuine smile, a kind heart and he has made the most of every opportunity to train and grow, as an individual and as an athlete. It is an understatement to describe Daniel Yu as an exceptional young man. All things considered; Daniel is an excellent recipient of the Art Smith Endowment Grant.

It is with great pleasure that Daniel be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2021.



MASON FOREMAN || BASKETBALL



MAIYA LEE || SOCCER

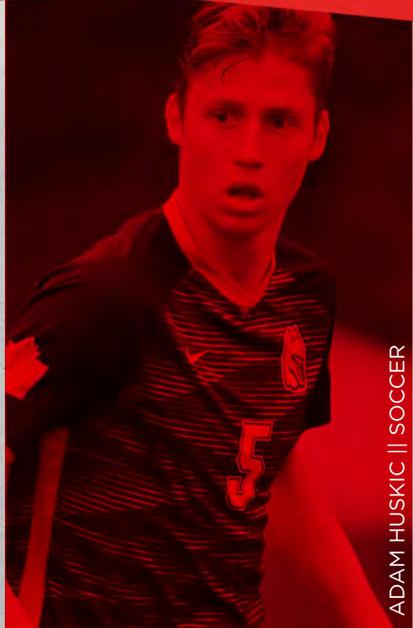


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SAIT Athletes



SAIT Trojans Female Athlete of the Year: **Tashel Scantlebury - Women's Hockey, Women's Golf**

Tashel Scantlebury was very busy in the final season of her post-secondary athletic career. In the fall, she helped the Trojans women's golf team earn an ACAC bronze medal in just their second year of play since the team was brought back. The bronze medal also led to a trip to the CCAA National Championships in Quebec where the team gained valuable experience.

When golf season was complete, she laced up the skates and captained her women's hockey team to a fourth-place finish in the ACAC standings. While her team was eliminated in their semifinal series, the fifth-year defenseman was named an ACAC All-Conference Second Team selection after recording 17 points in 23 games.



SAIT Trojans Male Athlete of the Year: **Charlie Conner - Men's Basketball**

For the third straight season, Charlie Conner quietly went about his business for the Sait Trojans, doing a bit of everything to help his men's basketball team capture their fourth consecutive ACAC title. After recording 17 points per game during the regular season, the third-year guard exploded in the playoffs, averaging just over 29 points per game in their three-game run to the championship. Conner's regular season performance earned him an

ACAC All-Conference First Team selection, while his post-season efforts earned him the ACAC Championship Tournament MVP award.

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Mount Royal University Athletes



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Female Athlete of the Year

Daria O'Neill

Daria O'Neill has cemented her legacy at Mount Royal in only two years. The team captain of the women's hockey team was the voice of the team and cared for her teammates while having the rare ability at an early age to demand accountability. O'Neill accumulated an impressive 3.92 GPA as an Academic All-Canadian while volunteering weekly with Heroes Hockey and autism aspergers programs. She continued excellence on

the ice leading her team to the universities first silver medal in Canada West, and the qualifying for the hockey program's first U SPORTS National Championship.



Male Athlete of the Year

Connor Rankin

Connor Rankin is a staple of the men's hockey program at Mount Royal University. Rankin graduated from Mount Royal in 2019-20 and epitomizes what a student-athlete should be. He has consistently been an Academic All Canadian in a tough accounting degree program while showing maturity and support volunteering for various events in the community. Rankin finishes his five year Cougars legacy with the most

points (95) and assists (56) in Mount Royal's Canada West history.

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Ambrose University Athletes



Female Athlete of the Year Award Winner Willow Lewington Women's Volleyball

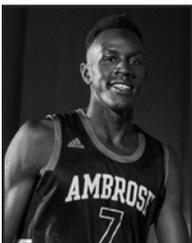
Calgary AB – For the second consecutive year, Middle Blocker, Willow Lewington, was awarded the Ambrose Athletics Women's Athlete of the Year. Leading her team to their 4th consecutive playoff appearance, Willow consistently proved, week after week, her skill on the court and leadership off of it.

Willow led her team in kills with 200, finishing 14th in the ACAC, and in blocks with 52, good for 3rd in the ACAC. While battling injury throughout the second semester, she was still able to play in all 24 of the teams matches and play a team high, 94 sets.

The Ambrose Women's Volleyball team entered the playoffs finishing 3rd in the south after a regular season record of 16 - 8. The Lions hopes of their first medal at the ACAC Championships would come to an end in their quarterfinal match where they would fall to last year's champion, The Kings Eagles. It was not for a lack of effort or performance from Lewington, as in the match she was awarded Player of the Game and would also win, ACAC South Division All-Conference recognition for her play throughout the regular season.

Head Coach, Colin Kubinec, had nothing but praise when asked about his all-star middle saying "Willow is a champion of the Lions Women's Volleyball team, a loyal and competitive and athletic presence on our team. She raises the level of play on our team, is looked up to by her peers, and is a gift to our program."

Poised with a strong supporting cast once again beside her, Lewinton will look to become the first athlete to win a 3rd consecutive Athlete of the Year award in the Ambrose's ACAC era once play resumes.



Male Athlete of the Year Award Winner Nhal Phillip, Men's Basketball Player

Calgary AB – After taking a few years off from Collegiate basketball, 3rd year student-athlete, Nhal Phillip took full advantage of his opportunity on and off the court in his first year at Ambrose.

Known affectionately by his teammates as CK, Nhal's athletic ability along with his tireless work ethic, showed clearly why he is deserving of such an award. While Nhal finished the year 3rd on his team in Points Per Game, averaging 14.5 points per contest, and 6th in the league in overall field goal percentage, Head Coach Nystrom, glowed about CK's defensive abilities.

"CK was a key element to the men's basketball teams most successful season at Ambrose. Nhal's versatile defense and athletic prowess created massive advantages on the court and created

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mismatches for opposing teams. CK led our team both on and off the court and empowered his teammates to reach their potential.”

Nhial finished the year, 14th in total rebounds even as he was asked repeatedly to guard the opponent’s best player on the perimeter. His work ethic did not go unnoticed by the rest of his teammates either, as Head Coach Neil Nystrom credits CK for leading the way to not only their second ever appearance in the ACAC Championships, but also, to a finish that saw the team win their first ever ACAC medal, finishing 2nd overall. While the team was disappointed to not continue their regular season success in the final, against the eventual Champions, the SAIT Trojans, it was a year to remember for Nhial, Nystrom, and the rest of the Lion’s Men’s Basketball team.



Mel Sylvester Athletic Leadership Award

Female

Bethany Herman Women’s Soccer



Calgary AB - In her 5th and final year, Bethany Herman’s illustrious career was capped off by winning one of Ambrose University’s top athletic awards, the Mel Sylvester Leadership Award.

Herman has been a consistent presence through the ups and downs of the Women’s Soccer Program. Looked up to by her teammates for her desire to be excellent on and off the pitch, she has lead by example every step of the way. Not fazed by multiple coaching changes throughout her years, or ebbs and flows in the success of her futsal or outdoor soccer team, Herman leaves a legacy that will not be forgotten.

Coming off of a disappointing 2018 Futsal Championship that saw the Lions lose in the bronze medal game in their home gym, Beth led her team back to the playoffs of the 2019 Futsal Championships. This time the team would go on to win the University’s first ever ACAC Championship. Not a surprise to those who know Beth, she played at the top of her game for the duration of the tournament and would go on to win the tournament MVP. While Beth and her team were looking forward to the chance to defend their title this year, their dreams would be cut short due to the tournament being cancelled due to COVID-19.

While the transition to outdoor soccer over the years hasn’t been glamorous, her dedication, belief in her teammates and desire for success didn’t fade. After the announcement was made, many of her teammates commented publically in support of their friend.

1st year Emma Shipton commented, “What can this Woman not do??? So thankful for you Beth”.

While fellow midfielders, Kaitlin Maehara, said Meg Buchanan glowed about her as well! “Honestly, could not agree more [with Beth winning the Mel Sylvester Leadership award], it’s been an honor and privilege to know and play alongside you!” said Maehara while Buchanan echoed that Beth had “left some big shoes to fill” and that it has been “oh so sweet to play alongside you.”

All seem to agree that Beth has been much more than just a really skilled teammate the past 5 years, more importantly, she has been a leader, captain, and friend and is incredibly deserving of such an award.

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Mel Sylvester Athletic Leadership Award

Male

Adrian Strandberg Men's Volleyball & Soccer



Calgary AB – Adrian Strandberg is one of the few athletes that has been privileged enough to have the ability to star on two of the Ambrose ACAC teams in the same season. While few have such an opportunity, fewer still are able to provide the leadership and impact he was able to have on both teams.

Playing in a total of 33 combined Outdoor Soccer and Volleyball matches, Strandberg brought his leadership and skill to the left side and setting position in Volleyball in the 2019-20 season, as well as to his Soccer teams back-line. While not playing the entire season in an attacking position, Strandberg was still able to lead his team in kills with 129 (over 30 more than 2nd on the team). Head Coach, Paul Armbruster mentioned when talking about his captain, that Adrian inspired and pushed his team to be better on and off the court everyday.

“As captain, Adrian lead through always competing, always growing, and always caring. He was our emotional leader through his passionate effort and belief, and as he gave his everything to the program, he inspired us all. He was an overcomer on and off the court, someone who grew into being a top Left Side, modelled many of the characteristics we want in an athlete, and was a joy to coach.”

As Adrian graduates with a business administration degree, Strandberg will be missed on both teams. His legacy is what all Lions strive for and will not be forgotten.



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University / College Athlete Awards

St. Mary's University Athletes



Male Athlete of the Year Award Winner

Johnpaul Okodua – Male Athlete of the Year

Johnpaul Okodua a 6'9" center from Edo, Nigeria had a tremendous impact for the St. Mary's University Lightning Men's basketball team but also the league in just his second year of play at St. Mary's. Okodua was an integral part of the Lightning and a major reason the men's basketball team had their best season in school history while playing in the Alberta Colleges Athletics Conference (ACAC). Okodua finished the season averaging 11.2 points, 12.2 rebounds and 1.8 blocks per game resulting

in him finishing the season as the league leader in blocks per game and second in rebounds per game, a mere 0.3 behind the leader. He also broke St. Mary's single season rebounding record, eclipsing the previous single season record of 182 rebounds with an astounding 257 rebounds. The court is not the only place that Okodua has seen success this year, having finished the first semester with a 3.85 GPA and is on track to make the Dean's list this year for his scholastic achievements.



Female Athlete of the Year Award Winner

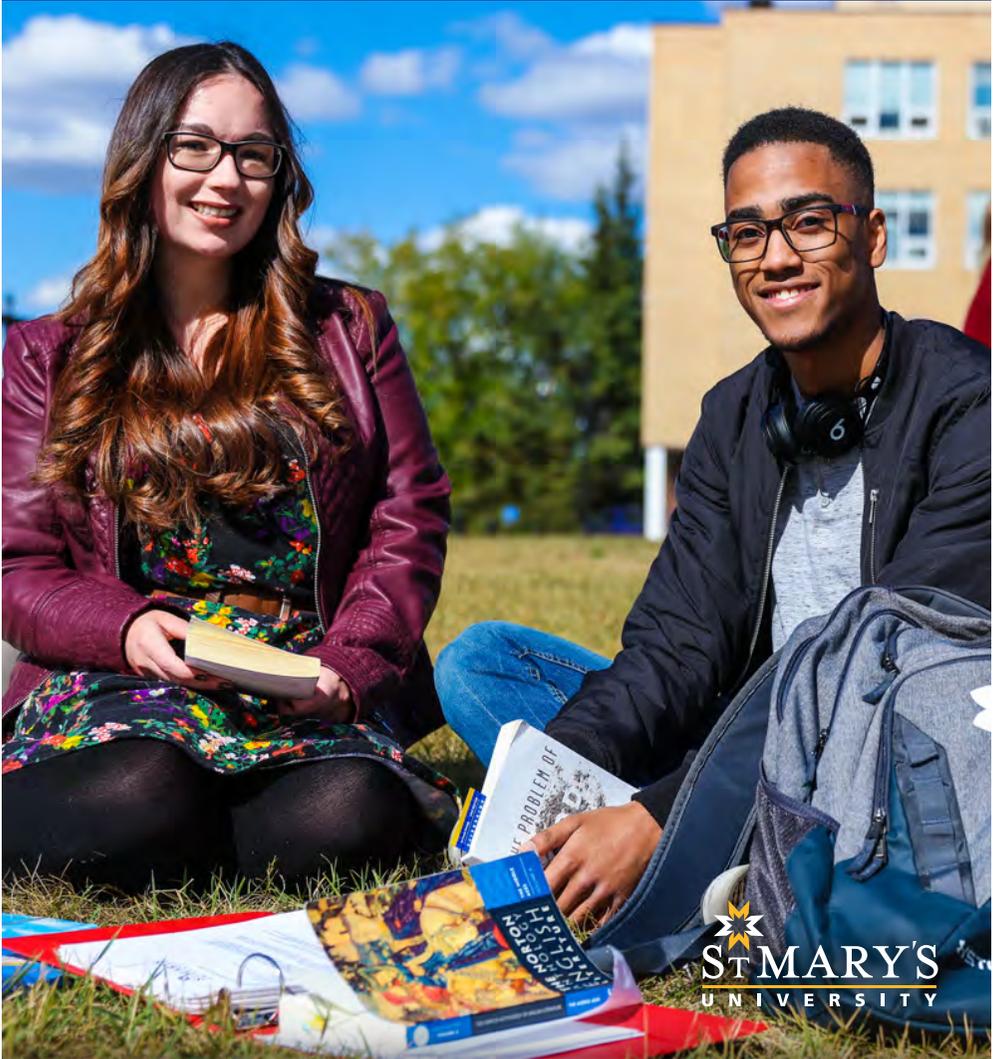
Emily Wagner – Female Athlete of the Year

Emily Wagner a fourth-year liberal studies student and team captain of the St. Mary's University Lightning Women's basketball team had a fantastic season in ACAC competition. A graduate of Bishop Grandin high school in Calgary, Wagner led way for a Lightning team who had another very successful season, finishing with a regular season record of 16-5 and a second-place finish in the ACAC south division. Wagner and the Lightning produced an incredible win streak in the second half of the

2019-20 campaign, winning 15 straight games between November 23rd and March 6th. Wagner was instrumental in helping the Lightning capture a bronze medal in the ACAC championships, the fourth medal in the programs short eight-year history in the ACAC. In Wagner's four seasons at St. Mary's she has been able to collect a gold, silver and now bronze medal. This season she eclipsed 1000 career points and currently sits at 1343 points, good enough for eighth all-time for the ACAC. Her impressive season of 21.9 points, 5.4 rebounds, 4.6 assists and 2.9 steals per game earned her an ACAC first-team all conference vote and St. Mary's University Female Athlete of the Year honours.



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MAX EISELE | Men's Basketball | 4th Year | Guard | Ulm, GER | Kinesiology

Team captain Max Eisele continues to shine on the hardcourt and in the study hall, picking up a 3.89 GPA in his exercise and health physiology program. He was also named the 2019-20 Canada West men's basketball defensive player of the year.



MAIYA LEE | Women's Soccer | 3rd Year | Defender | Calgary, Alta. | Kinesiology

Maiya Lee was a mainstay on a stingy back line for the Dinos in 2019, a defence that carried them to a Canada West championship and a national silver medal. In the classroom, she's equally high performance, posting a perfect 4.0 GPA in her kinesiology Bachelor of Science program.



ERIN McINTOSH | Women's Basketball | 5th Year | Guard | Calgary, Alta. | Kinesiology

Erin McIntosh wrapped up her varsity career as a two-time Canada West all-star and represented Canada at the World University Games last summer in Naples, Italy. And in her BSc in Kinesiology program, her 3.96 GPA is all-star as well.



RUSSELL PENNOCK | Cross Country / Track & Field | 5th Year | Distance | Calgary, Alta. | Kinesiology

Russell Pennock graduated with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in biomechanics, last spring with a 3.96 GPA. He returned to the Dinos to wrap up his eligibility in 2019-20, winning an individual bronze medal at the U SPORTS cross country championships while winning team conference titles in both cross country and track and field, and helping the team defend their cross country national championship.



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University of Calgary Dinos Athletes



ADAM HUSKIC | Men's Soccer | 4th Year | Defender | Calgary, Alta. | Engineering

Adam Huskic provides leadership both on and off the field for the Dinos, setting the tone with a 3.91 GPA in the Schulich School of Engineering. Serving as his team's captain, Huskic and the Dinos will look to take another step forward next season after making team history with a berth at nationals in 2019.



MASON FOREMAN | Men's Basketball | 4th Year | Forward | East Selkirk, Man. | Kinesiology

Mason Foreman took full advantage of the extra time he had to focus on academics, earning a 3.96 GPA in his BSc in Kinesiology program. Last year was a breakout season for Foreman, blowing away previous career-highs with 17.3 points-per-game while averaging 8.6 rebounds.



MAIYA LEE | Women's Soccer | 4th Year | Defender | Calgary, Alta. | Kinesiology

For the second consecutive year, Maiya Lee is a Calgary Booster Club Scholar-Athlete. She once again earned a perfect 4.0 GPA in her kinesiology Bachelor of Science program and will be a valuable veteran piece of the Dinos when they return to the pitch next season.



LEXI PEART | Women's Volleyball | 5th Year | Setter | Calgary, Alta. | Kinesiology

Lexi Peart wrapped up her BSc in Kinesiology program this spring, finishing with a perfect 4.0 in the final year. During her last season with the Dinos, Peart moved from leading the Cheer Squad to leading the team on the floor, setting new career-highs in assists, blocks, digs, kills, and service aces.



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National Sports School

Avish Makol Award Recipient - Max Stretch was a very accomplished Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined athlete for over eight years before retiring. He still enjoys numerous outdoor sports and coached younger ski jumpers following his own retirement.

Max was an exemplary student at NSS and demonstrated exceptional leadership and character within our school community. During his time at NSS, Max was actively involved in the school leadership team and GSA club, he helped organize and present at numerous school assemblies and he was a member of the speakers' bureau. Furthermore, Max was selected to represent the National Sport School at the Chief Superintendent Student Advisory Council (CSSAC) advising the Chief of the Calgary Board of Education on system-wide issues affecting students.

Adding to this time commitment, Max also volunteered to speak to visiting school groups at the Canadian Sport Hall of Fame about science, technology, sport artifacts, and inspirational moments of ski jumping with an emphasis on bringing awareness to the sport of ski jumping. As well, Max was a volunteer with Dogs with Wings and trained four young service dogs through their first year of developmental training.

In addition to Max's volunteerism and extra curricular activities, he was able to achieve academic excellence in all his courses throughout his years of high school. Max is currently a first year student at Western University.

Max is very deserving of the Avish Makol Award. His determination, compassion and persistence is evident in all aspects of his life. Max is respectful, inclusive and always willing to go out of his way to be thoughtful and kind to someone. He encourages and supports others, and is well respected by his peers and teachers.

Booster Club Citizenship Award Recipients

Grade 9

Kaie Younger Kaie has been playing soccer since she was 3 years old and currently plays for the Calgary Chinooks Soccer Club. Kaie came to the National Sport School without knowing anyone and her big smile and kind heart very quickly earned her many friends. Kaie demonstrated leadership in her classes and was always the first student to volunteer to help in her Teacher Advisory Group. She fostered school spirit in many activities throughout the school year. Kaie is friendly and happy to support her classmates. She has a great sense of humour and a positive energy, which endears her to others.

National Sports School

Grade 10

Ava Rose Luscombe is a luge athlete, currently on the NextGen Canadian luge team. This is her sixth year sliding and third year competing with the Canadian team. She has competed in Canada, the U.S., Austria, Switzerland and Germany. In 2018, Ava Rose won the Youth A World Cup in Calgary and her biggest sport accomplishment was finishing third overall in the Youth A World Cup Circuit that same season. She is a very dedicated athlete and passionate about her sport. Ava Rose brings the same dedication and passion to her learning. She is an exceptional student with a friendly and positive attitude. She sets a positive example for her classmates and exemplifies the qualities of a NSS student. Ava Rose is a hard worker who strives for perfection in every aspect of her life and holds herself to high standards. Even while competing, she has managed to maintain an almost perfect academic average.

Grade 11

Makenna Lebsack is an Alpine Ski Racer who started skiing 12 years ago with the Lake Louise Ski Club at 5 years old. Makenna made Team Alberta for the 2019 Canada Winter Games and placed 2nd in Super G and 3rd in Giant Slalom. These placings gave her a spot on Team Canada for the second time at the 2019 Whistler Cup. Makenna was in a mentorship program with the Lake Louise Ski Club where older age groups were paired with younger athletes to provide opportunities for motivation and skill development and to increase a sense of community in the club. Makenna sets the bar high for herself in both academics and sport. She exemplifies the qualities of a NSS student and is always willing to help fellow students and teachers. Makenna is a kind and respectful individual with a friendly and positive attitude. She is an exceptional student who manages to maintain an almost perfect academic average even while competing.

Grade 12

Mitchel Pedersen has trained and competed in trampoline and tumbling for about eight years. He has competed at a high level and has experienced the best parts of his sport. His greatest sport achievement so far is being on team Canada and competing at the World Age Group Championships. Mitchel is seen as a leader in his sport. He is a judge for Alberta Gymnastics Federation, as well as, a coach at the Calgary Gymnastics Centre. Mitchel is a very motivated and determined student who consistently achieves top results. He is a humble, respectful and kind individual who is helpful to others. He contributed to the school through his involvement in the leadership team and he helped organize and present at numerous school assemblies. Furthermore, Mitchel encouraged other students to become involved and to contribute positively to the NSS school community. He demonstrated excellent citizenship in the way he conducted himself both inside and outside of the classroom. Mitchel always achieved the goals set for himself in both academics and sport through persistence and hard work. Mitchel is currently in his first year at the University of Calgary.



The Calgary Senior High School Athletic Association was established in 1913 to provide competitive athletic opportunities for students in Calgary high schools. The Association believes that the Interscholastic athletic program, as a recognized part of the school program, is educationally sound and will enhance the physical, mental, emotional and social development of young people.

Annually, over 10,000 student athletes participate in twelve sports including football, cross country, soccer, volleyball, diving, wrestling, basketball, swimming, rugby, track and field, badminton and field hockey.

The C.S.H.S.A.A. is unique in many ways, but is recognized nationally for its belief that the amalgamation of Calgary's two educational systems into one common athletic association is in the best interest of the residents of Calgary. As such, the Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Catholic School District have worked together harmoniously for decades. As well, the partnership with the Calgary Booster Club over the past seven decades has been beneficial to hundreds of student athletes.

Our partnership with the Calgary Senior High School Athletic Association goes back to 1956 when we presented our first scholarship to Jack Sharpe of Western Canada for the inaugural Harry Hood Memorial Football Award. Since then, we have honoured and recognized **655** individual high school winners for a total of **\$447,500** and an additional **295** student athletes with maximum participation scholarships over three years of high school, for another **\$105,000**. This amounts to a total investment of **\$552,500** by the Calgary Booster Club for outstanding student athletes in the C.S.H.S.A.A. programs.

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Calgary Senior High School Athletic Association Award Winners

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School Year 2019/20

All Saints High School—Terry Dolan Memorial Award
 Bishop Carroll High School—Hayley Wickenheiser Award

Bishop Grandin High School—Bert Joines Award
 Bishop McNally High School—Don Buchignani Award
 Bishop O’byrne High School—Joe Petrone Award
 Bowness High School—Sheila Iversen Award
 Centennial High School—Myrna Empey Award
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 Crescent Heights High School—Nev Anderson Award
 Dr. E.p. Scarlett High School—Al Taylor Award
 Ernest Manning High School—Allison Godfrey Bobenic Award

Father Lacombe High School—Erv Hickie Award
 Forest Lawn High School—Skip Morgan Award
 Henry Wise Wood High School—Lawrence King Award
 Jack James & Alternative High School—John Schellenberg Memorial Award

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 Queen Elizabeth High School—Henry Philip Taylor Memorial Award

Robert Thirsk High School—Tom Inkster Memorial Award¹

Sir Winston Churchill High School—Barry Kimick Award
 St. Francis High School—Gary Deman Award
 St. Gabriel High School—Carol Ericson Memorial Award
 St. Martin De Porres High School—Dr. Arlene Mcginn Award

St. Mary’s High School—Father Gallagher Memorial Award

St. Timothy High School—Leroy Pelletier Award
 Western Canada High School—Al Holm Award
 William Aberhart High School—Kevin Pelehos Award

RECIPIENT

Maya Johnston

Isabella Bagni
Anna Kucharski
Frances Pescante
Bryce Solis
Megan Sherwood
David Tiessen
Carter Weenk
Madeline Tollefson
Ivan Guevara Garcia

Pierce Nadeau
Angelique Marcos
Jessica Giang
Brandon Kruger
Tsewang Tobden
Lexi Lafreniere

Larah Wright
Alan Xiang
Lily Ha
Jordyn Pratt
Eddie Nelson
Nicole Noble

Amanda Grigg

Joel Pipke
Evan Mah
Alex Matsuoka
Zoe Smith

Sean Kriwokoon

Grace Whiteley
Jack Bentley
Meagan Mcdonald
Sarah Hargrave

RECIPIENT

Roman Niro

Danny Laursen

Elizabeth Chapman
Ty Lyse
Jayden Tanner
Rebecca Elliot
Kosta Zannis
Victoria Alexa

Kaitlyn Luu

Claire Hopkins

Dylan Langille
Shania Jiang

Taranjot Hari
Isaiah Klein

Thomas Clee

Rowan Hepple
Robyn Sellars
Charlie Deland

Jamie Mckinnon

Julianna Mackenzie
Mattias Allison
Tomo Tsuzuki

Calgary Booster Club Gretta Schwartz Memorial Award Winner



2018-2019 Rachel Gitter - James Fowler High

Volleyball/Basketball/Badminton/Field Hockey/Track & Field



2019-2020 Carolyn Berze - St. Francis High

Volleyball/Badminton/Field Hockey/Track & Field

John Mayell Memorial Award Winner



2018-2019 Colin Petrillo - Sir Winston Churchill High

Football/ Basketball/Rugby/Track & Field



2019-2020 Bill Thai - Queen Elizabeth High

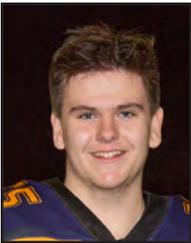
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Harry Hood Memorial Football Award Winners 2019



**For Division I High School Football – Sam Carson
Henry Wise Wood High**

As captain and quarterback, his leadership skills were an inspiration to all of his teammates and were part of the reason the Calgary Stampeders awarded him the Stan Schwartz Heart of a Champion award for 2018. This outstanding student athlete had a 96% average in three years of high school and still found time to do minor officiating and was a member of his school’s Student Council and Social Justice Clubs.



**For Division II High School Football – Trent Sample
Dr. E. P. Scarlett High**

This multi-talented winner showed his versatility by playing on Defense as a linebacker and on Offense as a running back. As a five sport athlete he also competed in Cross Country, Basketball, Rugby and Track & Field. As a member of the Sports Medicine program this amazing young man was a Student trainer, a member of the Athletic Council and the yearbook photographer.



**For Division III High School Football – Alan Xiang
John G. Diefenbaker High**

As a Defensive Back, this deserving winner led his team in tackles and as a Running Back was the number one ground gainer and also contributed as captain by showing his many talents on Special teams. Basketball & Rugby were his other school sports along with being a student tutor, a member of the Athletic Council and the International Language group where they learned the culture of other countries.

Congratulation to all three of our Harry Hood Memorial Football Award winners for the 2018 high school season. They will receive \$1,000 scholarships from the Calgary Stampeders Football Club which are based on post-secondary enrollment at a school of their choice.

**Happy 67th to the Calgary Booster Club and
congratulations to all award winners!**

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