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**Sports  
Gala**

Celebrating  
**70** years!

 Calgary Booster Club

2024 SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

**Pat Jarvis**





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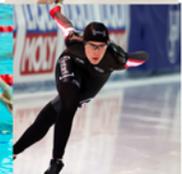
will provide a stable future for our grants, scholarships and recognition programs to support our very best prospects.

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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 Sportspersons of the Year,  
Athletic Leaders, Calgary’s Athletes of the Year,  
and the 70th Sportsperson of the Year.



# *Carol Hermansen*



On behalf of the Directors of the Calgary Booster Club, we welcome you to the 70th Annual Sport Gala, a Calgary tradition like no other. It has been my pleasure to lead a community organization that for 7 decades has become so very entrenched in the fabric of the Calgary sport landscape.

It is with immense gratitude and admiration that we reflect on the countless volunteers who have dedicated their time, energy, and passion to our organization throughout the decades. Their unwavering commitment to the Calgary Booster Club laid the foundation for an organization that continues to flourish and support the aspirations of Calgary and area athletes year after year.

To the current Board of Directors, I extend my deepest appreciation for your commitment and tireless efforts over the past year. Your contributions are invaluable in guiding our initiatives and ensuring continued success.

As we reflect on our accomplishments, however, we must also acknowledge the need to raise more awareness and funds. Increasing the Calgary Booster Club's financial support for our athletes will help us make a more meaningful impactful for our athletes. I am confident the CBC Board will explore new avenues for generating these funds and with the support of the Calgary community, increase awareness about the Calgary Booster Club and all that we have to offer.

As we look ahead to the next 70 years of the Calgary Booster Club, let us continue to work together to build a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

Here's to excellence, achievement, and community!

Warm regards,  
Carol Hermansen  
President Calgary Booster Club

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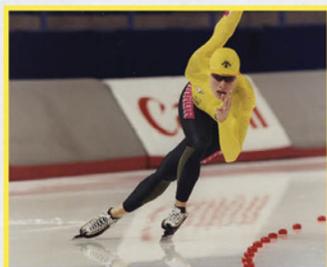
## Master of Ceremonies



Brendan Parker has been covering the Calgary sports scene for over 15 years, including stops at Shaw TV, Global Calgary and most recently as Host of Flames TV with the Calgary Flames. Brendan has always had a passion for telling the stories of the great people and places that shape our incredible sports landscape.



*Congratulations to 2024  
Sportsperson of the Year,  
Patrick Jarvis, Honoured  
Members Catriona Le May  
Doan and Wade Buteau,  
and to all of the  
Calgary  
Booster Club  
Athletes and Leaders*



*Patrick Jarvis is part of the esteemed  
Class of 2024 and will be inducted into the  
Alberta Sports Hall of Fame,  
at the  
Induction Ceremony on May 24th  
Tickets available at [albertasportshall.ca](http://albertasportshall.ca)*





Patrick has a life-long passion for sport, as demonstrated by his involvement at many levels and in many capacities. For decades, he has empowered people to seek their full potential through sport.

He has been a part of the Calgary Booster Club's history since 1976, when he was selected as the Harry Hood Memorial Award winner for being the outstanding high school football player in Grade 12 at Crescent Heights High School.

For 36-plus years Patrick has been an athlete, coach, administrator and organizer for the Paralympic movement, which is his passion.

As an athlete and builder, Patrick has provided leadership to the Canadian Paralympic community for several decades. He competed at the 1990 World Track & Field Championships, as well as in the 1992 Summer Paralympic Games.

"After his retirement from competition, Patrick turned his attention to team management. He volunteered his time to the Alberta and Canadian Amputee Sport Association, as well as the Canadian and International Paralympics Committees. Through these and other roles, he has guided hundreds of Canadian Para-athletes and transformed multiple sports organizations," said Darrell MacLachlan, an alpine ski builder and friend.

Patrick has been involved with the Canadian Paralympic Sport Association as a volunteer since 1987, including 13 years on the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) board, serving seven years as president. He also held an executive position as CEO of the Canadian Paralympic Foundation. In 1994, Patrick was the team leader for the World Athletics Championships in Berlin. From 1983-1995, he was president of the Canadian Amputee Sport Association. He followed this up in 1996 as a member of the Canadian Team Mission staff at the Paralympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia. His next achievement was his appointment as Chef de Mission Canada at the 1998 Paralympic Games in Nagano, Japan. In 2000, as CPC president, he was part of Canada's official delegation to the Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia and in 2004, Patrick continued on as a member of the Canadian delegation to the Paralympic Winter Games in Salt Lake, Utah.

Patrick was inducted into the Canadian Paralympics Hall of Fame in 2007. In 2010, he was on the board of directors for the Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver, B.C. and he was made a member of the Order of Canada in 2011. He was twice awarded the prestigious Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal.

The Calgary Booster Club selected Patrick in 2013 as an Honoured Athletic Leader for his many years of service to Calgary and area athletes.

Patrick continued to show his versatility when he held the role of executive director of the Canada Snowboard Association from 2015 to 2019. He was approached by Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton in 2023 to be their interim chief executive, where he was tasked with helping create a supportive culture for the organization.

Patrick has also been named to the 2024 class for the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame.

# PAST SPORTSPERSONS OF THE YEAR

CALGARY BOOSTER CLUB

*70 Years of Tradition*



2023  
Greg Peterson



2022  
Ron Logan



2021  
Calgary COVID  
Sports Heroes



2020  
Calgary Sporting  
Community



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

\*deceased

# PAST SPORTSPERSONS OF THE YEAR

CALGARY BOOSTER CLUB

*70 Years of Tradition*



1998  
Donald Phelps



1997  
Tom Humphrey\*



1996  
Ted Rhodes\*



1995  
Joe Shea



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\*

\*deceased

# PAST SPORTSPERSONS OF THE YEAR

CALGARY BOOSTER CLUB

*70 Years of Tradition*



1973  
John Mayell\*



1972  
Jack Setters\*



1971  
Charlie Scott\*



1970  
Dr. Ward Steckle\*



1969  
Doug Kyle\*



1968  
Les Ferguson\*



1967  
Ed Corbett\*



1966  
Bob Freeze\*



1965  
Stu Peppard\*



1964  
Jack Bannerman\*



1963  
Jimmie Condon\*



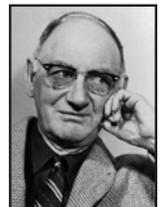
1962  
Jerry Trudel\*



1961  
Harold Brandreth\*



1960  
Frank Woodman\*



1959  
Pete Egan\*



1958  
Art Davis\*



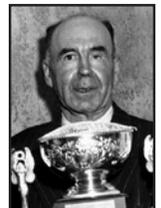
1957  
Lloyd Turner\*



1956  
Father Jim Whelihan\*



1955  
Rose Kohn\*



1954  
Eugene "Musty" McGill\*

*\*deceased*

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The President Award recognizes an outstanding individual for their many contributions to the Calgary Booster Club.

**2019 – Al Taylor**

**2021 – Don Buchignani**

**2023 – Brian Loach**

The Calgary Booster Club recognizes individuals with established track records of dedication to the sporting landscape as Honoured Athletic Leaders. Winners have demonstrated long service — typically more than 15 years — and made contributions in a volunteer or administrative or athletic capacity. These are Calgary’s difference-makers, sport promoters and tireless influencers.

This year’s selections include:



### **Celeste Bazinet**

She’s been described as a remarkable pillar of the Calgary Senior High School Athletic Association (CSHSAA). Celeste - better known as “Baz” – earned that description for her efforts as an athletic director, teacher and coach. The athletic director at both Bishop McNally High School and Notre Dame High School has coached several sports, including soccer, football, basketball and volleyball.



### **Martyn Bentley**

If you know about rugby in Calgary, then you know Martyn. His achievements include a decade of playing time with the Canucks Rugby Club and another decade as a junior coach for the Canucks. Martyn did everything, from directing cars in the parking lot to coaching all age levels. He worked with kids at Lord Beaverbrook High School and also served in executive positions, including president, with the Canucks, helping to make the club successful on the field while growing enrolments.



### **Wade Buteau**

Wade is a multi-sport talent who has coached football, wrestling, rugby, track and other athletic endeavours for 38 years. The teacher at Our Lady of the Rockies High School helped guide his teams to 17 city championships and one provincial title. Wade has built character in his athletes in a positive environment, allowing them to thrive in competition and in life.



### **Al Coates**

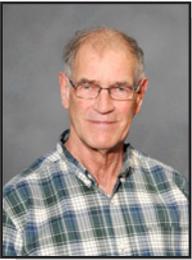
Al’s hockey roots in Calgary go back decades. He was an executive with the 1989 Calgary Flames team that won the Stanley Cup and he was an original organizer of the Calgary Flames Foundation Golf Gala event, which has raised millions of dollars for charity. Al was the executive director of the IIHF 2012 World Junior Hockey Championship and he remains an active member of the Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame selection committee.

**Cody Ehrmann**

Cody is a gridiron guru who has earned the respect and admiration of the student athletes he has taught over the years. The junior and senior football head coach at Calgary's Henry Wise Wood High School has been described as dedicated, passionate and inspiring by both his players and the teachers he's worked with. He has also coached track and field, basketball, and driven the bus for the school's basketball teams.

**Theresa Garagan**

Theresa has been a dedicated volunteer with Special Olympics Calgary for over two decades. She has attended numerous Special Olympics events at the local, provincial and national and international levels, working as a coach to push athletes to achieve their goals. Theresa coaches both track and field and alpine skiing, and she was the Co-Chair for the 2019 Special Olympics Alberta Provincial Winter Games, which were held in Calgary..

**Ian Gordon**

He was an intense competitor as a sprinter and that intensity allowed him to represent Canada at the Commonwealth Games, the Pan-Am Games and the Olympics in the early 1970s. Ian followed that up by coaching with Calgary Track West in the 1980s before setting his sights on working as an official, where his duties included track referee and start referee. He was also the statistician for the Alberta Officials Committee, has worked as a member of the National Officials' Committee, and he served on the Athletics Alberta Board. In 2017, Ian was named to the Athletics Canada Wall of Honour.

**Catriona Le May Doan**

She's a decorated athlete and an inspiring sports leader. As a speed skater, Catriona claimed two Olympic gold medals and another five World Championship gold medals. She was Canada's flag bearer at the closing ceremony of the 1998 Nagano Olympics and at the opening ceremony of the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics. In addition, she won the Lou Marsh Award as Canada's Athlete of the Year in 2002. Catriona has been inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Canada. She is currently the president & CEO of Sport Calgary.

**Art O'Dwyer**

Art is part of the fabric of Calgary's volleyball scene. After playing the sport at the University of Calgary in the late 1970s and early 1980s, he went into coaching. He served as an assistant volleyball coach at UCalgary before coaching other sports, including baseball, soccer and hockey. Art was named the Volleyball Alberta Coach of the Year in 2009 and he was the head coach of the SAIT women's volleyball program from 2011 through 2020. He continues to mentor young coaches.

**Todd Richards**

He's worked as an exceptional teacher and coach at Forest Lawn High School and James Fowler High School. Todd has coached track, basketball, hockey and football in those twenty-plus years. In that time, he has had a positive impact on thousands of student athletes.

**Lisa Schott**

She has spent countless hours volunteering her time to artistic swimming. Initially drawn to the sport by her daughter's involvement with a Calgary swimming club, Lisa went on to become a board member for Canada Artistic Swimming in the early 2000s. She then became the president of that organization from 2007 through 2011. Lisa's volunteer efforts continued as the president of Aquatics Canada, a role she held between 2011 and 2020. In 2017, she was elected as chair of the World Aquatic Technical Committee. Lisa is an internationally respected leader.

**Murray Sigler**

Murray has been an avid supporter of multiple sports in Calgary. The former CEO & executive director of Sport Calgary, continues to support athletics on several fronts. He is the founder of the Sport For Calgary Foundation, which seeks to build a healthy community through participation in sports, as well as the president/CEO of the Calgary Health Foundation. In addition, Murray sits on the boards of the Lindsay Park Sports Society, KidSport Calgary and the Glencoe Golf & Country Club.

**Pamela Young**

Getting everyone rowing in the right direction is no problem for Pamela. Her experience with the Calgary Rowing Club is extensive and includes time spent as a director, secretary, treasurer, vice-president and president. A thoughtful and effective leader, Pamela has also worked for 15 years on the Glenmore Canoe and Rowing Clubhouse Foundation Board.

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**HENRY VINEY TROPHY WINNER*****Alexandria Loutitt***

Photo: Credit Nathaniel Mah

Captivated by ski jumping when she watched athletes compete in the 2010 Olympic sport in Whistler, B.C., Alexandria Loutitt spent the next three-plus years begging her parents to let her join in on the high-flying fun. Now, the Calgarian is helping to take the sport to new heights for Canada.

The 20-year-old made her Olympic debut in Beijing in 2022, where she won bronze in mixed team ski jumping, and last year she became the first Canadian woman to win a FIS Ski Jumping World Cup event. That marked one of many firsts for Loutitt, who also won the women's large hill event at the 2023 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Slovenia and landed a 225-metre jump that set an all-time Canadian record.

"I have finally been able to soak it all in. But I really see it as the beginning of something bigger," said Loutitt of her success in 2023.

"It's often scary to go into the unknown and to chase what's never been done before, but I find it thrilling. I'm an adrenaline junkie who loves a challenge and I'm always up to break barriers."

Loutitt moved to Germany at the age of 14 to focus on her training and pursue her dream of competing in the Olympics. It was a major step that her mother, Tracy McKay, reflected on when she accepted the Henry Viney Trophy on Loutitt's behalf at a Calgary Booster Club press conference.

"It has been a long, difficult road," said McKay. "And Alexandria has really demonstrated a lot of grit and determination to get to where she is today."

Added McKay: "Thank goodness for the National Sports School and Ski Jumping Canada for supporting her ... that launched Alexandria off into a trajectory that I don't think we expected. And she's got big goals for the future."

We cannot wait to see what that future holds for Loutitt

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**PAST WINNERS*****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  
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2004 – TARYN SWIATEK, Soccer  
2005 – CINDY KLASSEN, Speed Skating  
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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  
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2015 – KAILLIE HUMPHRIES, Bobsledding  
2016 – MONIQUE SULLIVAN, Track Cycling  
2017 – ERICA WIEBE, Wrestling  
2018 – ALANA RAMSAY, Skiing  
2019 – ALEX GOUGH, Luge  
2022 – STEPHANIE LABBÉ, Soccer  
2023 – ISABELLE WIDEMANN, Speed Skating



Fueled by passion and determination, David embarked on a path that would not only redefine his capabilities but also inspire countless others along the way. His initial steps in the Special Olympics powerlifting category were marked by dedication and grit, laying the foundation for what would become a remarkable ascent.

Driven by an insatiable hunger for growth, David transitioned to competing in the 100% Raw Powerlifting Federation, pushing the boundaries of his own potential.

With each lift David epitomized the essence of sportsmanship and fair play, earning admiration both on and off the platform. It was this commitment to excellence and integrity that caught the attention of the Canadian Powerlifting Union. Undeterred by the challenges, David embraced the opportunity to compete against athletes in the open category, a decision that would ultimately lead him to remarkable heights.

In a display of determination and skill, David clinched a remarkable second place at the provincials, affirming his status as a force to be reckoned with in the powerlifting community.

Special Olympics Canada recognized David's exemplary character, bestowing upon him the honor of representing his country on the global stage in Berlin. Months of relentless training and preparation culminated in a triumphant moment as David stood atop the podium, a shining beacon of sportsmanship and camaraderie.

David is a multi-sport athlete and his genuine warmth and compassion endear him to fellow athletes, transcending boundaries and forging lifelong friendships.

For David, powerlifting isn't merely about lifting weights; it's about lifting spirits and fostering a community of inclusivity and belonging. David's journey serves as a testament to the transformative power of sport and the indomitable human spirit. Through his actions, he reminds us that true victory lies not in the medals we earn but in the lives we touch and the hearts we inspire.

He is a true champion in every sense of the word. His journey is a testament to the boundless possibilities that await when we embrace kindness, inclusion, and the unwavering belief in ourselves and others.

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**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 Power Lifting

2018 – ALLIE PRICE, Golf, Soccer

2019 – JUSTIN THOMPSON, Swimming

2022 – Nine representatives – figure skaters Amber Harriman, Emma Bittorf, Meg Ohsada, Kennedy Zaytsoff, JorDen Tyson; alpine skier Ferris Brewer; cross-country skiers Emily Ross, Sarah McCarthy; and speed skater Katie Saunders.

2023 – ANDREAS WALTHER, 9 different sports



Known for his distinctive pre-period stretching routine that is punctuated by a leap in the crease, goalie Dustin Wolf has made the jump to the Calgary Flames.

Before becoming a regular netminder in the National Hockey League (NHL), Wolf proved himself with the Calgary Wranglers. In only his second season of professional hockey, at the American Hockey League (AHL) level, the Californian claimed every major goaltending award, and more. His 55 games in the 2022-23 season led all AHL goalies and he finished 42-10-2, ranking tops in the league in wins, goals against average (2.09), save percentage (.932), and shutouts (seven).

The honours Wolf claimed for his 2022-23 season included the Les Cunningham Award (league MVP), the President's Award (player excellence), the Harry "Hap" Holmes Memorial Award (lowest GAA) and his second consecutive Aldege "Baz" Bastien Memorial Award as the AHL's best goalie.

Wolf made his NHL debut with the Flames in 2023 before splitting time in the AHL and NHL in 2024. The seventh-round pick in the 2019 NHL Entry Draft appeared in 17 games for the Flames in 2023-24, picking up seven wins in those games.

"It means a lot," Wolf said of winning the Scott-Mamini Memorial Award, which had previously been won by Flames alumni Jarome Iginla and Mark Giordano, as well as NHL star defenceman Cale Makar.

"They're pretty exceptional hockey players. To add yourself to a list of recipients like that is certainly a big honour."

Added Wolf: "This is only my second year full-time in the city of Calgary ... and you can tell just from being out in the public and being around the arena that people care a lot about their players and their city and hockey."

## 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	1979 – KEN READ, Alpine Skiing	2001 – DAVE DICKENSON, Football
1959 – DON LUZZI, Football	1980 – KEN READ, Alpine Skiing	2002 – JAROME IGINLA, Hockey
1960 – DOUG KYLE, Track & Field	1981 – JAMES SYKES, Football	2003 – JAROME IGINLA, Hockey
1961 – KEITH ALEXANDER, Golf	1982 – KARL TILLEMANN, Basketball	2004 – JEREMY WOTHERSPOON, Speed Skating
1962 – DOUG BARKLEY, Hockey	1983 – WILLIE deWIT, Boxing	2005 – KYLE SHEWELT, Gymnastics
1963 – HARVIE WYLIE, Football	1984 – REGGIE LEMELIN, Hockey	2006 – LEE GRAVES, Rodeo
1964 – JAMIE PAULSON, Badminton	1985 – TOM PONTING, Swimming	2007 – MIIKKA KIPRUSOFF, Hockey
1965 – LOVELL COLEMAN, Football	1986 – ED LUKOWICH, Curling	2008 – STEPHEN AMES, Golf
1966 – RON NORTHCOTT, Curling	1987 – RICK JOHNSON, Football	2009 – HENRY BURRIS, Football
1967 – WAYNE HARRIS, Football	1988 – JOE NIEUWENDYK, Hockey	2010 – JOHN KUCERA, Alpine Skiing
1968 – RON NORTHCOTT, Curling	1989 – MIKE VERNON, Hockey	2011 – JON MONTGOMERY, Skeleton
1969 – BOB WYLIE, Golf	1990 – MARK TEWKSBURY, Swimming	2012 – JON CORNISH, Football
1970 – PETE SAVINKOFF, Fastball	1991 – BOB WYLIE, Golf	2013 – JON CORNISH, Football
1971 – BARBARA SIMPSON, Equestrian	1992 – MARK TEWKSBURY, Swimming	2014 – JON CORNISH, Football
1972 – JOHN DAVIDSON, Hockey	1993 – MARK TEWKSBURY, Swimming	2015 – ANDREW BUCKLEY, Football
1973 – JOHN HELTON, Football	1994 – DAVID SAPUNJIS, Football	2016 – ANDREW BUCKLEY, Football
1974 – BILL BENKO, Wrestling	1995 – RICHARD BOHNE, Basketball	2017 – KEVIN KOE, Curling
1975 – KATHY PRIESTNER, Speed Skating	1996 – DON BLAIR, Football	2018 – BRIAN MCKEEVER, Skiing
1976 – WILLIE BURDEN, Football	1997 – CURTIS MYDEN, Swimming	2019 – JUSTIN KRIPPS, Bobsleigh
1977 – PAUL GOWSELL, Curling	1998 – MIKE VERNON, Hockey	2022 – RILEY FLEMING, Golf
1978 – HELEN VANDERBURG, Synchronized Swimming	1999 – JEFF GARCIA, Football	2023 – CALE MAKAR, Hockey
	2000 – JEREMY WOTHERSPOON, Speed Skating	

# *Friends of the Calgary Booster Club*

The Calgary Booster Club would like to **thank** the following companies and individuals whose donations continue to help Calgary's athletes and volunteers:

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Artistic Cuts	Porch Restaurant	Carol Hermanson
Banff Park Lodge	Regan Hesjedal	Mark Hlady
Blue Devil Golf Course	Richmond's Pub	Lawrence King
Bucar's RV	Riverside Golf Centre	JR Smith
Calgary Co-Op West Springs	Sable Developments	Kathy Underhill
Calgary Flames	Safeway Canada Montomery	
Calgary Stampeders	Sandman Hotels	
Calgary Surge	Sandman Signature Edmonton	
Comery Block BBQ	Santorini Greek Tavernina	
Earl's Restaurant	Shaw Charity Classic	
Fergus & Bix West Springs	Silverado Sobeyes	
Four Points by Sheraton – Calgary West	Sirroco Golf Course	
Grey Eagle Resort and Casino	South Block BBQ	
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Hockey Canada	Strides Running Store - Marda Loop	
The House of Toli Salon & Spa	Truman Homes	
Joey's	Tucker Hockey Program	
Kananaskis Golf and Country Club	Una Pizza and Wine Calgary - West Springs	
Karma Campervans	University of Calgary	
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Jack Quigley*	Insurance Executive, Quigley Hunt Insurance
Art Smith*	Advertising Executive and former Member of Parliament

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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.

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## 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	\$18,000
• Art Smith Amateur Sport Legacy Fund Endowment Grants	\$20,000
• Bob Freeze Sports Grants	\$29,000

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2023-2024***

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– Fred Wuotila*	– Curly Hunt*	
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1999 – Dennis Kadatz*	– Ernie McCullough, Jr.*	

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## *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 \$5,000.

### *2024 Bob Freeze Sport Grant Individual Recipients*

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>SPORT</u></b>
Charlie-Jean Adolphe	Basketball
Orla Bailey	Rowing
Ella Ball	Netball
Kyla Bednarek	Basketball
Xavier Bird	Canoe Kayak
Lia Cho	Figure skate
Marek Chomin	Speed Skating
Parker Deshayes	Swimming
Eirny Erinugha	Basketball
Neven Fewster	Soccer
Meghan Flaws	Volleyball
Ryenn Forsberg	BMX
Ashtynn Forsberg	Luge and Bmx
Adam Holub	Mogul Skiing
Serena Jiang	Fencing
Abraham Khalil	Modern Pentathlon
Laon Kim	Swimming
Jenna Konoff	Cross Country Skiing
Justin Konoff	Biathlon
Sunnie Leishman	Triathlon, Running
Joshua Li	Waterpolo
Yu He (Audrey) Li	Fencing
jacob Li	Modern pentathlon
Jiaqi (Ricky) Lin	Speed Skating
Pedro Moises	Volleyball
Ramin Movaffagh	Karate & Football
Donya Movaffagh	Karate
Hana Murphy	Pentathlon and Fencing
Jacob Pagaling	Boxing
McKenna Pineda-McLean	Water Polo
Felicia Robert	Speed Skating
Kiira Saarenoja	Sprint Canoe Racing
Solvay Semmens	Cycling, BMX
Nicholas Wang	Speed Skating
Brooke White	Rock Climbing

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## *Art Smith Endowment Grant Recipients*

The Art Smith Amateur Sport Legacy Fund is a partnership between the Calgary Booster Club and the Parks Foundation Calgary. Together these two groups have created and will continue to build an endowment fund to provide much needed assistance for amateur athletes. Because The Art Smith Amateur Sport Legacy is an endowment fund, your gift can be used now and will still be at work for many years to come. To check out the many ways you can gain taxable benefits, please visit [www.parksfdn.com](http://www.parksfdn.com), or call (587) 350-9583, or send an email to [info@calgarybooster.com](mailto:info@calgarybooster.com).

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.

### **Carly Bonham – Water Skiing**

Carly has had unwavering passion and dedication for the sport of waterskiing. Her coaches say she is always the first to show up to training, and a very dedicated athlete on the water. This has helped her achieve a silver medal at the 2022 Pan Am championships, and a bronze in the 2022 Canadian National championships and has been a valued team member of the junior national team for the past 5 years.

Besides her time spent on the water as an athlete, she has also been a dedicated volunteer to waterskiing. She has been involved as a side skier and dock starter for adaptive waterski clinics and is always willing to give back. Carly is a beloved coach by all parents and kids who participate in the program and deserves credit for inspiring kids with her passion, dedication and ensuring a positive experience for these young athletes.

### **Anna Bourgeois – Long Track Speed Skating**

Anna Bourgeois represents Canada in Long Track Speed Skating. She has been nominated for the Next- Gen Team. Anna began her high-performance program in 2018. Even as a grad student pursuing a master's degree, Ann still volunteers with the Kids Cancer Care Skate leading an adaptive skating program. She also volunteers with Classroom Champions Organization several times a year where young skaters are blessed to receive her coaching expertise.

Annually, Anna demonstrates unwavering commitment to her discipline and continues to show great talent in Long Track Speed Skating. In the 2022, Canada Cup Finale Anna won a Bronze and had two 4th place finishes. Internationally, in 2023, Anna placed 4th in the FISU Mixed Gender Relay and 11th in the 1500m. Anna ranked 3rd in the 1000m for the Canadian National 2022-2023 season. The Canadian Cup Finale saw Anna place 5th in the 1000m. and 4th in the 1500m. Currently nationally, Ann is ranked 7th in the 1000m.

Anna demonstrates wonderful resilience navigating setbacks and challenges. Mental flexibility and her positive outlook help inspire her to elevate her successes. Anna brings her academic prowess to her craft. She is always striving to understand why and what will help her improve physically, technically and mentally. Her goal is to represent Canada on the world stage and to achieve a personal record in the 1000 m and the 2500 m.

It is with great pleasure that Anna Bourgeois be awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2024.

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### **Connor Chow – Modern Pentathlon**

Connor is a Junior National Team athlete, competing as a member of the Ares Modern Pentathlon Club. He is a NextGen athlete meaning he is targeted for as potential future high performer at the Senior level. Connor is a gifted athlete with a positive attitude and demonstrates leadership within his training group through his kind demeanor, dry humour and athletic performances. Connor qualified for his first National Team in 2022, and most notably reached the Final at the 2023 Junior World Championships. An early highlight in the season is his 2ndplace finish at the 2023 NORCECA championships and a gold medal in the mixed relay.

While managing his athletic goals, Connor is also a dedicated student at Mount Royal University. Connor is also an Ares Junior Coach, aptly leading young athletes in pentathlon training. His teammates admire his attitude and athletic abilities, and the younger athletes in the Club look up to him as a ‘star.’

### **Blake Enzie – Skeleton**

Blake Enzie represents Canada on the world stage in Skeleton. Blake has a huge passion for the sport and has through dedicated training become the Canadian Junior Champion for the past 5 seasons. Currently, internationally, Blake ranks 23rd in the world.

Blake demonstrates excellent leadership, advocates for athlete wellness, and motivates teammates to excel. Blake learns quickly and has wonderful athletic prowess. His mental training has kept him calm under pressure. He shows determined focus and an overall kindness to others. Blake volunteers with the Skeleton Organization in helping others develop their skills in the sport.

Blake aspires to compete on the Olympic stage once again in Skeleton. In 2022, he ranked 20th for Canada and 6th at the Whistler World Cup. In 2023 and 2024 Blake’s talent awarded him a double gold in the Canadian National Championships. Blake’s goals are once again to qualify for the World Cup Team and become our Canadian Sr. National Champion. His desire is to consistently be in the top 20 in World Cup Skeleton. We will continue to hear the name, Blake Enzie as a top contender in the sport of Skeleton for years to come.

It is with great pleasure that Blake Enzie is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2024.

### **Katherine Featherstone – Water Polo**

Katherine Featherstone is a born and raised Calgarian who, at the age of 18, is currently the leading freshman in points on a Division 1 NCAA Water Polo Team, while studying Speech and Hearing Bachelor of Sciences at Arizona State University (she was named to the Dean’s List for ASU’s College of Health Solutions last fall). A dazzling record for an athlete with humble beginnings, Katherine Featherstone is grabbing every opportunity and maximizing her growth potential. The Calgary Renegades Water Polo Club is where Katherine got her start, and before long she was competing internationally. In 2021 she competed in Dallas, Miami, and Salt Lake City garnering medal finishes in more than one stop. Competitions in 2022 included Indianapolis where she was the 2nd youngest and 2nd highest scorer on the Canadian Junior National Women’s Team, and then in Belgrade, Serbia where she was 3rd top scorer on the team. In 2023, she

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competed again as the 2nd youngest on the team in Portugal. As the ASU Sun Devils wrap up their season in May, Katherine hopes to be selected for the Canadian Junior National Team and compete at the Pan-American Championships in El Salvador later that month! Looking beyond, she hopes to make her way on to the Senior Women's National Team and be considered for the Olympic Cycle leading up to 2028 in Los Angeles. The Calgary Booster Club is pleased to witness the meteoric rise of this Water Polo sensation and congratulates her on all successes!

It is with great pleasure that Katherine is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2024.

### **Kelly Fitzsimmons – Modern Pentathlon**

Kelly Fitzsimmons is a modern pentathlon athlete on the Canadian national team. She is a five-time national champion (2016, 2018, 2019, 2022 and 2023) and recently competed at the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile. She finished 11th in the individual final, 5th in the mixed relay, and won bronze in the women's relay. Her eyes are now set on qualifying for the 2024 Paris Summer Olympic Games.

Kelly has also given back to her sporting community by volunteering as the athlete representative at Pentathlon Canada. Beyond sport, Kelly is currently studying at Queens & Cornell University for her executive MBA.

Kelly is committed to her training, competing, community and academics, making her a suitable recipient for the Art Smith Endowment Grant.

### **Amy Fraser – Freestyle Skiing – Halfpipe**

Amy Fraser is a multisport athlete and began skiing during her university days where her interest developed in Freestyle skiing. Initially, she taught herself some jumps and rails at Canada Olympic Park. She went from these early years to representing Canada on the FIS World Cup Tour. Amy currently ranks second overall for the last two years. This year, Amy won the Mammoth Mountain, California World Cup. She consistently stands on the podium in the World Cup and X-Games. Nationally, Amy ranked 3rd last year and moved to second this year.

Amy is unparalleled in her work ethic and commitment to her sport. She delivers outstanding consecutive performances and is really showing a dominance in the sport of halfpipe. Her creative approach to training and her enthusiasm to the sport of skiing is contagious. Amy often hosts free all female introduction clinics for halfpipe. Amy represents her community and strives to achieve the highest level possible.

Amy's goal is to win the Crystal Globe which ranks her first overall for halfpipe skiing in the world. She hopes to bring home the Gold at the 2026 Olympics in Italy. Amy strives to bring her own personal style to skiing by incorporating new tricks and creativity into her programs. Amy is an awesome representative in her sport for Canada and we will continue to hear her name in the world of Halfpipe for years to come.

It is with great pleasure that Amy Fraser is awarded the Art Smith Endowment for 2024.

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### **Liam Gill – Snowboard Halfpipe**

Liam Gill is a snowboard halfpipe athlete on the Canadian National Team. He represented Canada at the 2022 Beijing Olympic Winter Games and is currently ranked first in Canada. Liam has his sights set on qualifying for his second Olympics in 2026.

Beyond his athletic results, Liam is a leader in his community and uses his platform to inspire youth. Liam is a member of the Liidlii Kue First Nation and is motivated to provide access to recreational participation for indigenous youth. Liam held his own event called 'Liam and Friends', which allowed indigenous youth to try snowboarding and celebrate their identity, culture, and traditions. His event was so successful that Liam has decided to found a non-profit that will offer more programming to indigenous youth nation-wide.

Liam believes that sport has the power to unite, create joy and inspire hope and pride. We are proud to award Liam the Art Smith Endowment Grant.

### **Andrew Hubbard - Rowing**

Andrew Hubbard began rowing at the age of 14 with the Calgary Rowing Club. Through Andrew's fabulous work ethic, natural athleticism, and disciplined focus he made his first international debut on the world stage at the U23 World National Championship where he placed 16th in the Men's doubles.

Andrew has numerous National Rowing U23 accolades under his belt winning a bronze and 6th overall in 2023. In 2022, Andrew won a Silver with a 3rd place overall. In 2022, at the Canadian Speed Orders Andrew won a Gold with a 3rd place overall finish.

Despite, Andrew's busy academic load at the University of Victoria, he still finds time to be one of the most encouraging and positive teammates. His dedicated leadership to his craft and those around him has spurred him on to wonderful successes. Andrew received two 4th place finishes at the 2023 Canadian University Rowing Championships. He placed 6th in the men's doubles at the Pan Am Qualifiers. The 2022 Canada Summer Games, saw Andrew win a Gold in the Men's Pair and a Bronze in the Men's Quad. Andrew also won a gold in the Men's pair and a bronze in the men's Quad at the Alberta Summer Games.

Andrew Hubbard's goal is to compete for Canada in the FISU World Rowing Championships in Rotterdam, Netherlands. He continues to strive to be in the top three overall in the Senior Canadian Rowing Championships. Andrew's outstanding rowing talent and dedication to excellence will help him achieve his goals.

It is with great pleasure that Andrew Hubbard is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2024.

### **Tyson Langelaar – Long Track Speed Skating**

Tyson is an Olympian who has been competing internationally since he was Junior.

Tyson made his Olympic debut at Beijing 2022 as a member of Team Canada. He competed in the 1500m where he was a member of Canada's 5th place finish in team pursuits and 22nd in the 1500m.

During the 2023 competitive season, Tyson had an impressive 9th place finish in Men's 1500m at ISU World Cup 5, and at the ISU World Championships he placed 13th in the Men's 1500m. At the Canadian Championships, Tyson placed 3rd in both the Men's 1000m and the 1500m.

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Tyson's hopes were to podium at the 2024 Canadian Championships, but unfortunately his season was cut short due to a lingering injury. Tyson's goal is to get back into the World's Top 10 ranking in the Men's 1500m.

Tyson spends his time outside of sport as an undergrad student studying Urban Studies at the University of Calgary and volunteering for the organization Classroom Champions. He also puts in countless hours as a director of the Calgary Booster Club working to boost sponsorship for athletes and their programs. His support of the future generation of athletes attests to his excellent character.

Tyson continues to work towards achieving international podium finishes leading into the 2026 Olympic games.

It is with great pleasure that Tyson Langelaar is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2024.

### **Zach Lavin – Para Hockey**

Zach Lavin started playing Para ice hockey with the Calgary Scorpions in 2016 after being introduced to the sport by Chris Cederstrand, a former member of Canada's National Sledge Team... Zach had both legs amputated below the knee after getting lost on a hiking trip in the Rocky Mountains for three days and suffering frostbite in February 2016.

As an active, multi-sport athlete, Zach chose not to let his accident be a tragedy, but rather to turn it into a new challenge and opportunity for himself. Although he never actually played hockey growing up, he found para hockey through a chance encounter in Okotoks.

"After my accident, I felt like I got a second chance at life, and I just wanted a fresh start," he said. "So, I ended up at a gym in Okotoks, and met Chris Cedarstrand, and he brought me out to the rink and introduced me to para hockey for the first time. I was instantly hooked by seeing his speed and the way he could maneuver the puck, so I started training with him."

Zach first made Canada's National Para Hockey Team 2017-18. In 2019 made his international debut for Canada at the World Championships winning the silver medal. He again represented Canada in 2021 and 2023 at the World Championships where the team won silver medals both times.

When Zach Lavin first made Canada's National Para Hockey Team in 2017-18, he set a new goal for himself - to don the maple leaf at the in Beijing at the 2022 Paralympic Games, which he accomplished, winning a Silver medal. With that goal accomplished, his sights are now set on winning a gold medal.

It is with great pleasure that Zach Lavin is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2024.

### **Olivia Li – Modern Pentathlon**

Olivia Li represents Canada on both the Junior and Senior National Pentathlon teams. Modern Pentathlon is a very diverse multi-sport consisting of fencing, freestyle swimming, equestrian show jumping, pistol shooting and cross country running.

She is the highest ranked Junior athlete and second-highest ranked Senior athlete, in Canada. Olivia's most recent highlight was competing at the 2023 Pan American Games (Santiago, CHI) where she finished 24th. Olivia is a bronze medalist at the 2023 National Championships and a silver medalist at the 2022 National Championships. At the 2022 Pan American Championships, she finished 9th in the Junior Women's event.

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Olivia fences in National and Provincial tournaments (a discipline of pentathlon), where she consistently finishes on the podium. Most recently, she finished first and third in Provincial Circuit tournaments (ARES Open and Don Laszlo Open, respectively).

In addition to her athletic success, Olivia is a Psychology student at the University of Calgary, on the Faculty of Science's Dean List. In 2022 she was a Hotchkiss Brain Institute Research Assistant working in the Wilson Lab (where she co-authored her first published paper). Olivia's also a Junior Coach at Ares, and a past recipient of its annual Leadership Award.

Olivia is striving in her training to represent Canada at this year's Junior World's Championships in Egypt and making the finals. It is with great pleasure that Olivia Li is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2024.

### **Brooklyn McDougall – Long Track Speed Skating**

Brooklyn McDougall represents Canada in Long Track Speed Skating and competes in the 500m sprint. Currently, Brooklyn is on the Canadian Long Track Next Gen Team.

Brooklyn's passion and strong work ethic has led her to the Olympics and several World Cup Championships. In the Beijing Olympics, Brooklyn placed 22nd in the 500m. In 2022/23, she had a 20th ranking in World Cup Standings for the 500m and that year at the World Speed Skating Championship took a 16th place finish in the 500m.

In our Canadian National Championships, Brooklyn took home a Bronze, Silver, and a Gold over the past three years. Currently, Brooklyn is sitting in 33rd in the World Cup Ranking. With perseverance, Brooklyn is working her way back from an illness. She is passionate for her sport and demonstrates hard work and determination. Brooklyn competed for Canada even as a junior and has the talent and ability to break the Canadian 500m. record.

Brooklyn is an outstanding advocate for her sport and giving back to our Calgary community where she was born. She volunteers and an athlete ambassador for the Special Olympics. She is an accomplished artist, and her work will be displayed at the 2024 Paris Olympics. She has designed the official apparel for the 2024 World Speed Skating Championship. The proceeds for the sales of this clothing line will go to Long Track Program. Currently, Brooklyn is a volunteer director for the Calgary Booster Club where she puts in countless hours on several committees to boost sponsorship for athletes and their programs.

Brooklyn aims to consistently be in the top 20 in World Cup Standings and place in the top 10 at a World Cup Championship. She wants to represent Canada at the 2025 World Speed Skating Championships and the 2026 Olympics. We will continue to hear about Brooklyn McDougall as she represents Canada in the Sport of Long Track Speed Skating for years to come.

It is with great pleasure that Brooklyn McDougall is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2024.

### **Maddison Pearman – Long Track Speedskating**

Maddison Pearman is a long track speed skater on the Canadian National Team. She represented Canada at the 2022 Beijing Olympic Winter Games and became 2024

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World Champion in the women's Team Sprint on home ice at the Calgary Olympic Oval. She is also ranked first overall in Canada in the women's 1000m. Next season, her goal is to defend the World Championship title in the women's Team Sprint.

Beyond her success on the ice, Maddison is the Athlete Representative for the National Long Track Program. Her role includes advocating for the collective interest of the athletes and communicating concerns to the Leadership staff and Board of Directors of Speed Skating Canada. Maddison also volunteered her time during the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games.

Maddison's leadership on and off the ice has made her a deserving recipient of the Art Smith Endowment Grant.

### **Karissa Riley – Rowing**

"I aspire to show the world that, although I may be small for the average rower, small does not equal slow." A born and raised Calgarian, Karissa Riley started rowing in 2018. With no previous experience and being undersized relative to others her age, Karissa nonetheless made an immediate impression that she was not to be underestimated. Showing a willingness to commit the time and energy that might have turned others away from the sport, Karissa chose to stick with Rowing and the hard work that goes along with it. With a determination to develop beyond her stature, she was soon selected to represent Alberta at the 2019 Western Canada Summer Games. Since then, she has earned an undergraduate degree from The University of Western Ontario, while representing Canada at the 2021, 2022, and 2023 U23 World Championships. She has distinguished herself as the first Albertan to win a medal (Bronze) in a single at a U23 World Championship, and most recently took a Silver Medal at The Canadian National Championship in lightweight women single. Her primary athletic focus is now to work toward representing Canada at the 2024 World Rowing Championships, with the goal of bringing home a Gold Medal in the Lightweight Women's Single Sculls. With the games being hosted in St. Catharines, Ontario, she relishes a rare opportunity to compete for and win Canada Gold on a Canadian course! Her future goals include a transition to open weight sculler, knowing that Lightweight Rowing will be phased out by the L.A. Olympic Games in 2028. Until then, as Karissa sets her sights on the 2024 World Championship, the Calgary Booster Club commends her relentless pursuit of excellence and is proud to be a supporter!

It is with great pleasure that Karissa is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2024.

### **Miki Rowbottom - Wrestling**

Miki Rowbottom is a University of Calgary Dinos wrestler. She won bronze at the 2024 Pan American Championships, bronze at the 2023 USports Championships and is currently ranked top 3 in Canada in her weight class. Miki also represented the Dinos club at the 2023 Canadian Olympic team trials and placed third in her weight class. Miki has her sights set on the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Olympic Games.

During her varsity wrestling career, Miki studied at the University of Calgary to obtain an Engineering degree. Her coach describes her as a leader in team building and creating safe spaces for vulnerability. She is a role model in her work ethic and is dedicated to improving her skills on and off the mats.

Miki is a well-deserving recipient of the Art Smith Endowment Grant.

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### **Kaiya Ruiter – Figure Skating**

With the ultimate goal of competing at the 2026 Winter Olympic Games in Italy, Kaiya Ruiter is well on her way with a flurry of National and International competitions, and encouraging results, over the last three years. Now, at seventeen years of age, Kaiya currently holds a top-50 international ranking. She came in 20th place at the 2024 ISU Junior World Championships in Taiwan this March, and won a Team Bronze and an Individual 11th place at the 2024 Youth Olympic Games in South Korea. She has also captured a 2024 National Senior Women's Championship last January in Calgary, and a Skate Canada Challenge Silver medal, both in Senior Women's! Scott Davis, National Certified and Olympic Level coach, has worked with Kaiya for the past several years, and describes her as one of the most dedicated, self-motivated, and focused athletes he has ever taught. "She loves every minute of being on the ice, from the daily training to the intense, competitive atmosphere ... Kaiya works extremely hard both on and off the ice..." He also recognizes and admires the sincerity and kindness he shows to teammates, crediting her with support and encouragement of others to help them realize their goals. With continued support and healthy development, the sky is the limit for Kaiya, and The Calgary Booster Club is very pleased to be a part of Kaiya Ruiter's athletic journey as she sets her sights on the Olympics!

It is with great pleasure that Kaiya Ruiter is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2024.

### **Payton Sheehan – Triathlon**

Payton Sheehan is a young, up and coming athlete competing both nationally and internationally for Canada.

Nationally, Payton qualified for Team Canada to compete at the July 2023 World Triathlon Sprint and Relay Championships in Hamburg, Germany. She was invited to the Canadian Junior Triathlete Development Camp for our top Canadian Juniors. Currently, Payton is still a high school student with bright prospects to compete as an NCAA Athlete.

In the 2023 triathlon season, Payton demonstrated remarkable performance, securing a place on the podium an impressive seven times—a feat that speaks volumes about her talent and determination as a junior triathlete. She competed at the U25 US National Development Race in Florida in March 2023 in Draft Legal Super sprint winning a silver medal in the 15-19 age group and finishing 7th overall.

Furthermore, she qualified to represent Canada in Hamburg, Germany at the 2023 World Sprint Triathlon Championships where she placed 5th in 15-19 Mixed Relay (fastest Canadian female 15-19) and 29th, 16-19 category. These results underscore her prowess on the international stage.

Payton's meticulous attention to detail and relentless drive to succeed have been instrumental in her remarkable achievements thus far in her triathlon career. Her diligent work ethic and ability to train intelligently inspire confidence in her ability to advance along the Olympic Pathway and forge a highly successful career in the field. In addition to her individual accomplishments, Payton's inclusion on the Alberta Provincial team and her participation in the Triathlon Canada Junior Development team camps, further demonstrates her standing as a rising star in the sport. Her presence within these elite training environments not only elevates her own performance but also motivates and inspires her peers to strive for excellence.

It is with great pleasure that Payton Sheehan is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2024.

## *Art Smith Endowment Grant Recipients*

### **Devon Wardrope - Luge**

Devin is a member of the Canadian National Luge Team. His coaches say that it is a privilege to coach Devin, witnessing his evolution from a promising Junior Luge athlete to an indispensable member of the Senior National Luge Team. Devin consistently demonstrates an unparalleled work ethic and unwavering dedication to his sport. His ability to exceed our program's rigorous physical testing standards is a testament to his relentless commitment to excellence. What truly distinguishes Devin is his remarkable resilience in high-pressure situations. Devin had a number of standout performances throughout the 2022/23 World Cup Season, where he demonstrated this on the international stage and emerged as one of our program's top male doubles athletes. His aspirations, including achieving success in World Cup events, securing victories at World Championships, and representing Canada at the 2026 Winter Olympic Games.

Beyond his athletic achievements, Devin displays the values of sportsmanship, integrity, and leadership. He consistently shows respect for his fellow athletes, coaches, and officials, contributing positively to the overall culture of our team and the sport of luge as a whole.

### **Isabelle Weidemann – Speed Skating - Long Track & Team Pursuit**

It has been close to a decade since Isabelle (Izzy) Weideman first made Team Canada and won her first World Championship in 2015. She has since competed at World Championships, World Cups, and gone through two Olympic Game cycles. With a recent team pursuit Silver Medal in the 3,000 meters at The Speed Skating World Championship this winter, Izzy is currently, and assuredly, on top of her game. An incredibly accomplished athlete, a dedicated University of Calgary student of Geology, and a role model in the community, her ability to find balance in life while maintaining a keen competitive edge in skating is truly remarkable. In addition to becoming the Vice-World Champion in recent months, her 2023-2024 season highlights include earning the title of Canadian Champion for the 12th time in her career! Off the ice, she is an ambassador for Classroom Champions, a mentor for up-and-coming skaters, and she volunteers her time to coach all levels of sport. She is also a volunteer for Alberta Health Services where she works in the emergency room at Foothills Medical Center. Despite incurring three major soft tissue injuries this season, Izzy has battled to recover, overcome these setbacks, and rebound to become, once again, a world-class contender. Izzy's Speed Skating Canada Physiotherapist and Paramedical Staff have remarked that the resilience, tenacity, and hard work she has shown in the return to competition process, are the same attributes that have made her a champion. They also describe her as a leader due to her levelheaded, positive attitude, and her refined work ethic. The Calgary Booster Club applauds her achievements and is proud to support her goal of maintaining her standing on the international stage!

It is with great pleasure that Isabelle Weideman is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2024.

## *Art Smith Endowment Grant Recipients*

### **Gabrielle Yarema - Rowing**

This past summer, while rowing for the Calgary Rowing Club, Gabby won a gold medal at the summer club championships (Royal Canadian Henley) in the championship women's pair. Since the conclusion of our fall racing season, Gabby has been working hard to continue her improvement in preparation for national team selection opportunities that will be offered in the spring. At Western University Gabby is a senior athlete within their team and is respected by both her teammates and our coaching staff for her strong work ethic and concern for others. She is a dedicated advocate for the well-being of all the members of her team and can be relied upon to bring concerns or suggestions to team leaders and coaches. She is an inspiring role model for both experienced and new members of the team and was recognized by her teammates when they voted Gabrielle as captain of the women's varsity team at Western University.

The image is a promotional graphic for St. Mary's University. It features a circular logo on the left with a stylized eight-pointed star in the center, surrounded by the text "ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY". The background is a photograph of a red brick building with a tower, also featuring the star logo. Overlaid on the image is the text "DISCOVER YOUR PASSION. DEFINE YOUR SUCCESS" in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the address "14500 Bannister Rd SE, Calgary AB | 403-531-9130" and the website "stmu.ca" in white text.

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# University / College Athlete Awards

## SAIT Athletes



### SAIT Trojans Female Athlete of the Year: Brook Baker – Basketball

Brook Baker is a 3rd year Trojans student-athlete, who will be completing her Rehabilitation Therapy Assistant diploma this year. Brook took top honors in 6 stats categories this year in the ACAC. Claiming the #1 spot for: Games player, minutes played, field goals, defensive rebounds, overall points and points per game. Scoring 451 points this season and averaging 21.5 per game, Brook was a force to be reckoned with all season. Brook was name ACAC All Conference for the 23-24 season. She is a true leader and we're proud she is part of the Trojans – Congratulations Brook!



### SAIT Trojans Male Athlete of the Year: Marcus Masters – Basketball

This is Marcus's second year being named Sait Trojans Male Athlete of the Year. Marcus is a 3rd year marketing student at Sait who helped lead his team to victory at the 22-23 CCAA National Championships. A 2-time ACAC Champion, Marcus posted 444 points in the 23-24 season. Marcus was ranked 1st in the league for 3pt shots and averaged 22.2 points per game – 3rd best in the league. Marcus was names ACAC All Conference & CCAA All Canadian in the 23-24 season. Filled with quiet confidence, Marcus leads his team with grace and perseverance – congratulations Marcus!



# University / College Athlete Awards

## Mount Royal University Athletes



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### Female Rookie of the Year: Tamara Djuriscic

Tamara Djuriscic emerged as a standout talent in women's soccer, earning the esteemed title of Mount Royal University Female Rookie of the Year. Her impact on the field was immediate and undeniable, as evidenced by her inclusion in both the Canada West All-Rookie Team and the U SPORTS Rookie Team, solidifying her status as one of the brightest prospects in university soccer. Djuriscic's prowess as a goal-scorer was evident throughout the season, as she led her team in scoring for the entirety of 2023. With eight goals, two assists, and a total of 10 points in 14 games, her offensive contributions were crucial to her team's success. Djuriscic's impressive debut season sets a promising foundation for her future in the sport, showcasing her potential to become a dominant force in women's soccer at MRU and beyond.

### Male Rookie of the Year: Aiden Dumoulin

It's a debut season to remember as men's soccer goalkeeper Aiden Dumoulin took home Mount Royal's Male Rookie of the Year honours. Dumoulin's impact was immediate and profound, rewriting history by breaking the Canada West clean sheet record from 1996, a remarkable feat for a rookie. Beyond his exceptional skills on the field, Dumoulin's leadership qualities shone brightly throughout the season, proving invaluable in securing the team's Canada West Championship. Recognized for his stellar performance, he earned a spot on the Canada West Second Team and the Canada West All-Rookie Team, solidifying his status as a rising star in university soccer. With an impressive record of 11 wins, two losses, and an outstanding 10 shutouts in 14 games, Dumoulin's talent and determination are undeniable, promising a bright future ahead for MRU's men's soccer program.

### Female AI Bohonus Athlete of the Year: Emma Bergesen

Emma Bergesen finishes her career as a Cougar becoming a beacon of excellence in women's hockey, rightfully crowned MRU's Female Athlete of the Year. As a force to be reckoned with on the ice, Bergesen's achievements speak volumes. Not only was she named First Team CW All-Star, but she also clinched the prestigious title of Defenceman of the Year, showcasing her unparalleled skill and dedication to the game. Leading her team in scoring, Bergesen's impact reverberated throughout the league as she finished tied for sixth in league scoring. Her exceptional performance earned her a spot on the U SPORTS First Team All-Canadian roster, solidifying her status as one of the best in the nation. With 7 goals, 15 assists, and a total of 21 points in 28 games, Bergesen's contributions, coupled with her exemplary leadership, set a standard of excellence for women's hockey at MRU.

### Male AI Bohonus Athlete of the Year: Connor Bouchard

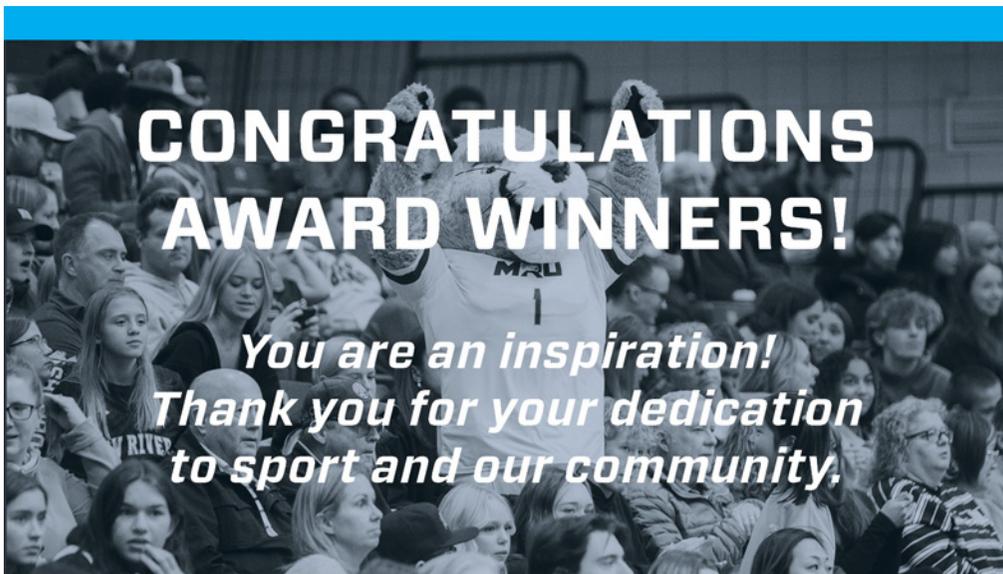
Connor Bouchard, the epitome of excellence on the ice, has rightfully clinched the title of Mount Royal's Male Athlete of the Year. With an astounding array of achievements, Bouchard's prowess in men's hockey is unmatched. Garnering accolades such as Canada West First Team All-Star and Canada West Most Outstanding Player, he has left an indelible mark on the league. His dominance is exemplified by being the Canada West Top Scorer, surpassing his closest competitor by a staggering 18 points. Bouchard's exceptional performance extends to the national stage, where he secured the title of U SPORTS Player of the Year and earned a spot on the U SPORTS First Team All-Canadian. With 23 goals, 34 assists, and a remarkable 57 points in 26 games, Bouchard's skill, determination, and dedication shine bright, etching his name in history.

## **Female Brian Fleming Award Recipient: Sarah McKillican**

Sarah McKillican epitomizes the embodiment of Mount Royal's Brian Flemming Award, seamlessly intertwining athletic prowess, academic excellence, and community service. Adaptable and selfless, she embraced diverse roles on the volleyball court as a libero and setter, showcasing her commitment to team success. McKillican's influential leadership and unwavering dedication set her apart, earning the respect of teammates and coaches alike. Off the court, her stellar academic achievements, including a remarkable GPA and multiple time U SPORTS Academic All-Canadian honours, highlight her commitment to academic excellence. Furthermore, McKillican's passion for community service shines through her involvement in coaching the future generation. Through her holistic approach to life, Sarah McKillican serves as a beacon of inspiration, embodying the values of integrity, leadership, and service synonymous with the Brian Flemming Award.

## **Male Brian Fleming Award Recipient: Connor Blake**

Connor Blake epitomizes the essence of excellence both on and off the ice, exemplified by his recognition as Mount Royal's Brian Flemming Award winner. Beyond his remarkable achievements in hockey, including being honored with the Canada West Sportsmanship and Ability Award and Canada West Second Team All-Star, Blake's character shines through. Despite facing physical challenges as one of the smaller players in the league, he embodies resilience and class, earning respect from peers and professors alike. Blake's commitment to academic success is evident in his outstanding GPA and U SPORTS Academic All-Canadian honours, showcasing his dedication to excellence beyond athletics. Moreover, his dedication to community service, volunteering with organizations like SuperHEROES and donating blood regularly, underscores his compassionate nature. Connor Blake's time at MRU sets a sterling example for all, embodying the values of sportsmanship, academic achievement, and community involvement.



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# University / College Athlete Awards

## Ambrose University Athletes



### Female Mel Sylvester Leadership Award Winner

Tegan McArthur

This year's Leadership Award recipient is a seasoned leader within her team. Her composed demeanor and diligent efforts on the court reflect her unwavering dedication to her team's success. As a captain, she collaborates with her peers to coordinate various team events, from themed practices to team gatherings, and even extends her care by organizing thoughtful care packages for teammates and coaches. This athlete's involvement spans beyond athletics; she actively participates in numerous initiatives and extends a helping hand wherever needed. As a prominent figure within the SALT team, she contributes to organizing initiatives that promote leadership among athletic peers. Let's bring our hands together for this year's recipient of the Female Mel Sylvester Award: Tegan McArthur



### Male Mel Sylvester Leadership Award Winner

Matthew Clements

This year's Leadership award winner has been a distinguished 'character leader' on his team over the last few years, and is a person that his team and coaching staff has heavily relied upon. He is a leader amongst leaders, and he knows how to follow well too. He has been fully bought into his coaches leadership and other leaders on campus, and he is always seeking to learn and grow. He is actually off to play Usport next year to keep on rising to another level in his game. He helped lead his team to an ACAC program best finish as a captain, he co-led the Student Athlete Leadership Team, and he is someone trusted and looked to always step up when needed. He is a wonderful young man, a great student, and an exceptional athlete. This year's Male Mel Sylvester Christian Leadership Award Winner is Matthew Clements.

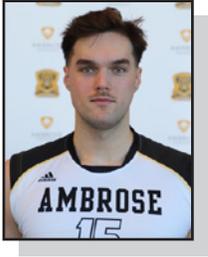


### Female Athlete of the Year Award

Willow Lewington

This year's recipient of the female athlete of the year award is a standout performer across all levels of competition. With a composed and confident demeanor, she exemplifies professionalism both on and off the field, guiding her team towards championship contention. Widely recognized as one of the premier players in Alberta AND Canada, she has achieved remarkable milestones, including over 700 kills and 1000 points. Her remarkable achievements have earned her numerous accolades, including an ACAC All-Conference award, the ACAC South Player of the Year, and the distinguished title of CCAA All-Canadian. Congratulations to Willow Lewington, our female athlete of the year.

# University / College Athlete Awards



## Male Athlete of the Year Award Winner Nikita Marchenkov

This year's Male Athlete of the Year is an experienced student athlete that has helped his team persevere through challenging seasons and continue to rise to one of the stronger programs in the ACAC. This young man is a fan favorite and is looked up to by his teammates and by the young ones that come to our games from the community. He has become a dominant force in the ACAC in his position and very respected by other teams, with opposing coaches game planning around him. This respectful young man is strong in the classroom as well, is graduating this Spring, and is planning on pursuing a professional volleyball career following his time at Ambrose. This year's male Athlete of the Year is Nikita Marchenkov.



## CONGRATULATIONS to all of the 2024 Calgary Booster Club Award Winners

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# University / College Athlete Awards

## St. Mary's University Athletes



### Male Athlete of the Year Award Winner

#### Caleb Jipp – Male Athlete of the Year

Despite his small stature, Caleb Jipp was the unstoppable force behind the St. Mary's University Lightning's historic basketball season. Named male athlete of the year, Caleb's impact on the court is nothing short of extraordinary.

Leading the ACAC in points, steals, and 3-pointers made, Caleb's skill and agility left fans in awe, prompting countless "holy cow, how did he do that moments." But his talent didn't stop there; Caleb also led all of Canada in scoring, earning admiration for his ability to make seemingly impossible shots.

Receiving accolades such as ACAC South Player of the Year and CCAA Player of the Year for all of Canada, Caleb's dominance on the court was undeniable. Under his leadership, the Lightning men achieved their first-ever first-place finish in school history, finishing with an impressive 19-2 record and securing the top spot in the ACAC south.

With two ACAC athlete of the week and CCAA athlete of the week awards each, Caleb's consistent excellence propelled him to the top of the basketball world. His remarkable achievements led the team to its highest-ever ranking of #3 in Canada, sparking nationwide attention for the school in Calgary without a dedicated gym.

But what truly sets Caleb apart is his infectious personality and love for the game. Despite being the smallest guy on the court, he commands attention with his incredible talent and earns the respect and admiration of teammates and fans alike. Caleb's story is one of perseverance, passion, and pure joy for basketball, making him not just a player, but a once-in-a-lifetime talent destined to leave an indelible mark on the sport.

### Female Athlete of the Year Award Winner

#### Cadence Lapalante– Female Athlete of the Year



Cadence Laplante epitomized athletic excellence means for the St. Mary's Lightning, excelling in both Cross Country and Indoor Track with remarkable achievements.

In cross country, Cadence consistently led St. Mary's, culminating in a historic third-place finish at the ACAC Championships. This groundbreaking achievement marked the first individual Cross Medal medal in the school's history. Additionally, her leadership propelled the women's team to a bronze medal, showcasing her impact beyond personal success. At the CCAA Nationals in Truro NS, Cadence secured a commendable 15th place finish, further solidifying her place in school history.

Transitioning to Indoor Track, Cadence's dominance continued. At the ACAC Indoor Track Championships, she showcased her speed and resilience, clinching gold medals in the 600m and 1000m events. Her victory in the 1000m, secured by a remarkable lean, was the most dramatic moment of the Lightning's season. Cadence also rewrote the school record books, setting new benchmarks in both the 600m and 1000m events.

Beyond individual accomplishments, Cadence played a pivotal role as the lead-off runner for St. Mary's relay teams, contributing crucial points to the team's success. Her stellar performances earned her well-deserved recognition, being named to the All-Conference team for both Cross Country and Indoor Track.

Cadence Laplante's journey embodies the values of perseverance and dedication. Her commitment to excellence not only distinguishes her as a standout student athlete but also serves as inspiration to her teammates and aspiring athletes. As Cadence continues to make her mark on collegiate athletics, her name will endure as a symbol of achievement and determination.

# University / College Athlete Awards

## University of Calgary Dinos Athletes



### DEREK BRUST | Men's Soccer

A starter from Day 1, Brust finishes his outstanding five-year Dinos career. He helped the program reach new heights in his second year, as Calgary's men's soccer program advanced to the U SPORTS National Championships for the first time in program history. Brust shined brightly on the national stage, scoring a pair of goals in the consolation semifinal. The Calgary native also helped the Dinos bring home their second Canada West silver medal in his time in 2022. In all, the Schulich School of Engineering major caps his career with 15 goals and seven assists, making 55 starts in 70 total games

played while maintaining a 3.95 academic GPA and five-time USPORTS Academic All-Canadian.



### GABRIELLA DURANTE | Women's Hockey

Gabriella Durante just wrapped up her third season on the ice for the Dinos women's hockey squad. A graduate student in the Faculty of Kinesiology, she maintains a 4.0 GPA and is a five-time USPORTS Academic All-Canadian. The standout goalie from right here in Calgary racked up a career-best 748 saves in 29 total starts this past season, helping the Dinos to their first postseason series win since 2015. She was named the Canada West and U SPORTS Athlete of the Week two times, helping the Scarlet & Gold take down the No. 1 team in the nation two different times on the year.

In all, Durante finished the year with 748 saves, a .920 save percentage and five shutouts in another successful season on the ice.



### GRACE LEW | Women's Wrestling

It was another special season on the mats for Grace Lew. After being named both the Canada West Rookie of the Year and the Student-Athlete Community Service Award winner back in her first season, Lew brought home her second conference gold medal this season. Competing inside the friendly confines of the Jack Simpson Gym, the local product came up clutch. Wrestling in the final pairing, Lew earned a 13-5 decision to claim the conference gold medal in what proved to be the difference in clinching the team title for Calgary – the 12th in program history. Recipient of the U of C Senate Service Award in 2023, Grace maintains a

4.0 GPA in the Cumming School of Medicine and is a five-time USPORTS Academic All-Canadian.



### PAUL MCKENZIE | Men's Swimming

A highly touted recruit growing up in the University of Calgary Swim Club (UCSC) program, Paul McKenzie closes out his outstanding Dinos career on top. The four-year swimmer added four more medals to his trophy case this season. He was crowned Canada West Champion in both the 200 metre freestyle and the 800 freestyle relay, while also claiming the conference's silver medal in the 400 freestyle before finishing as the bronze medallist in the 200 free at the U SPORTS Championships. McKenzie helped the Dinos men repeat as Canada West Champions

– bringing home their conference record 22nd team title in program history. The faculty of Kinesiology student maintains a 4.0 GPA and is a five-time Academic All Canadian.

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**National Sports School****Booster Club Citizenship Award Recipients****Grade 8 - Emily Wilkinson**

Emily Wilkinson is an alpine skier who is described as meticulous and mature beyond her years. Congratulations Emily!

**Grade 9 - Ali Hamid**

Ali displays dedication, enthusiasm, and a selfless nature in making the world around him a better place. He has a moral compass that cannot be compromised. He is inclusive and his ability to always do what is right has made him a northstar for the rest of the grade 9's. Congratulations, Ali!

**Grade 10 - Ryan White**

Ryan is a quiet leader who effortlessly navigates between social and sport groups as well as grade levels. This is a young man who ran his own practices for his cross country peers, and was a mainstay along with the rest of his group at the inaugural NSS Polar Bear Ride. Congratulations Ryan!

**Grade 11 - McKenzie Dart**

McKenzie is a relentless volunteer, not only within the school but in her community as well. She is a natural leader who in her first year at the NSS made a reputation for herself as someone who is selfless, diligent, and perpetually inclusive. Congratulations to McKenzie Dart for being the Grade 11 Calgary Booster Club Citizenship Award Recipient!

**Grade 12 - Evan Harroun**

Known for his intensive work ethic and sharp sense of humor, this year's Grade 12 Calgary Booster Club Citizenship Award Recipient has left a considerable gap in his absence. Evan is one who expects excellence not only from himself but by those around him, truly living up to the school's Culture of Excellence. Congratulations Evan!

**The Avish Makol Memorial Award Recipient: Beattie Podulsky**

Beattie is a warm, kind and welcoming individual who made an invaluable contribution to our school environment and culture. Beattie was always willing to help out. She had a smile for everyone and just a positive energy around everything that she did. She instantly got involved and had an impact. She didn't look for the accolades. She seemed satisfied knowing she did the right thing for others. You always knew when Beattie was in the building because of her laugh and ability to bring people together in student areas. She made efforts to include people, to help them, and took a genuine interest in her classmates and their wellbeing. She is positive, inclusive, and creative. Beattie just genuinely cares about people, and it's lovely to be around. Congratulations Beattie!



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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 eight 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 High School for the inaugural Harry Hood Memorial Football Award. Since then, we have honoured and recognized **729** individual high school winners for a total of **\$518,500** and an additional **295** student athletes with maximum participation scholarships over three years of high school, for another **\$105,000**. This amounts to **1,024** athletes with a total investment of **\$623,500** 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

**SCHOOL—AWARD**

**School Year 2022/23**

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

James Fowler High School—Rob Wright Award  
Joane Cardinal Schubert High School—Joe Massey Award

John G. Diefenbaker High School—Sharon Reid Award  
Lester B. Pearson High School—Bill Mitchell Award  
Lord Beaverbrook High School—Laurie Robertson Memorial Award

Nelson Mandela High School—Don Maxwell Award  
Notre Dame High School—Stan Schwartz Award  
Our Lady of the Rockies—Bert Joines Award  
Queen Elizabeth High School—Henry Philip Taylor Memorial Award

Robert Thirsk High School—Tom Inkster Memorial Award<sup>1</sup>

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**

**Trey Soondarsingh**

**Clarke MacKenzie  
Makayla Gayle  
Mikkel Manio  
Halle Craigg  
Ingrid Stols  
Madeline Cuttenn  
Ella Purdie  
Paige Smith**

**Sorcha Shiu  
Elizabeth Aushall  
Vivian Tat  
Jordan Mayr  
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**Paige Doherty  
Mannat Dhillon  
Mandy McIntosh  
Brandon Alobwede  
Matthew Boland**

**Mark Saloni  
Nichols Hooper  
Kori Peciulis  
Zion Hughes**

**RECIPIENT**

**Paige Forrer**

**Sydney Donkers  
Isaiah Guevara  
Thomas Hooper  
Evan Koller**

**Colin Illing  
Ethan Brill**

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**Sarah Jardine**

**Lucas Betcher**

**Hannah Dahl**

**Paulina Morrissey**

**Justin Hoang  
Esther Choi**

## Calgary Booster Club

### Gretta Schwartz Memorial Award Winner

#### Gretta Schwartz Memorial Award for Outstanding Female Student Athlete 2022-2023



ESTHER CHOI, William Aberhart High School

With an outstanding 96% average over three years of high school, Esther still found time to be a member of her school's Soccer, Field Hockey and Track & Field teams. In Soccer, she was their captain and MVP and represented them in the annual Selects game. She repeated this performance in Field Hockey and in the City Championships in Track & Field where she threw the Shot Put & Discus. Other school activities she was involved in included the Yearbook Committee, the Leadership group, Open house Guide, Reading Buddy and Valedictorian for her

Grade 12 graduating class. In the Community she was a Church Youth volunteer, a YWCA Table Tutor, a grass roots Soccer coach and captain of the Blizzards Club Soccer team.

### John Mayell Memorial Award Winner



#### John Mayell Memorial Award for Outstanding Male Student Athlete 2022-2023

SANTIAGO VARGAS, John G. Diefenbaker High School

This four- sport athlete had a huge impact on his school teams. In Football, he was a Linebacker and leader of the Defensive Secondary and second in team tackles. In Wrestling, he was a team leader and won the Silver medal in the Division Championships. In Rugby, he led his team in every game and was picked for the annual Selects game. He also participated in Cross Country so he could improve his fitness

level. While maintaining an 92% average he was also a PEER Tutor, a grade nine Open House volunteer, and a team Ambassador for Football & Rugby. In the Community, he was busy with Church Food Drives, supervising kids in Sunday school and a fund raiser for the Alberta Children's Hospital. Our winner did all this while holding down two part-time jobs.

## Calgary Booster Club

### Harry Hood Memorial Football Award Winners 2023



#### For Division I High School Football

##### – Noah Czuczman, William Aberhart High School

As a lineman and captain who plays on both Offense, Defense and Special Teams, this multi-talented winner does it all for his school and never missed a single practice. While maintaining an 92% average in school, he still found time to participate in Rugby, Swim & Dive, Track & Field, the Robotics Club and was co-founder of the school Curling team. In the community he was a volunteer Swim instructor, a Toy Drive volunteer and a Football coach.

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## Harry Hood Memorial Football Award Winners 2023



**For Division II High School Football**  
**– Josh Martel, Bishop Carroll High School**

As captain, his many roles included Offensive Back, Quarterback, Safety and Long Snapper. While maintaining an 95% average in school, he was active as a member of the Basketball, Swim, Badminton and Track & Field teams. Add to this an Open House guide, school Ambassador and Basketball statistician. In the community he was a coach for the Peewee Wildcats, a junior high Basketball and Flag football referee and a volunteer Stick Crew member.



**For Division III High School Football**  
**– Emerson Joy, St. Mary's High School**

This young man made many crucial plays while chasing down opponents and fighting through blocks as a Defensive End along with playing as a Wide Receiver. His talent allowed him to play all three years of high school on the senior team. He was also a member of the Basketball, Track & Field, Golf teams, and a Peer Tutor. In the community he was active in his Church, a Fund raiser for Cerebral Palsy and a Special needs helper for a young man and helped a senior move.

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