

2025 SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR Christine Laverty







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such as the Sportsperson of the Year Dinner, casinos, and bingos.

This has resulted in many worthwhile ventures, such as the Art Smith Amateur Sport Legacy Fund for high performance athletes and the Bob Freeze Sports Grants for athletes 16 and younger.

The Calgary Booster Club Sport Legacy Fund



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

This new fund was created in conjunction with the Parks Foundation Calgary and will provide **tax receipts** for donors and ensures that Calgary's sport legacies will thrive for decades to come.

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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 71st Sportsperson of the Year.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carol Hermansen



Dear Members, Supporters, and Friends of the Calgary Booster Club,

As we proudly mark the 71st year of the Calgary Booster Club, I am once again filled with immense gratitude for the unwavering support, dedication, and passion that continues to fuel our organization. Each year brings new opportunities, challenges, and milestones—and it is thanks to the incredible efforts of our Board of Directors, volunteers, and community supporters that we continue to thrive and grow.

This past year has been another meaningful step forward. Building on the momentum of our 70th anniversary, we've expanded our outreach efforts, strengthened our partnerships, and continued to recognize and support the remarkable athletes who inspire us all. We have also been actively developing new fundraising campaigns and initiatives that will further strengthen our capacity to support the sporting community in Calgary. These efforts are laying the groundwork for long-term growth and sustainability.

Our 71st Annual Sport Gala is not just a celebration of athletic excellence—it's a testament to the spirit of volunteerism, community, and resilience that defines the Calgary Booster Club. Whether it's spotlighting emerging talent, honouring past achievements, or fostering connections across generations, our work makes a lasting impact.

As we look to the future, our focus remains on growing our visibility and increasing the resources available to our athletes. We are committed to exploring new ways to expand our reach, enhance our programming, and ensure that the legacy of the Calgary Booster Club continues for generations to come.

Thank you to every member of the Board, every volunteer, and every supporter who contributes to our mission. Your dedication is what keeps this club moving forward with strength and purpose.

Here's to 71 years of community, celebration, and achievement—and to many more ahead.

Warm regards,

Carol Hermansen

President - Calgary Booster Club



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 all the Calgary Booster Club award recipients on your outstanding achievements and the dedication you've shown to sport and community leadership.

We hope you'll join us at our Class of 2025 Induction Ceremony on June 7th at the Red Deer Resort and Casino.

Visit albertasportshall.ca for tickets.



2025 SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR



SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR INSPIRED BY CALGARY TRACK ATHLETES

Christine Laverty

With a half century of coaching experience, Christine Laverty has a superb track record when it comes to her positive impact on athletes in Calgary and across the country.

And it turns out that positivity is a two-way street.

"Young people keep you young," said Laverty. "As long as they're having fun, I'm having fun. And that's what motivates me."

While track and field can often be a solo competition, Laverty said she finds a way to encourage a team-like

atmosphere among her pupils.

"It's a one-on-one thing, but still I make it a team sport. So, they're all there to support each other," said Laverty, who went into coaching after competing in track and field in Quebec.

She mentored high school students in track, soccer, volleyball and basketball in both Quebec and Ontario and was the track meet director of the Greater Montreal Interscholastic Athletic Association from 1976 through 1987.

A move to Alberta resulted in Laverty focusing her efforts on working with young track athletes. She held several coaching positions over the years, including the head coach of the Royal Canadian Legion's Alberta provincial team in the early 2000s. Laverty was named the Athletics Alberta Coach of the Year in 2001 and 2006. In 2012, she was named an Honoured Athletic Leader by the Calgary Booster Club. That same year, Athletics Alberta recognized her as their Volunteer of the Year.

On the national stage, Laverty has been Team Canada's distance coach for the World Youth Championships; the World Cross Country Championships; the World Junior Championships; and the Commonwealth Youth Games. She also worked at the Commonwealth Youth Games as the head coach. Laverty served as the chair for the Canadian National Championships, as well. She remains an active leader with Athletics Alberta and Calgary Track and Field.

"Christine Laverty's coaching experiences with Calgary Track West, Calgary Track and Field, and the Calgary Spartans have not only elevated individual athletes but have also positively impacted the broader track and field community in Calgary. Her ability to mentor and develop athletes who have gone on to achieve great success on the international stage is a testament to her exceptional coaching abilities," said Jason Lindsay, senior coach with Calgary Track & Field.

When she learned she won the Sportsperson of the Year award - the most prestigious honour handed out by the Calgary Booster Club – Laverty couldn't believe it.

"I was quite surprised to be nominated for this award," Laverty said.

"I coach because I love coaching — not because there was ever a tangible reward at the end of it. I'm so honoured. I can't believe the Calgary Booster Club choose me."

Recent winners of this award include Pat Jarvis, Greg Peterson, Ron Logan, Don Young and Lawrence King.

PAST SPORTSPERSONS OF THE YEAR

CALGARY BOOSTER CLUB

71 Years of Tradition



2024 Pat Jarvis



2019 Don Young



2014 Ken Bracko*



2009 Wilf Kaiser



2004 Stan Schwartz



2023 Greg Peterson



2018 Lawrence King



2013 Tony Spoletini



2008 Alf Fischer



2003 Frank King*



2022 Ron Logan





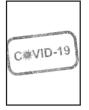
2012 Carol Kyle*



2007 Doug Mitchell*



2002 Jim Courchesne



2021 Calgary COVID Sports Heroes



2016 Joe Massey



2011 Bob Vickers*



2006 Jim Holden*



2001 John Semkuley*



2020 Calgary Sporting Community



2015 Christine Hampshire*



2010 Frank Sisson



2005 Russ Parker



2000 Eldon Godfrey



PAST SPORTSPERSONS OF THE YEAR

CALGARY BOOSTER CLUB



1999



1994 Margaret Scott*



1989 Ted Bancks*



1984 Jim (Deak) Cassidy*



1979 Bill Phillips*



1998 Donald Phelps



1993 Murray Copot*



1988 Keith Evans*



1983 Keith Kendal



1978 Harry Maubert*



1997 Tom Humphrey*



1992 Tony Anselmo*

1987

Doug Rooke*

1982

Bob MacNichol*



71 Years of Tradition

Ted Rhodes*



1991 Bill Salt*



1986 Marg Southern & Ron Southern*



1981 Stan Jaycock



1976 Henry Viney*



1995 Joe Shea



1990 Dorothy Read*



1985 George Blundun*



1980 Ray Kingsmith*



1975 Arthur "Scotty" Kay*

*deceased

1977

Dr. Lou Goodwin*



PAST SPORTSPERSONS OF THE YEAR

CALGARY BOOSTER CLUB



1974 Tom Cheney*



1969 Doug Kyle*



1964 Jack Bannerman*



1959 Pete Egan*



1954 Eugene "Musty" McGill*

*deceased



John Mayell*



1968 Les Ferguson*



1963 Jimmie Condon*



1958 Art Davis*



Jack Setters*



1967 Ed Corbett*

1962

Jerry Trudel*

1957

Lloyd Turner*



71 Years of Tradition

1971 Charlie Scott*



1966 Bob Freeze*



1961 Harold Brandreth*



1956 Father Jim Whelihan*



1970 Dr. Ward Steckle*



1965 Stu Peppard*



1960 Frank Woodman*



1955 Rose Kohn*

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 2024 – Kathy Underhill

CALGARY BOOSTER CLUB Honoured Athletic Leaders

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:



Tim Friesen

Friesen has been a dedicated coach of several sports, including ultimate frisbee, soccer, lacrosse and ball hockey. He has taken on leadership roles for several national championship events and helped lay the foundation for the first Alberta provincial ultimate frisbee tournament in 2017. Friesen has built from the grassroots and is dedicated to creating opportunities for youth athletes.



Dennis Holowaychuk

Holowaychuk embodies the spirit of leadership and mentorship while possessing a tenacious belief in others. Most importantly, the founder of the football program at Rundle Academy made football fun. He's been an encouraging presence to countless students as both an educator and a coach. Holowaychuk has been described as a force of nature, mentor and a caring leader.



Dr. David Legg

Legg has been highly influential across several sports for over 25 years. He is a promoter of athletics through international conferences, workshops and presentations, as well as a dedicated volunteer, educator and advisor. The former President of the International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (IFAPA) has engaged in thoughtful discourse regarding disability sports and inclusion that has had a global impact.

CALGARY BOOSTER CLUB Honoured Athletic Leaders



Allan Naylor

Naylor has been recognized as a hard-working leader for his efforts in looking after the equipment needs of football teams across Alberta. He joined the Football Alberta board of directors in 2013. Naylor has been recognized as the first person to attend tryouts and games and the last person to leave as he ensures all equipment – from water bottles to helmets – is taken care of. He's been described as a hidden gem of Calgary's sports scene due to his decades of service.



Craig Reardon

Having held numerous titles and volunteer roles for local football associations, Reardon has earned an excellent reputation for growing and developing youth football. His work with the Calgary Bantam Football Association, Calgary Spring Football Association, Greater Calgary Amateur Football Association, Calgary Wildcats Football Club and Calgary Minor Football Charity Jamboree has been invaluable. Reardon is passionate about football and approaches the game with honesty, discretion and impartiality.



Kyle Shewfelt

Shewfelt is a proud Calgarian who began his journey in gymnastics at the age of six. He persevered in the sport to become Canada's most successful male gymnast, competing in three Olympic Games, as well as multiple World Championships and Commonwealth Games. The Olympic gold medalist remains active in the sports community as a KidSport Calgary ambassador, as an Olympic broadcaster and through Kyle Shewfelt Gymnastics.



Greg Wilson

A long-time football coach, Wilson has instructed several different age groups and organized a number of exhibition and tournament events. Wilson has been instrumental in establishing female minor football in Calgary. In his 25-plus years of sporting service, Wilson has organized fundraising activities, inspired winning teams and been named a Coach of the Year on five occasions.

CLUB 2025 Flames Hockey Scholarships



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The Calgary Flames Foundation offers various hockey-related scholarships and programs to support youth and post-secondary students in the Calgary area. These initiatives include the Flames EvenStrength Program, post-secondary scholarships for athletes at UofC, MRU, and SAIT, and programs focused on diversity and inclusion in sports,

Esther Boelema Aila Wik Kaylan Easson Tye Carriere Keigan Casey Colby Bear Dawson Milliken Ethan Rowland Eden Carius Jaecia Joyce Brette Kerley SAIT Trojans Women's Hockey SAIT Trojans Women's Hockey SAIT Trojans Women's Hockey SAIT Trojans Men's Hockey SAIT Trojans Men's Hockey SAIT Trojans Men's Hockey MRU Cougars Men's Hockey MRU Cougars Men's Hockey UofC Dinos Women's Hockey UofC Dinos Women's Hockey UofC Dinos Women's Hockey

HENRY VINEY TROPHY WINNER



Kasia Gruchalla-Wesierski

Kasia Gruchalla-Wesierski grew up as a competitive alpine skier but a broken leg ended her career and she thought she lost her chance at becoming a high-performance athlete. However, a second chance came when she found rowing. Because of her age, she missed competing at the U23 level, and instead debuted with the senior national team at the 2018 World Cup in Lucerne, Switzerland as a member of the four.

In 2019, Gruchalla-Wesierski joined the crew of the eight for a pair of World Cups, earning her first podium appearance in Rotterdam in the Netherlands. In her debut at the World Rowing

Championships, she helped the eight to a fourth-place finish, qualifying the boat for the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2020.

Just over a month before Kasia was set to make her Olympic debut at Tokyo, she was involved in a bike crash that resulted in a broken collarbone, a bruised hip, and 56 stitches. With a lot of hard work and support from her teammates, she recovered to take her spot on the eightperson team, where she was part of Canada's first Olympic gold win in any women's rowing event since Atlanta in 1996. It was also the first gold in the women's eight since Barcelona 1992.

Since 2020, Gruchalla-Wesierski has remained a fixture in Canada's women's eight, helping to bring home a bronze medal from the 2022 World Rowing Championships, silver from 2023 World Rowing Cup III, and a gold from 2024 World Rowing Cup II. She added to her medal haul at the Paris Olympics in 2024 by claiming silver in the coxed eight women's rowing event.

Recent winners of the Calgary Booster Club's Female Athlete of the Year award include Alexandria Loutitt, Isabelle Weidemann, Stephanie Labbe, Caeli McKay and Alex Gough.

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 Sportsperson 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 2022 – STEPHANIE LABBÉ, Soccer 2023 - ISABELLE WIDEMANN, Speed Skating 2024 - ALEXANDRIA LOUTITT, Ski Jumping

JACK GREGORY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Madison Cyr



Madison has been involved with Special Olympics Calgary for seven years and has proven to be a strong skier, modest athlete and supportive teammate in that time. Her primary sport is alpine skiing, but she's recently started competing in athletics and softball.

At the 2023 Provincial Games, she captured two gold medals in skiing despite suffering a fractured knee cap after she was knocked over by the chair lift. Her strong showing allowed Madison to be selected to Team Alberta for the 2024 National Winter Games, where she added another two medals (one gold in slalom and one silver in

giant slalom) to her trophy case. She attained her goal of making Canada's national team that competed at the 2025 Special Olympics World Winter Games, which took place in Turin, Italy in March. She posted a fourth overall finish at those games.

Through it all, Madison has been dedicated to her training, she's overcome adversity, she has gained confidence and she's always got a smile on her face.

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; crosscountry skiers Emily Ross, Sarah McCarthy; and speed skater Katie Saunders.
- 2023 ANDREAS WALTHER, 9 different sports
- 2024 DAVID NICHOLSON, Powerlifting

SCOTT-MAMINI AWARD WINNER Tobias Warschewski



Born in Dortmund, Germany, Tobias Warschewski began his youth career with German clubs Eintracht Dortmund and Preußen Münster, where he began his senior career before making a move to Canada. In 2021, Warschewski joined Canadian Premier League (CPL) in Edmonton where he contributed on average, a goal involvement every second match. He scored 11 goals and provided 14 assists in 49 appearances for the northern Alberta side, including a memorable last-minute bicycle kick against Valour Football Club that secured a draw in the 2022 season.

Warschewski has earned a reputation for his ability to change a game in any competition with his innate goal-scoring threat. The forward has netted 16 goals in 33 appearances across all competitions since joining the Calgary Cavalry in 2024.

Warschewski came out on top of a tight race for the CPL's 2024 Golden Boot award, honouring the league's top scorer, after contributing 12 goals in 24 league appearances. He captured the award in style, netting two goals against Valour FC on the final day of the regular season to beat out a handful of league counterparts who were still in contention for the award heading into the matchday. Warschewski then opened the scoring in Cavalry's 2024 CPL Final win against Forge FC last November and was subsequently named the first ever CPL Final MVP after the Cavs clinched the North Star Cup as CPL Champions for the first time in club history.

Recent winners of the Calgary Booster Club's Male Athlete of the Year award include Dustin Wolf, Cale Makar, Riley Fleming, Mark Giordano and Justin Kripps.

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 1959 - DON LUZZI, Football 1960 - DOUG KYLE, Track & Field 1961 - KEITH ALEXANDER, Golf 1962 - DOUG BARKLEY, Hockey 1963 - HARVIE WYLIE, Football 1964 - JAMIE PAULSON, Badminton 1965 - LOVELL COLEMAN, Football 1966 - RON NORTHCOTT, Curling 1967 - WAYNE HARRIS, Football 1968 - RON NORTHCOTT, Curling 1969 - BOB WYLIE, Golf 1970 - PETE SAVINKOFE Fastball 1971 - BARBARA SIMPSON, Equestrian 1972 - JOHN DAVIDSON, Hockey 1973 - JOHN HELTON, Football 1974 - BILL BENKO, Wrestling 1975 - KATHY PRIESTNER, Speed Skating 1976 - WILLIE BURDEN, Football 1977 - PAUL GOWSELL, Curling 1978 - HELEN VANDERBURG, Synchronized Swimming

1979 - KEN READ, Alpine Skiing 1980 - KEN READ, Alpine Skiing 1981 - JAMES SYKES, Football 1982 - KARL TILLEMAN, Basketball 1983 - WILLIE deWIT, Boxing 1984 - REGGIE LEMELIN, Hockey 1985 - TOM PONTING, Swimming 1986 - ED LUKOWICH, Curling 1987 - RICK JOHNSON, Football 1988 - JOE NIEUWENDYK, Hockey 1989 - MIKE VERNON, Hockey 1990 - MARK TEWKSBURY, Swimming 1991 - BOB WYLIE, Golf 1992 - MARK TEWKSBURY, Swimming 1993 - MARK TEWKSBURY, Swimming 1994 - DAVID SAPUNJIS, Football 1995 - RICHARD BOHNE, Basketball 1996 - DON BLAIR, Football 1997 - CURTIS MYDEN, Swimming 1998 - MIKE VERNON, Hockey 1999 - JEFF GARCIA, Football 2000 - JEREMY WOTHERSPOON, Speed Skating

2001 - DAVE DICKENSON, Football 2002 - JAROME IGINLA, Hockey 2003 - JAROME IGINLA, Hockey 2004 - JEREMY WOTHERSPOON, Speed Skating 2005 - KYLE SHEWFELT, Gymnastics 2006 - LEE GRAVES, Rodeo 2007 - MIIKKA KIPRUSOFF, Hockey 2008 - STEPHEN AMES, Golf 2009 - HENRY BURRIS, Football 2010 - JOHN KUCERA, Alpine Skiing 2011 - JON MONTGOMERY, Skeleton 2012 - JON CORNISH, Football 2013 - JON CORNISH, Football 2014 - JON CORNISH, Football 2015 - ANDREW BUCKLEY, Football 2016 - ANDREW BUCKLEY, Football 2017 - KEVIN KOE, Curling 2018 - BRIAN MCKEEVER, Skiing 2019 - JUSTIN KRIPPS, Bobsleigh 2022 - RILEY FLEMING, Golf 2023 - CALE MAKAR, Hockey 2024 - DUSTIN WOLF, Hockey

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Calgary Booster Club

CALGARY BOOSTER CLUB

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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:

٠	High School Athletic Scholarships	\$39,000
•	Post Secondary Scholarship Awards	\$18,000
٠	Art Smith Amateur Sport Legacy Fund Endowment Grants	\$20,000
٠	Bob Freeze Sports Grants	\$29,000

Executive 2024-2025

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- 2016 Doug Kowel
 - Jack MacDonald
 - Rob Stinson

*deceased

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Honour Roll

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- - Roy Beavers*
 - Ron Butlin*

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Bob Freeze Sport Grants

Bob was the President of the Booster Club between 1959 and 1960. He was named the Sportsperson 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.

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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.

Carly Bonham - Waterskiing

Carly has an unwavering passion and dedication to the sport of waterskiing. Carly always carries a positive attitude and is always there to support teammates, other athletes and provide comfort when necessary. She has been an excellent member to all the newer and younger members of the team as she demonstrates her excellence in sportsmanship and determination. Carly has long demonstrated her ability to compete at the highest level of junior waterskiing, will likely compete at the collegiate level, and is a strong candidate to become a member of the Canadian national waterski team in the coming years.

Justin Boyko – Sprint Canoe

Justin is a dedicated and hardworking individual in the sport of canoe sprint who embodies the spirit of excellence and perseverance. Justin consistently demonstrates his commitment to his sport and his team. He leads by example, exhibiting personal dedication and high aspirations for success both on and off the water. Justin's willingness to go above and beyond is evident in his role as a coach, where he selflessly shares his knowledge and experience with younger paddlers, inspiring them to reach their full potential. As his coaches have said, "His passion for sprint canoeing is infectious, and we have no doubt that he will continue to achieve great success in his athletic endeavours."

Connor Chow – Modern Pentathlon

Connor is a Junior National Team athlete, competing as a member of Ares Modern Pentathlon Club. He is a NextGen athlete, meaning he is targeted as a potential future high performer at the Senior level.

Connor qualified for his first National Team in 2022. He is a 2023 JR World Championship finalist, a silver medalist at the 2023 NORCECA Championships (Guatemala), and the 2024 National Champion (Junior). Connor is working toward the Senior level given his recent progress.

In May 2024, He accomplished an outstanding third place at the Queen Leonor International Cup in Portugal, claimed first place in the senior category at the Canadian Pentathlon Summer Nationals, and placed ninth in the mixed relay at the Pentathlon Junior World Championship. These accomplishments reflect his relentless dedication, commitment, and purpose in every training session.

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I wish to continue to develop and improve even more in the years to come, to advance myself to even higher levels of athletic achievement and standards that will require not only more hard work and dedicated training but also require opportunities to grow from the experience of more international exposure and competitions. For the 2025 year, in addition to the provincial and national tournaments, the international tournaments, Connor plans to compete at the Pentathlon World Cup in Pazardzhik, Bulgaria in May. At the Pentathlon Junior World Championships in Székesfehérvár, Hungary in June, the Pentathlon World Cup Finals in Alexandria, Egypt in July, and in the Senior World Championships in August in Druskininkai, Lithuania. 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.'

It is with great pleasure that Connor is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2025.

Remo Cramer - Rowing

Remo Cramer is a member of the Calgary Rowing Club and has finished third at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in Men's U19. Remo's goal for the upcoming year is to be named to the Canadian Junior National Team and compete at Junior World Championships. Beyond rowing, Remo also balances his commitment to his education and has been accepted into the University of British Columbia for the upcoming school year. Remo is a committed athlete and demonstrates strong leadership within his team. This has made him a deserving recipient of the Art Smith Endowment Grant.

Katherine Featherstone – Water Polo

Katherine Featherstone competes for Canada in the sport of Water Polo and represents her NCAA Div. 1 team, the University of Arizona. She shares her leadership skills as Team Captain on the 2024 Junior Women's Water Polo Team at the Pan American Championships in El Salvador. Her 2024 ASU Team ranked 10th in the country and Katherine lead the freshmen in scoring for top goals, assists, and points. In 2023 at the Junior World Championships, the team finished 12th and 10th.

Her team won Silver at the 2022 Pan American Championships in the USA. In the 2022 and 2023 Championships Katherine was the second youngest athlete rostered. Nationally, she won Gold at the 2023 National Championships and a Silver at the 2022 Nationals.

Besides being an outstanding athlete, Katherine is on the dean's list for academic achievement in a Hearing and Speech Sciences program at her University.

Her desire to improve is unmatched and is reflected in her commitment and daily intensity. Katherine is extremely well rounded, exceptionally disciplined, and her dedication to her team always comes first. Katherine is a local Calgary athlete and someone who is extremely proud to represent her city and country. Katherine's dream since she was 10 is to represent Canada in the Olympics.

It is with great pleasure that Katherine Featherstone is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2025.

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Anders Johnson – Long Track Speed Skating

Anders began his journey in speed skating at the age of 18, transitioning from hockey during his senior year of high school. He has been an integral member of Team Canada's high-performance sprint group for the past three years. Throughout this period, he has demonstrated remarkable improvement, advancing his world ranking in the 500m event from the top 40 to the top 20.

In the 2023-24 season, Anders culminated his efforts with a gold medal and a world record in the team sprint event at the World Single Distance Championships. His success continued into the 2024-25 season, marked by a significant reduction in his personal best times—lowering his 500m time by 0.48 seconds and his 1000m time by 2.07 seconds.

Like many athletes excelling in elite high-performance sports, Anders possesses exceptional physical abilities combined with extraordinary dedication and work ethic. While his attributes and accomplishments are notably impressive, it is his amiable disposition and professional conduct that distinguish him as a valuable teammate and training partner.

It is with great pleasure that Anders Johnson is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2025.

Tyson Langelaar – Speed Skating

Tyson Langelaar competes both nationally and internationally for Canada in Speed Skating. He demonstrates an exceptional work ethic, amazing resilience and a commitment to excellence.

Internationally in the 2022-2023 ISU World Cup in the 1500m Men Final Standing, Tyson finished 14th. At the 2023 Canadian Championships, Tyson won Bronze in the Men's 1500m and 1000m.

Nationally in 2025, Tyson won a Bronze in the Canadian Speed Skating Championships in the 1500m. In the Canada Cup Final, Tyson won Gold in Men's 1500m and in the Men's 1000m. Tyson achieved a solid 5th place finish in the Men's 2024 Canadian Speed Skating Championships in the 1000m and the 1500m events.

Tyson is a full-time student in a university program. Beyond his athletic and academic achievements, Tyson is a model of integrity, positivity, and sportsmanship. He is highly respected by his peers, contributes meaningfully to the sport community, and exemplifies the values of a high-performance Canadian athlete. Tyson's goal is to be named to the 2026 Milan Canadian Olympic team and solidly represent Canada at the ISU World Championship Cups.

It is with great pleasure that Tyson Langelaar is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2025.

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Jacob Li – Modern Pentathlon

Jacob Li is a Modern Pentathlete with the Ares Pentathlon and Fencing Club. He finished third at the 2024 Pan-American Championships in Guatemala. Jacob is also committed to his studies, where he has achieved a perfect anticipated IB score of 45. He is one of only 5 students at his school to achieve this feat. Jacob wants to continue his studies abroad at Imperial College London, where he will train with the British Modern Pentathlon National Team. Jacob also gives back to his community through coaching young athletes at his club and works with youth with disabilities. Jacob's commitment to his sport, academics and community have made him a deserving recipient of the Art Smith Endowment Grant.

Amelia Lukie – Water Polo

Amelia Lukie is a member of the U18 Water Polo Canada National Team. She has also committed to the NCAA Division 1 University, San Jose State. In 2024, Amelia competed at the World Aquatics 18U Water Polo World Championships in Chengdu, China and placed 8th. She is also the 2024 Senior Women's National Champion, was named to the 2024 Western Conference All-Star Team and received 'Best Defensive' club award. Her goal is to be named to the U20 Water Polo Canada Junior National Team.

We are proud to award Amelia the Art Smith Endowment Grant!

Nicole Maurer – Ski Jumping

Nicole Maurer represents Canada in Ski Jumping. Nicole currently ranks 28th in International World Cup Standings. In the 2025 World Championships, Nicole placed 21st. During the 2024-2025 World Cup season she had a 17th and a 16th in Hinzenbach, 18th in Ljubno, 21st in Lake Placid, 26th and 23rd in Sapporo, 27th in Villach, 24th in Engelberg and 26th and 27th in Lillehammer.

Currently, Nicole has already qualified to represent Canada in the 2026 Milan Olympics and her goal is to score within the top10. Nicole's desire is to qualify for a ski flying event, where she would get to fly over 200 meters with the best ski jumping athletes in the world.

Nicole's grit and resilience are evident in her continuous performance improvements, but her impact extends beyond her individual achievements. Nicole is a beacon of support and encouragement for her teammates. Nicole has made that giant step toward reaching the top 15 in the world. She trains in Europe to hone her skills and work toward excellence. Despite the challenges of being away from her home country, Nicole has consistently delivered outstanding performances, showcasing her unwavering commitment to her sport and her country.

Nicole balances her demanding training and competition schedule with her academic pursuits. She is currently completing a degree in Computer Science and Astrophysics. Nicole is a source of inspiration to a generation of women ski jumpers who look up to her as a role model.

It is with great pleasure that Nicole Maurer is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for `2025.

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Brooklyn McDougall – Long Track Speed Skating

Brooklyn McDougall represents Canada in long track speed skating. Brooklyn is a 2022 Olympian who has been competing internationally since she was a Junior. Brooklyn has had a highly successful season this year and has just competed in the 2025 World Speed Skating Championships in Hamar, Norway where she won a Silver medal on the Team Sprint and finished 22nd in the 500M race. Brooklyn finished her season by placing in the top 20 at the final A World Cup, her best result of the year. In 2025, Brooklyn won a Bronze, and had two 4th places, a 7th and an 11th place finish in World Cup B Group for the 500 m. In the Canadian Championship 500M event, Brooklyn won Bronze in 2023, Silver in 2022 and Gold in 2021. Brooklyn ranked 22nd in the 2022 Olympic Games in Beijing, Brooklyn placed 22nd in the women's 500M. At the 2023 World Cup, Brooklyn achieved a 16th place in the 500M and a Gold in the Team Sprint. Brooklyn's goals are to improve her International World Cup rankings and to represent Canada in her 2nd Olympic Games.

Besides the countless hours of training and competition, Brooklyn even finds time to volunteer in her community. She is a difference maker and embodies the qualities of leadership, dedication, humility, and enormous desire to excel in her sport.

Brooklyn continues to work towards achieving international podium finishes leading into the 2026 Olympic Games and aims to break the Canadian National record for the Women's 500M event.

It is with great pleasure that Brooklyn McDougall is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2025.

Donya Movaffagh - Karate

Donya Movaffagh is a member of the Karate Canada National Team and has been accepted into the University of Calgary to begin her post-secondary education in September 2025. Donya earned her designation as Shodan (Black Belt) in 2023 and was one of the youngest athletes to be awarded a black belt from her dojo. She also became the 2023 Canada Winter Games Champion representing Team Alberta – the first ever gold medal in Karate for Alberta! Donya has represented Canada internationally at the Junior Pan American and Junior World Championships. Donya is a well-deserving recipient of the Art Smith Endowment Grant!

Evelyn Mullie – Freestyle Skiing Slopestyle and Big Air

Evelyn is a native Calgarian and began skiing at the age of three. She started skiing on the hill behind her house and was hooked from the first moment on the slopes.

Evelyn's freestyle skiing journey began in 2015 when she participated in her first competition with Winsport Freestyle. Her passion for the sport ignited when she joined the Southern Alberta Freestyle Ski Club (SAFSC) in 2017.

Evelyn is currently a member of the Canadian NextGen Freestyle Ski Slopestyle and Big Air Team.

During the 2023-2024 season, she finished 3rd in the Stoneham Big Air NORAM and 4th overall in the NORAM Tour. So far in 2025, she has a 1st at the Copper North American Cup Slopestyle, 7th at the Aspen North American Cup Slopestyle and 12th at the Stoneham Slopestyle World Cup

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Evelyn understands the demands of high-performance freestyle skiing and shows her dedication through great discipline in her approach to strength and conditioning, putting in the necessary effort to enhance performance and reduce injury risk.

Evelyn's goals are to make both the National and Olympic Teams and compete in the X Games.

It is with great pleasure that Evelyn Mullie is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2025.

Jacob Pagaling – Boxing

Jacob is a great ambassador for the sport of Boxing and his hard work and dedication are second to none as he pursues his goals of becoming a National Champion. Jacob has had amazing success but has remained humble, helpful and respectful to other athletes and is someone that all other boxers look up to for guidance. Jacob's goal is to be an Olympian and to represent Canada in the sport of boxing, we hope that the Art Smith award will help you reach this goal.

Karissa Riley – Rowing

"I aspire to show the world that, although I may be small for the average rower, small does not equal slow." These words epitomize the spirit and determination of Karissa Riley, a born and raised Calgarian who started rowing in 2018. Despite her lack of previous experience and being undersized compared to her peers, Karissa quickly demonstrated that she was a force to be reckoned with.

Karissa's hard work paid off when she was selected to represent Alberta at the 2019 Western Canada Summer Games. Her journey continued as she earned an undergraduate degree from The University of Western Ontario while representing Canada at the 2021, 2022, and 2023 U23 World Championships. She distinguished herself as the first Albertan to win a medal (Bronze) in a single at a U23 World Championship and most recently secured a Silver Medal at The Canadian National Championship in the lightweight women's single.

In the past year, Karissa competed at the 2024 World Championships, finishing 13th in a field filled with Olympians fresh from the Paris Olympic Games. Her performance against some of the world's best athletes left her more motivated than ever to continue her pursuit of high-performance sport. She turned her attention to the 2024 National Championships, where she raced in the Open category (usually competing in the Lightweight category) and came in 2nd by the narrowest margins.

Karissa's future goals include transitioning to open weight sculler, especially since Lightweight Rowing will be phased out by the L.A. Olympic Games in 2028. Until then, she sets sights on the 2025 World Championship. The Calgary Booster Club commends her relentless pursuit of excellence and is proud to support her endeavors.

Beyond her rowing achievements, Karissa plans to pursue her Master of Science starting in the fall of 2025 where she hopes to study the impact social environment has on the development of resilience in women athletes.

It is with great pleasure that Karissa is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2025.

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Miki Rowbottom - Wrestling

Miki Rowbottom is a wrestler with the University of Calgary Dinos. She won the 2024 Senior Nationals, and finished 3rd at the 2024 Pan American Championships. Miki is ranked Top 3 in Canada for her weight class and is working towards the 2028 Olympic Games. Her goal for the upcoming season is to win the Pan American Championships. Miki's coaches have described her as an integral part of their team, and a wonderful role model for the younger athletes in the club. Miki's leadership on and off the mat has made her a deserving recipient of the Art Smith Endowment Grant.

Joshua Rowe – Sprint Kayak

Josh is a high performing athlete in the sport of Sprint Racing Canoe and Kayak where he excels through his dedication, growth mindset, and leadership. Josh is one of the top male kayakers in Alberta and is gearing up to represent our province at the 2025 Canada Summer Games. He's also working hard to improve his results at the Canadian Championships, showing his continued commitment to excellence. Beyond his athletic achievements, Josh is a certified coach and role model. He actively inspires younger athletes, fostering their passion for the sport and encouraging them to chase their own goals.

Sage Taylor – Biathlon

Even though Sage has natural talent, her countless hours of grinding practices has pushed her to excel in the sport of Biathlon. Sage hopes to qualify for the Junior World Championships in Arber, Germany next year. At these championships, against the best in the world, she looks to rank in the top 30. Sage strives to make improvements in her ski speed and shooting accuracy to become one of the top Junior athletes in Canada.

Internationally, in 2025 at the IBU regional in Italy, Sage ranked 4th in the 7.5 Short Individual and 20th in the Sprint. In the Coppa Italia in Bionazi Italy, she placed 9th in the 7.5 km Short and 20th in the Sprint. The 2024 Youth Junior World Championship saw a best rank of 53rd in the 10km Individual and 17th in the Relay. Sage won Bronze in Skate Sprints at the 2024 Nordiq Canada Cup. Nationally in 2024, Sage achieved 3rd at the Women's Mass Start in the Youth Junior World Championship Trials and 6th in the 15km at the Nordiq Canada Western Canadian Championships.

Sage is an ambitious young athlete with high potential for success in Biathlon. She is a great team leader and strives to push herself through dedication and determination to the next level of performance. As a role model to younger athletes, Sage is truly an advocate for the sport of Biathlon. Sage is goal-oriented and has set her sights high on achieving coveted Team Canada spots at international competitions.

It is with great pleasure that Sage Taylor is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2025.

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Brooke White – Rock Climbing

Brooke White is a very talented and hard-working athlete in the sport of rock climbing. Her coaches describe her as one of the most well-rounded athletes they have ever worked with and through her dedication she continues to enhance her climbing skills, sharpening her mental skills, and contributing to an energetic community through volunteering and coaching have all led her to the last year of competition where she excelled. Through her hard work Brooke has transitioned to a high-performance athlete in Canada and at a young age is already competing on the international stage. Brooke climbs for the challenge, the learning and personal betterment, which is supporting her success in this sport and the future looks bright.

Gabrielle Yarema - Rowing

Since she first started rowing in 2018 with the Calgary Rowing Club, Gabrielle has demonstrated steady and consistent improvements. She is a versatile athlete, able to perform both in sculling and in sweeping events, in small or big crews, capable of stroking an eight or rowing in the middle of a crew. Besides her athletic abilities, Gabrielle has also been an accomplished student. She graduated in Kinesiology from Western University and moved to Vancouver to start a Master's degree at UBC in 2024.

After achieving success as a junior, Gabby moved to Senior rowing in 2021 with both Western University (London) and the Calgary Rowing Club Senior Program.

Gabby represented Alberta at the 2022 Canada Summer Games, claiming a bronze medal in the Women's Four. The following fall, Gabby won a silver medal at the National Rowing Championships in the Under 23 Women's pair. Gabrielle continues her progression the following summer, becoming a Canadian University Rowing All-Star and winning her first Henley Gold at the Canadian Royal Henley Regatta 2023 in the Championships Women's Pair.

This past year Gabby competed at both the national and international level. She was a national champion at the Canadian University Rowing Championships (CURC's) winning a gold medal in both the singles and eight's division. Notably she was nominated as CURC female athlete of the year. Gabby also competed for Canada at the International University Sports Federation (FISU) rowing champions in the Nederland's winning a bronze medal in the women's eight.

It is with great pleasure that Gabrielle is awarded the Art Smith Endowment Grant for 2025.

SOY Memorial Award

"The Sportsperson Memorial Award is a \$5,000 award presented to our top deserving athlete and stands as a tribute to the many Sportspersons of the Year whose lifelong dedication helped shape sport in Calgary. It also represents the direction we are moving in—striving to make our athlete awards more meaningful and impactful."



Isabelle Weidemann – Long Track Speedskating

Isabelle (Izzy) holds the Canadian record in the 5000M at both the junior and senior levels. She became interested in long-distance skating and aimed for the Olympics after watching Kristina Groves, a four-time Olympic medalist, at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics.

Izzy first represented Canada at the 2014 and 2015 World Junior Championships. She made her World Cup debut the same year and participated in her first world championship at the end of the 2015 – 2016 season, where she finished an impressive fifth in the 5000M. Since then, Izzy has risen to become one of the world's top

speed skaters in the women's long distance events.

She made her Olympic debut at PyeongChang 2018 where she finished fourth with the team pursuit and skated to sixth and seventh-place finishes in the 5000m and 3000m, respectively.

Izzy won three medals during her second Olympic appearance at Beijing 2022. She started with a bronze medal in the 3000m for Canada's first medal of the Games. She then added a silver medal in the 5000m before capturing team pursuit gold in Olympic record time. She is the third Canadian ever to have won more than two medals at a single Winter Olympic Games following Cindy Klassen and Gaetan Boucher. Her accomplishments resulted in her being selected as Team Canada's flag bearer for the Closing Ceremonies.

Besides being an incredibly accomplished athlete, Izzy is currently studying for the MCAT to apply to medical school after the 2026 Olympics.

Off the ice, she is an ambassador for Classroom Champions, a mentor for up-andcoming 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, with Siksika Nation, and Fast and Female.

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 Weidemann is awarded the Sportsperson Memorial Award for 2025.

2024 - 2025 University / College Athlete Awards **University of Calgary Dinos Athletes**



MAX COOK | Men's Cross Country

Max Cook led the charge for the Dinos men's cross country team during the 2024 season. A former Canada West All-Rookie, Cook clocked a time of 26:25.7 at the Canada West Championships, pacing his team and earning a spot on the conference's Second All-Star Team. He capped off his season with a strong performance at the U SPORTS Championships, finishing in 25:08. A standout in the classroom as well. Cook was named a U SPORTS Academic All-Canadian for the second time last season while studying in the Faculty of Science, where he earned a 3.74 GPA.





HANNAH JOHNSEN | Women's Swimming

Whether in the classroom or the pool, Hannah Johnsen continues to impress. She captured four medals at the Canada West Championships and was named the conference's Swimmer of the Week for her performance at the Colleges Cup in February. At the U SPORTS Championships, she delivered her best showing of the year, winning five medals-including gold in the 200-metre backstroke. A three-time U SPORTS Academic All-Canadian, Johnsen excels academically in the Faculty of Kinesiology with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

ADAM KYDD | Men's Hockey

In just two seasons, Adam Kydd has made a seamless transition from the WHL to U SPORTS hockey. As a rookie, he tallied 21 points in 23 games-nearly a pointper-game pace. Despite missing nearly three months of the 2024-25 season due to injury, Kydd returned in January and guickly reestablished himself as a key contributor, closing the regular season on a three-game point streak. A U SPORTS Academic All-Canadian in his first year, Kydd is also a standout in the Haskayne School of Business with a 3.74 GPA.

MYKENA WALKER | Women's Soccer

A mainstay on the Dinos' backline, Mykena Walker has anchored the defence over her four seasons with the program. Named to the Canada West All-Rookie Team in 2022, she started 12 of 14 matches in the 2024 season, contributing two assists in a 7-0 win over Lethbridge on Oct. 11. Her strong defensive presence helped the Dinos to an 11-2-1 record and a first-place finish in the Canada West Prairie Division. A two-time U SPORTS Academic All-Canadian, Walker studies in the Cumming School of Medicine, where she holds an impressive 3.914 GPA.











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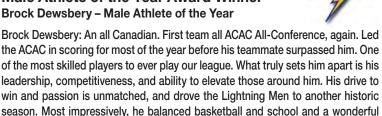
University / College Athlete Awards

St. Mary's University Athletes

wife and two adorable kids.



Male Athlete of the Year Award Winner Brock Dewsbery - Male Athlete of the Year





Female Athlete of the Year Award Winner Maitlynn Miller - Female Athlete of the Year

Maitlynn Miller: The most decorated season any Lightning player has ever had. And no, I'm not talking her finishing in the top half of female runners at the ACAC Cross Country Championships. Her impact on the Lightning Women's Basketball Team was felt in every possession, offence or defence, not just every game. She leads with her heart. Passionate and stubborn. Treats her teammates with the utmost respect but upholds everyone to her own high standard. Always the hardest working player on the court. Furthermore, we can't find any other

examples of a CCAA or ACAC Player of the Year who wasn't the leading scorer on her own team. A testament to her leadership and intangibles. This year she was...ACAC Female Athlete of the Year, CCAA Player of the Year, ACAC Player of the Year, ACAC Defensive Player of the Year, CCAA All Canadian, ACAC First Team All Conference, ACAC Championship All-Star, Second in the ACAC in scoring, Second in the ACAC in rebounding, First in the ACAC in steals (by a big margin), First in the ACAC in assists, Only player in the league to record a triple double in a game and she did it twice. Recorded 13 double doubles in just 21 games. And... had a 4.0 GPA in the final year of her Bachelor of Education Degree



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University / College Athlete Awards Mount Royal University Athletes



Female Rookie of the Year: Ruby Szautner

Ruby Szautner is the 2024-25 MRU Female Rookie of the Year after a standout debut season with the Cougars women's soccer team. A Canada West All-Rookie Team selection, Szautner started all 14 regular season games and played every single minute—an impressive feat for a first-year defender. Her consistent presence on the backline provided stability and strength to MRU's defense, while she also added one assist on the season. Szautner's poise, endurance, and high soccer IQ made her a key contributor

from day one and a foundational piece for the future of the Cougars women's soccer program.



Male Rookie of the Year: Justin Lies

Justin Lies made an immediate impact in his first season with the Cougars men's hockey team, earning him the title of MRU Male Rookie of the Year. Named to the Canada West All-Rookie Team, Lies tallied 18 goals and 14 assists for 32 points, ranking third among rookies and eighth overall in the conference. His 1.14 points-per-game average highlighted his consistent offensive presence, helping lead MRU to a Canada West silver medal. A dynamic forward with a powerful scoring touch, Lies quickly established

himself as a key player and a rising star in U SPORTS men's hockey.



Female Al Bohonus Athlete of the Year: Aliya Jomha

Aliya Jomha capped off a record-breaking season as MRU Female Athlete of the Year. The dynamic forward tallied 13 goals and 12 assists for 25 points in just 24 games, finishing top-five in Canada West scoring with 1.04 points per game. A Canada West First Team All-Star and U SPORTS Second Team All-Canadian, Jomha also represented Canada on the international stage, earning a silver medal at the 2025 FISU World University Games. She now holds MRU program records for all-time goals, all-time points, and single-season goals, cementing her legacy

as one of the greatest players in Cougars women's hockey history.



Male Al Bohonus Athlete of the Year: Clay Hanus

Clay Hanus had a historic 2024-25 season for the Mount Royal Cougars men's hockey team, earning him the title of MRU Male Athlete of the Year. The standout defenceman led the nation with 43 points (12 goals, 31 assists) in just 28 games, averaging 1.54 points per game. Hanus swept major awards, being named Canada West Player of the Year, Top Defenceman, and Top Scorer. He also received U SPORTS Player of the Year and Defenceman of the Year

honours, and was named a U SPORTS First Team All-Canadian. Hanus helped lead MRU to a Canada West silver medal finish.



Female Brian Fleming Award Recipient: Jamie Lalor

Jamie Lalor is the 2024-25 recipient of the Brian Flemming Award, honoring her outstanding contributions in academics, athletics, and community service. A five-year member of the Cougars women's basketball team and MRU's all-time assists leader, Lalor averaged 5.4 points, 3.9 rebounds, and 3.9 assists per game this season. Off the court, she served as President of the Cougars Athletics Board and dedicated over 130 hours to community initiatives, including,

PEBL, and multiple charity events. Academically, Lalor holds a remarkable 3.96 GPA and is a five-time Academic All-Canadian, making her one of the most well-rounded student-athletes at MRU.



Male Brian Fleming Award Recipient: Ethan Keen

Ethan Keen is the 2024-25 recipient of the Male Brian Flemming Award, recognizing excellence in academics, athletics, and community service. A five-year starter for the Cougars men's soccer team, Keen is a Canada West Second Team All-Star and has helped MRU earn a medal in every season. Off the field, he supports youth through Soccability and grassroots coaching, while also formally serving as VP of Diversity and Inclusion on the Cougars Athletics

Board. With a 3.45 GPA (3.57 in Fall 2024), he's a multi-year Academic All-Canadian and is currently conducting research with MRU's finance department, exemplifying leadership in all areas.

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Female Mel Sylvester Christian Leadership Award Winner **Brooklyn Deol**

This year's Female Leadership award winner is known to always show compassion towards everyone she meets. Her high level of empathy allows her to connect with people on a deeper level, and her Coach notes how they see her love for others and selflessness time and again with her teammates. She leads day in and day out by example in her work ethic, demeanor, and the way she treats people. She pushes herself to be better and then also lifts her teammates around her to follow. She

accepts critique with an open mind, wanting to further her own growth in her faith and walk with Christ, in her academics, and in athletics. She excels in the classroom as one of our Academic Award winners, she was voted as an ACAC All-Conference student athlete this year, and her kind and passionate leadership gives light to other people around her. This years Female Leadership Award winner is Brooklyn Deol.



Male Mel Sylvester Christian Leadership Award Winner **Joshua Clarke**

This year's Male Leadership award winner has been a distinguished character leader not only on his team but also amongst all of Athletics and the whole University student body. This young man embodies a servant's heart, prioritizing his faith, family, teammates, and friends in everything he does, and he is a man of action. He served as his team captain, served on the SALT team, consistently cared for and looked out for his teammates as he invited them to events, led a team Bible study, and even ran in our pioneering

first ACAC Cross Country event. As a strong student, he is also very engaged in the classroom and in his program activities, even serving as a program rep during our fundraising golf tournament. And then there is his leadership on the field of play as well. This young man led his team in scoring and although injured some in the second semester, when he was healthy and playing his team was undefeated, in part showing the difference his presence makes. This young man has certainly raised the bar for what it means to be an active, committed, invested leader at Ambrose. This year's Male Mel Sylvester Christian Leadership Award Winner is Joshua Clarke.



Female Athlete of the Year Award Andrijana Bokan

This year's Female Athlete of the Year has had an amazing year of milestones and is such a key piece to her teams growth and success. She is absolutely dominant in her position and other ACAC teams game plan around her. She was an All-Conference award recipient and she was in the ACAC top 10 in 6 statistical categories, including being 1st in two

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of them! These stats show her astounding all-round performance. She is also a vocal leader and a beloved teammate, a steady presence who also fosters vulnerability and trust amongst the group. She's a hard worker, very coachable, and embodies so much of what it means to be an Ambrose Lion. To top it off, she is our Academic Award recipient and, to use her coaches words, is an amazing human. She has shattered numerous Ambrose records in her sport, and this year's Female Athlete of the Year is Andrijana Bokan.



Male Athlete of the Year Award Winner **Brady De Castro**

This year's Male Athlete of the Year is an exceptional athlete and a dominant force in the ACAC. He was selected as an ACAC All-Conference award winner and was not far off from being selected as the ACAC Player of the Year which shows his excellence and prowess. He has become the all-time leading point-getter in Ambrose history in his sport and other teams certainly game plan around him. Not only this, but he is a kind and upstanding young man and also strong in the classroom. He is graduating with a degree this

Spring, but he has some eligibility left and all are waiting with bated breath, hoping he is coming back for another degree. This year's male Athlete of the Year is Brady De Castro.

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SAIT Athletes

SAIT Trojans Female Athlete of the Year: Meagan Wiebe

Meagan has had a remarkable year & career with the Trojans. As a fourth-year tri-sport athlete— Soccer, Futsal, and Indoor Track—her time and commitment to her sports and the Trojans cannot be overlooked. She is not only an incredible athlete but also an exceptional person and a superb leader in all aspects of her life.

Her influence on the team and her leadership within the ACAC and CCAA extend far beyond her skill on the field. From supporting teammates to organizing community volunteering, she exemplifies the values of a true leader and inspires everyone around her.

These attributes don't come without success: 3× ACAC Women's Soccer South Player of the Year, 4× ACAC Women's Soccer All-Conference, 2021–2022 Women's Soccer Rookie of the Year, 2023 ACAC Soccer Gold Medal, 2024 CCAA Women's Soccer Player of the Year, 2× ACAC Futsal Gold Medals, and 2024 CCAA Women's Soccer All-Canadian & CCAA Player of the Year.

She is now SAIT's all-time goals leader and the only player in ACAC history to be named Soccer's South Player of the Year three times. So not only has she been breaking records—she is the epitome of a great teammate and leader.

She is a Diagnostic Medical Sonography student, and it's clear she has given her whole heart to being a student-athlete.

Congratulations, Meagan!

SAIT Trojans Male Athlete of the Year:

Nathan Woyessa

Nathan has been incredibly dominant as a Trojan on the Cross-Country and Indoor Track teams. He has been a key part of SAIT's Cross-Country and Indoor Track successes over the past two seasons. He was a regular on the ACAC leaderboards and has an impressive lineup of accolades, which include: 2023 ACAC Rookie of the Year & Male Runner of the Year, 2024 ACAC Male Runner of the Year, 2023 & 2024 ACAC Men's Cross-Country All-Conference Award, 2025 ACAC Men's Indoor Track All-Conference Award & 2024 CCAA All Conference.

These accomplishments come alongside 2x ACAC Running Room Cross-Country Championship gold medals, 2x ACAC Men's Cross-Country Running Championship Team gold medals (he's been a huge part of defending the title for the 4th year in a row), a CCAA Cross-Country gold medal, and a CCAA Cross-Country Championship Team gold medal.

In addition to his long list of accomplishments and hardware from this year, Nathan is a second-year Software Development student, and his dedication to SAIT and the Trojans has been extraordinary. He's cultivated an atmosphere of commitment & determination within the Trojans running teams. We couldn't be prouder of him.

Congratulations, Nathan!





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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 **769** individual high school winners for a total of **\$558,500** and an additional **295** student athletes with maximum participation scholarships over three years of high school, for another **\$105,000**. This amounts to **1,064** athletes with a total investment of **\$663,500** by the Calgary Booster Club for Outstanding Student Athletes in the C.S.H.S.A.A. programs.

For more information on how to apply for the Gretta Schwartz and John Mayell \$2,000 scholarships, go to www.calgaryboosterclub.com. It must be done by a school coach or school representative. The deadline for applying is May 28, 2025.

Calgary Senior High School Athletic Association Award Winners

<u>SCHOOL—AWARD</u> School Year 2023/24	RECIPIENT	RECIPIENT
All Saints High School—Terry Dolan Memorial Award	Alexandr Schmidt-Ro	ycroft
		Cyril Atemnkengh
Bishop Carroll High School—Hayley Wickenheiser Award		
	Josh Martel	Sofia Sproule
Bishop McNally High School—Don Buchignani Award	Chale Peters	
Bishop O'Byrne High School—Joe Petrone Award Bowness High School—Sheila Iversen Award	Abany Deng Rowan James	Libiki Lodecon
Centennial High School–Myrna Empey Award	Bryce Lynch	Hibiki Hodgson Kate Mccollister
Central Memorial High School—John Semkuley Award	Jaiden Trudeau	Kate wicconster
Crescent Heights High School—Nev Anderson Award	Shelby Dean	Jarom Walton
Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School—Al Taylor Award	Sanuli Hewamanage	Omar Elyamany
Ernest Manning High School-Allison Godfrey Bobenic Award		
	Bronwyn Barber	Benjamin Falkowsky
Father Lacombe High School—Erv Hickie Award	K.C. Lopez	
Forest Lawn High School—Skip Morgan Award	Peace Orji	Andy Khuu
Henry Wise Wood High School-Lawrence King Award	Payton Sheehan	Aaryan Yektaie
Jack James & Alternative High School—John Schellenberg Memorial Award		
James Fowler High School—Rob Wright Award	Favour Oklena	
Joane Cardinal Schubert High School-Joe Massey Aw		
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John G. Diefenbaker High School—Sharon Reid Award Lester B. Pearson High School—Bill Mitchell Award	Feyisayo Okunowo	Leena Jaffery
Lord Beaverbrook High School–Laurie Robertson Memorial Award		
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Nelson Mandela High School—Don Maxwell Award	Aliyah Cruz	Alex magnaola
Notre Dame High School-Stan Schwartz Award	Maori de Jesus-Gilhula	Sevi Avedeabe
Our Lady of the Rockies-Bert Joines Award	Angelina Hargreaves	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Queen Elizabeth High School-Henry Philip Taylor Mem	norial Award	
	Koen Keller	Bess Sutter
Robert Thirsk High School-Tom Inkster Memorial Award		
	Carter Hunter	Nina Khalfan
Sir Winston Churchill High School-Barry Kimick Award		Daniel Yang
St. Francis High School-Gary Deman Award	Elliot Beveridge	Jibreel Yahaya
St. Gabriel High School-Carol Ericson Memorial Award		Danielle Lehmann
St. Martin De Porres High School-Dr. Arlene McGinn A		Audum Danas
Ct. Marvia Llich Cohool – Eather Collegher Memoriel Au	Rhett Melnychuk	Audrey Papas
St. Mary's High School—Father Gallagher Memorial Award		
St. Timothy High School—Leroy Pelletier Award	Emerson Joy Ellie Barlow	Cate McLaughlin
Western Canada High School—Al Holm Award	Rachel Matulis	Daniel Wolpert
William Aberhart High School – Kevin Pelehos Award	Reece Kost	Elijah Hwang
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High School Awards Gretta Schwartz Memorial Award Winner

Gretta Schwartz Memorial Award for Outstanding Female Student Athlete 2023 - 2024



IVY POETKER, Central Memorial High School

This amazing young lady has been an MVP and an All Star in her two sports of Rugby & Wrestling. She is a City Champion in Wrestling, but it is Rugby where she has really left her mark. In all three years of high school, she has been selected as MVP for City, Provincial and Club Women's Rugby teams. While playing for the Calgary Rams, she was also captain of Team Alberta and was scouted to play for Team Canada. While maintaining an outstanding 95% average in school, she still found time to be active on the Grad Committee, the Drama Club

and has stared in Lunchbox Theatre. Add to this, Class Historian and MC for the Athletic Awards Banquet and she was one busy lady. In the Community, she has worked at the Drop in Center, supported the Breast Cancer Marathon, was a Santa for senior citizens, coached young kids in Rugby and hopes to be a Referee for the Calgary Rugby Union. She is attending the University of Victory this year and was considered by many to be the top high school Rugby recruit in Canada.

John Mayell Memorial Award Winner



John Mayell Memorial Award for Outstanding Male Student Athlete 2023 - 2024

EMERSON JOY, St. Mary's High School

His outstanding athletic ability, commitment to academic excellence and exemplary qualities of good citizenship, made him a role model to his teammates. His participation in Football, Basketball, Track & Field and Golf, left a positive impact as he gave his best at all times. In grade 12. he was a City All Star while captain of his school Basketball team. Our winner, was also a willing volunteer for the Athletic Department and

helped whenever needed, no matter what the task was. While maintaining an 89% average in school, he still found time to be a school Tutor, Open House presenter, Tour Guide, Fund Raiser, Fine Arts Club member and helped coach the Junior Football team. In the Community, he was active in his Church, was a Fund Raiser for Cerebral Palsy and volunteered to help a family with a special needs son. He also found time to drive senior members to their community activities. Finally, he was selected by the Booster Club as the Harry Hood Memorial Football Outstanding player for Division 3.

High School Awards Harry Hood Memorial Football Award Winners 2024



For Division I High School Football - Tristen Aherne, Henry Wise Wood High School

As an Outstanding Lineman and captain of his team, this remarkable athlete has left his mark as one of the very best in this position. In grade 10 & 11 he was voted as the best Lineman which definitely supports this belief. He was also a Canada West Football All Star and was voted the most inspirational player for the Calgary Wildcats, his community team. While maintaining a 90% average in school, he still found time to be a Peer Tutor, a member of the school Band programs and a

participant on the Track & Field teams. In the community, he helped coach young players as an Assistant Line coach and plans on getting his Bachelor's degree in Commerce, while playing football at the University of Alberta for the Golden Bears.



For Division II High School Football - Leyton Colpitts, Crescent Heights High School

As captain, he has led his school football team as a Defensive End, Fullback, Quarterback and Slotback. As his coach says: "This is a testament to his natural and outstanding athletic ability as a multitalented football player." While maintaining a 91% average in school, our winner still finds time to be active in other aspects of school life. He also plays on the Basketball, Rugby & Track & Field teams and participates in Cross Country and on the school Swim team. Add to

this, a school Peer tutor and he is one busy young man. In the community he is a Hockey referee, a Canoe Camp instructor and assists the Blind Ski Association by helping skiers load & unload their gear for Ski weekends.



For Division III High School Football

- Tolu Sokoya, John G. Diefenbaker High School

As an outstanding running back and captain, our winner has left his mark with an average of 1,000 yards per season and 35 touchdowns in his illustrious school career. He is was also a part of the special teams, running back punts and kickoffs successfully and was named a Division All Star and the MVP of his school team. As a student in his school's demanding IB program, he still found time to be a member of the Basketball, Rugby and Track & Field teams and

was a grade 9 Tour Guide and Open House volunteer. In the community, he was an active Church member in organizing Youth events and helped set up and take down chairs for the Sunday service. He also worked at the local Recreation Center, helping them organize their Stampede Breakfast.

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