

## PREMIER'S ATHLETIC AWARDS

The Premier's Athletic Awards is an annual event that allows the Province to recognize the top female and male athletes from the provincial sport organizations and post-secondary institutions receiving funding through the BC Athlete Assistance Program. The BC Athlete Assistance Program, administered by the Sport and Recreation Branch of the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport, provides financial support to athletes who demonstrate the potential and commitment to represent British Columbia and Canada in athletic competition in order to relieve some of the pressures associated with training and competition. Eligible athletes are those striving to represent their province at Canada Games and/or those on national teams with the goal of being selected to participate in major multi-sport Games competitions such as the Olympic, Paralympic, Commonwealth and Pan American Games.

The 2009 Premier's Athletic Award recipients are being honoured for their athletic achievements in the 2007/08 competitive season. Past award recipients include Olympians Diane Cummins (Athletics), Gary Reed (Athletics), Brent Hayden (Swimming) and Kristina Richards (Freestyle Skiing), Paralympians Michelle Stilwell (Wheelchair Athletics) and Paul Gauthier (Boccia) and World Junior Triathlon Champion Kirsten Sweetland.



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## A Message from the Premier and Minister

Welcome to the 2009 Premier's Athletic Awards.

On behalf of the people of British Columbia, we are proud to honour 102 B.C. athletes who have made a contribution to sport through their provincial, national and international achievements.

Through our investment in B.C.'s sport system, the Province is proud to support these athletes as they make their way along the performance pathway.

Through B.C. Athlete Assistance and other provincial programs, in partnership with provincial sport organizations, we have created a strong sport development foundation that will provide British Columbia's athletes the tools and support they need to reach their full athletic potential.

Some of the athletes being honoured today have already made their mark on the Olympic stage, giving Canadians some of the most exciting moments of the 2008 Beijing Summer Games. We will see others on the podium at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games when British Columbia welcomes the world, and more of them will represent Canada at future Olympic and Paralympic competitions.

These athletes serve as role models for healthy living and are great ambassadors to promote the benefits of sport, recreation and physical activity. As we approach the start of the 2010 Games in just 12 months, we are well on our way to becoming the healthiest region ever to host an Olympic and Paralympic Games.

All of this year's honourees have something in common: the ability to inspire and to be shining examples of determination, passion and a commitment to excellence.

Congratulations to the 2009 Premier's Athletic Award recipients. As British Columbians, we all share in your sense of pride and accomplishment.

Sincerely,



Gordon Campbell  
Premier



Mary Polak  
Minister of Healthy Living  
and Sport

**WIKTORIA GLOWCZYNSKI**

**Alpine Ski**

- Canadian Championships – 15<sup>th</sup> Place, Super-Combined Event
- Pontiac Cup – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Podium, Slalom Event
- Hershey Cup – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Podium, Slalom Event
- BC Cup Speed Series – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Podium, Super-G

**CONRAD PRIDY**

**Alpine Ski**

- Western Spring Series Overall Slalom Championship:
  - Series #1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Podium
  - Series #2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Podium
- North American Series #1 – 21<sup>st</sup> Place, Super-G
- North American Series #2 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Place, Super-G

**MITCHELL GRANDBERG**

**Alpine Ski  
– Special Olympics**

- 2008 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Giant Slalom (advance)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Slalom (advance)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Downhill (advance)
- Member of Special Olympics Team Canada for the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games

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## **SAM DANNIELS**

## **Para-Alpine**

- BC Winter Games – Gold Medal, Giant Slalom and Slalom
- BC Para Alpine Championships – Bronze Medal, Giant Slalom
- NORAM – Silver Medal, Downhill

## **BRENNA PRICE**

## **Archery**

- 2007 BC Outdoor Championships – Gold Medal
- BC Indoor Championships – Silver Medal
- FITA Stars: 1000 Star and 1100 Star (Personal Best: 1132 / 1440)
- 2007 Canadian Outdoor Championships – 7<sup>th</sup> Place, Target Round

## **RICHARD SCAMMELL**

## **Archery**

- 2007 US National Archery Association Field Archery Championships – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- 2007 Canadian Field Archery Championships – Silver Medal
- 2007 Canadian Target Archery Championships – Bronze Medal
- BC Outdoor Championships (Target & Field) – Gold Medal (2 Canadian Records set)

**RUKY ABDULAI**

**Athletics – Long Jump**

- 2008 Olympic Games (Rising Star Category) – 12<sup>th</sup> Place, Qualifying Group B
- 2008 Canadian Championships – Gold Medal
- Azusa Pacific Invitational – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Canadian Olympic Team Qualifying Standard
- Vancouver Sun Harry Jerome International Track Classic – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**MICHAEL MASON**

**Athletics – High Jump**

- 2008 Olympic Games (Rising Star Category) – 8<sup>th</sup> Place, Qualifying Group B
- 2008 Canadian Championships – Gold Medal
- 2008 Washington Indoor – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Canadian Olympic Team Qualifying Standard
- 2008 World Indoor Athletics Championships – 8<sup>th</sup> Place

**MELODY LIANG**

**Badminton**

- U23 National Championships:
  - Gold Medal - Women's Doubles
  - Gold Medal - Mixed Doubles
- 2008 National Open Championships – Bronze Medal, Mixed Doubles

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### **TOBY NG**

### **Badminton**

- 2008 US Open – Semi-Finalist, Men’s Doubles
- 2008 Canadian National Championships – Bronze Medal, Men’s Doubles
- Represented Canada two times at the Men’s World Team Championship

### **KRISTINA COLLINS**

### **Basketball**

- National Juvenile Championships – Bronze Medal
- Member of the Canada Basketball/Basketball BC Centre for Performance
- AAA Girls Provincial Championships – 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Star

### **TOMMY NIXON**

### **Basketball**

- U17 Provincial Team Member
- Member of the Canada Basketball/Basketball BC Centre for Performance
- BC High School Boys Provincial Championships All-Star

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### **ELISHA WILLIAMS**

### **Basketball - Wheelchair Sports**

- 2007 BC Wheelchair Basketball Society's Female Athlete of the Year
- BC-Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League Division 1 Most Improved Player for 2008
- Para Pan-American Games – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- BC Breakers Provincial Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team member – 2008 National Champions

### **ROSS MacDONALD**

### **Basketball - Wheelchair Sports**

- National Wheelchair Basketball Association – Most Sportsmanlike Player and MVP of the Championship Game
- BC Provincial Men's Wheelchair Basketball Team member – 2008 National Champions
- BC Cable Cars Men's Wheelchair Basketball Team member – National Wheelchair Basketball Association Champions

### **MEGAN TANDY**

### **Biathlon**

- 2008 Junior World Biathlon Championships – 8<sup>th</sup> Place, 10km Pursuit
- 2008 Summer Rollerski World Championships – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, 10km Pursuit (junior category)
- 2008 European Cup #7 – 4<sup>th</sup> Place, 10km Pursuit
- 2008 National Championships – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 7.5km Sprint and Individual

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## **MATTHEW NEUMANN**

## **Biathlon**

- 2008 Canadian National Champion
- 2008 Provincial Champion
- North American Cup #1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- North American Cup #3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

## **CAROLINE VIETNIEKS**

## **Boccia - Sportability**

- Member of National Team Program
- 2008 Canadian National Boccia Championships – Silver Medal
- 2008 SportsFest Boccia – Silver Medal

## **ROBERT COUZENS**

## **Boxing**

- 2008 National Championships – Gold Medal
- 2008 Diamond Belt Champion
- 2008 Recipient of the Jimmy Symes Award (Best Junior Boxer of the Year)

## **NICOLE HAYWOOD**

## **Canoe/Kayak**

- 2008 Pan-American Canoe Championships:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Senior Women's C-2 500m
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Senior Women's C-1 200m
- 2008 Canadian National Championships:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Junior Women's C-1 200m
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Junior Women's C-1 500m
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Senior Women's C-1 200m
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Senior Women's C-1 500m
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Senior Women's C-1 1000m

**KEITH KELLEWAY**

**Canoe/Kayak**

- 2008 Canadian National Championships:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Juvenile Men's K-2 500m
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place - Juvenile Men's K-4 1000m
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place - Junior Men's K-2 200m
  - 7<sup>th</sup> place - Juvenile Men's K-2 200m
- Represented Canada on the Pre-Junior World Team Tour
- Nominated to the Canoe/Kayak Canada Junior National Development Team

**ALYSSON MARSHALL**

**Cross Country Ski**

- World Junior Championships:
  - 25<sup>th</sup> Place - Women's Sprint (free technique)
  - 32<sup>nd</sup> Place - Women's 5km (classic technique)
- National Championship Aggregate Champion – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Junior Women
- CCUNC Aggregate Champion – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**CHRISTOPHER WERRELL**

**Cross Country Ski**

- FIS World Cup – 48<sup>th</sup> Place, Individual Sprint (classic technique)
- Supertour, USA – 6<sup>th</sup> Place, Open Men Individual Sprint (classic technique)
- Western Canadian Championships – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Open Men Individual Sprint (free technique)

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## **AVITAL YAROSKY**

### **Cross Country Ski – Special Olympics**

- 2008 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Classical 100m
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Classical 500m
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Classical 1km
- Member of the Special Olympics Team Canada for the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games

## **JACQUELINE ROY**

### **Curling - Wheelchair**

- 2007 Canadian Wheelchair Champion
- 2008 Canadian Wheelchair Champion

## **BOB URSEL**

### **Curling**

- 2007-08 Men's Provincial Curling Champion
- 2008 Canadian Championship Finalist

## **BIANCA ADOLF**

### **Cycling – Mountain Bike**

- 2008 Women's Junior Canadian Cross-Country Champion
- 2008 Women's Junior World Cross-Country Championships – 6<sup>th</sup> Place, Top North American Junior Athlete
- 2008 Women's Junior World Cross-Country Winner, Sea Otter Classic
- 2008 Women's Junior World Cross-Country Winner, Mont Tremblant Canada Cup

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### **TYLER ALLISON**

### **Cycling – Mountain Bike**

- 2008 Men's Junior Canadian Cross-Country Championships – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- 2008 Men's Junior Cross-Country Winner, Sun Peaks Canada Cup
- 2008 Men's Junior Cross-Country Canada Cup Champion

### **MORGAN WELLER**

### **Diving**

- BC Summer Provincial Diving Championships (Girls B Group):
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 1 meter
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 3 meter
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Tower
- Canadian National Age Group Championships (Girls B Group):
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 1 meter
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Place - 3 meter
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Place - Tower
- World Age Group Championships – 11<sup>th</sup> Place, 1 meter (Girls B Group)

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### KEVIN VOS

### Diving

- World Age Group Championships – 10<sup>th</sup> Place, 1 meter (Boys B Group)
- Canadian National Age Group Championships (Boys B Group):
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 1 meter
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Place - 3 meter
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Tower
- BC Winter Provincial Diving Championships (Boys B Group):
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 1 meter
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 3 meter
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Tower
- BC Summer Provincial Diving Championships (Boys B Group):
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 1 meter
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 3 meter

### LAUREN BARWICK

### Para-Equestrian Dressage

- 2008 Paralympic Games:
  - Gold Medal - Individual Freestyle
  - Silver Medal - Individual Championship Test
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Team Test
- Ocala Spring Dressage – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

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### **JACKIE TRAUTMAN**

### **Field Hockey**

- 2008 Canadian Interuniversity Sport – Silver Medal
- 2008 Canada West Conference Rookie of the Year
- 2008 Field Hockey Canada U19 National Championships – Gold Medal
- 2008 Field Hockey Canada Senior National Championships – Silver Medal

### **HUDSON STEWART**

### **Field Hockey**

- 2008 Junior Pan American Championships – 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- 2008 U19 Team BC – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- 2007 Junior National Team Canadian/USA Challenge Series – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- 2008 Field Hockey BC U18 Men's Club Championships – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

### **TARRAH HARVEY**

### **Figure Skating**

- 2008 BMO Canadian Championships – 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- 2008 ISU Junior Grand Prix Merano – 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- 2008 ISU Junior Grand Prix Golden Lynx – 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- 2008 Skate Canada Western Challenge – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

### **KEITH GAGNON**

### **Figure Skating**

- 2008 BMO Canadian Championships – 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- 2008 ISU Junior Grand Prix Merano – 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- 2008 ISU Junior Grand Prix Golden Lynx – 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- 2008 Skate Canada Western Challenge – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

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## **MATT CROSBY**

## **Freestyle Ski**

- 2008 World Cup – 17<sup>th</sup> Place, Single Moguls
- Nor-Am 2008 – 4<sup>th</sup> Place, Single Moguls
- 2008 Canadian National Championships – 6<sup>th</sup> Place, Single Moguls

## **SHAWN MARSOLAIS**

## **Goalball – Blind Sports**

- Member of Canadian Mixed Team at Colorado Springs International Tournament – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Canadian Blind Sports National Goalball Team Member (development team)
- Member of Provincial Team

## **SUE KIM**

## **Golf**

- 2008 British Columbia Junior Girl's Champion
- Member of 2008 National Junior Girl's Champions
- First on the British Columbia and National Order of Merit for Junior Girls
- Two-time 2008 CN Canadian Women's Tour Champion

## **NICK TAYLOR**

## **Golf**

- 1<sup>st</sup> on the British Columbia and Canadian National Order of Merit
- 2008 World Amateur Golf Championship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- 2008 Pacific Northwest Golfer of the Year
- 2008 Pacific Coast Amateur Championship – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**CHARLOTTE MACKIE**

**Gymnastics - Artistic**

- 2008 Pacific Alliance Championships (Junior) – 4<sup>th</sup> place All Around, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Vault, 6<sup>th</sup> place Balance Beam (team), 7<sup>th</sup> place Floor Exercise (team)
- 2008 Gymnix International Championships (Junior) – 4<sup>th</sup> place All Around, 1<sup>st</sup> place Vault, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Balance Beam, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Floor Exercise, 4<sup>th</sup> place Uneven Bars
- 2008 Canadian Gymnastics Championships (Senior) – 7<sup>th</sup> place All Around, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Vault, 6<sup>th</sup> place Balance Beam, 6<sup>th</sup> place Floor Exercise

**CURTIS GEREIN**

**Gymnastics - Trampoline**

- 2008 Indo Pacific Trampoline Championships (age group 15-16) – 1<sup>st</sup> place Double Mini Trampoline, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Trampoline
- 2007 World Age Group Championships (age group 13-14) – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Double Mini Trampoline, 11<sup>th</sup> place Trampoline
- 2008 Canadian Gymnastics Championships (Youth) – 2<sup>nd</sup> place Double Mini Trampoline, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Trampoline
- 2008 Canada Cup (Youth) – 1<sup>st</sup> place Double Mini Trampoline, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Trampoline

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## **KATHLEEN McDONALD**

### **Hockey**

- Invited to Hockey Canada U18 Player Identification Camp
- 2007 Team BC member – U18 National Championships
- Selected to 2008 Team BC
- BC Winter Games – Gold Medal (Okanagan U18 team)

## **MATT MacKENZIE**

### **Hockey**

- Team Pacific Member – U17 World Hockey Challenge
- Invited to Hockey Canada U18 Player Identification Camp
- Member of the Calgary Hitmen of the Western Hockey League

## **JAMES GEMMELL**

### **Sledge Hockey**

- Member of Team BC – Gold Medal, London Blizzard Sledge Hockey Tournament
- Western Canada Sledge Hockey Tournament – Bronze Medal

## **REBECCA PRETIOUS**

### **Judo**

- 2008 IJF Junior National Judo Champion (-78kg)
- 2008 Senior National Judo Championships – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Hatashita International – 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Junior and Senior Women's Divisions)
- Senior Rendez Vous – 5<sup>th</sup> Place

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### **SCOTT McGRANDLE**

### **Judo**

- 2008 Senior National Judo Champion (-73kg)
- 2008 IJF Junior Nationals – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- 2008 Junior World Team Member
- Hatashita International:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – IJF Junior Division
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Senior Mens Division

### **JUSLEEN VIRK**

### **Karate**

- 2008 National Championships – Gold Medal
- 2008 Junior Pan American Championships – Gold Medal (-48kg, 16–17 year old)

### **SHAUN DHILLON**

### **Karate**

- 2008 Pan American Championships – Bronze Medal
- 2008 Provincial Championships – Gold Medal, Mens Kumite (+84kg)
- 2008 BC Team Tryouts – Gold Medal, Mens Kumite

### **MARLENE CLEUTINX**

### **Lawn Bowling**

- Represented Canada on the women's team for the World Bowls Championship
- 2008 Provincial Championships – Gold Medal, Women's Pairs
- 2008 Canadian Championships – Gold Medal, Women's Pairs

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### **HIRENDRA BHARTU**

### **Lawn Bowling**

- World Indoor Singles Championship – 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- World Bowls Championship – Skipped Canadian Triples team to a Bronze Medal
- Canadian Outdoor Singles Championship – Gold Medal
- Asia-Pacific Indoor Championship – Silver Medal

### **MONICA PINETTE**

### **Modern Pentathlon**

- 2008 Olympic Games – 27<sup>th</sup> Place
- 2008 World Championships – 11<sup>th</sup> Place
- 2008 World Cup #4 – 21<sup>st</sup> Place
- 2008 Indoor Championships – 10<sup>th</sup> Place

### **TIK MAYNARD**

### **Modern Pentathlon**

- World Cup #1 – 27<sup>th</sup> Place in Semi-Final
- World Cup #2 – 28<sup>th</sup> Place in Semi-Final

### **SABRINA VERSTEEG**

### **Netball**

- Member of National Team representing Canada at the Americas Championships
- BC Open Women's Team – Canadian National Champions
- Captain of the Vancouver Women's League Champions

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### **MICHAEL RUSAK**

### **Racquetball**

- Junior National Championships – 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- Junior Provincials – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Seattle Open – 4<sup>th</sup> Place, Elite Division

### **DEMETRA MANTCHEVA**

### **Rhythmic Gymnastics**

- Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in National Team Ranking
- Pacific Alliance – 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- Madiera International – 5<sup>th</sup> Place

### **CASSANDRA SHIER**

### **Ringette**

- 2009 Under 19 Team Canada Member
- Team BC Member - Canadian Ringette Championships
- Member of the Lower Mainland Ringette League Belle AA team

### **JODY SCHURMAN**

### **Rowing**

- U-23 World Championships – 4<sup>th</sup> Place, National Rowing Team Coxed Eight
- Canadian National Rowing Championships – 5<sup>th</sup> Place, U-23 Women's Single
- Canadian National Rowing Championships – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Open Women's Quad
- Canada West Rowing Championships – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, UBC Coxed Four

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## **JAMES DUNAWAY**

### **Rowing**

- 2007 Canadian University Rowing Championships – Gold Medal, Mens Single
- 2008 Lucerne World Cup – 6<sup>th</sup> Place, Mens Quadruple Sculls
- 2008 Senior World Rowing Championships – Gold Medal, Mens Coxed Pair
- 2007 Canadian University Rowing Championships – Silver Medal, Mens Eight

## **HARRY JONES**

### **Rugby**

- Represented Canada on National U20 team at IRB Junior World Championships, Wales – 12<sup>th</sup> Place finish
- Represented Canada on Senior Men's Sevens Team at IRB Sevens Tournament, New Zealand
- Represented Canada West in the IRB North America 4 Tournament – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Represented BC on Select Team vs Oxford University

## **STACIE LOUTTIT**

### **Sailing**

- 2008 Paralympic Games – Bronze Medal
- 2008 International Federation for Disabled Sailing QingDao International Regatta – 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- 2008 Miami Olympic Classes Regatta – Bronze Medal
- 2008 Canadian Yachting Association – Female Athlete of the Year

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### **JOHN McROBERTS**

### **Sailing**

- 2008 Paralympic Games – Bronze Medal
- 2008 International Federation for Disabled Sailing QingDao International Regatta – 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- 2008 Miami Olympic Classes Regatta – Bronze Medal
- 2008 US Disabled Championships – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

### **HELEN SCHETTINI**

### **Snowboard**

- NorAm Cup Halfpipe:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Day 1)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Day 1)
- FIS Halfpipe – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

### **DANIEL LONGO**

### **Snowboard**

- NorAm Cup Halfpipe:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Day 1)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Place (Day 1)
- FIS Halfpipe – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

**DARRELL ROBINSON**

**Snowshoeing  
– Special Olympics**

- 2008 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 100m
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - 200m
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 400m
- Member of the Special Olympics Team Canada for the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games

**KATIE TURNEY**

**Soccer**

- Member of the Canadian Soccer Associations National Training Centre West
- Captain of the 2007-08 BC Soccer Association Provincial Teams Program
- Selected to the Whitecaps FC Full Time Player Program

**DERRICK BASSI**

**Soccer**

- Member of the Canadian Soccer Associations National Under 17 Youth Team
- Member of the Canadian Soccer Associations National Training Centre West
- Selected to the 2007-08 BC Soccer Association Under 16 Boys Provincial Teams Program

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### **SHONA GUERRERO**

### **Softball**

- Softball BC Midget A Provincial Championships
- 2008 Batting Average .386
- Team Captain Surrey Storm – Midget A

### **JESSICA HEWITT      Speed Skating – Short Track**

- National Team Selection #3 – 5<sup>th</sup> Place Overall
- 8<sup>th</sup> place rank at end of 2007-08 season, earning a spot on the National Development Team
- World Cup (Salt Lake) – Bronze Medal, 3000m Relay event
- World Cup (Vancouver) – Bronze Medal, 3000m Relay event

### **CORY RASMUSSEN      Speed Skating – Short Track**

- Broke the World Record in the 500m
- National Team Selection #3 - 4<sup>th</sup> Place Overall
- World Cup (2008 fall competition) National Team Selection:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Place - 500m
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Place - 1000m

**MICHELLE LORD**

**Speed Skating  
– Special Olympics**

- 2008 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 777m
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 1000m
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 1500m
- Member of the Special Olympics Team Canada for the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games

**THOMAS BRINKMAN**

**Squash**

- BC Junior Open Champion
- BC Junior Closed Champion
- Canadian Junior Championships – 7<sup>th</sup> Place
- Ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in BC

**SAVANNAH KING**

**Swimming**

- 2008 Olympic Games – 14<sup>th</sup> Place, 400m Freestyle
- Canadian Freestyle Rankings – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 1500m; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 400m and 800m
- Swimming Canada Summer Nationals:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 1500m Freestyle
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 4 x 200m Free Relay
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 4 x 100m Medley Relay
- Swimming Canada Olympic Trials:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 400m Freestyle
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - 1500m Freestyle

**RYAN COCHRANE**

**Swimming**

- 2008 Olympic Games:
  - Bronze Medal - 1500m Freestyle
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Place - 400m Freestyle
- World Freestyle Rankings – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 800m; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 1500m; 10<sup>th</sup> Place, 400m
- Aquatic Federation of Canada Male Athlete of the Year
- Swim BC Male Athlete of the Year

**DONOVAN TILDESLEY**    **Swimming – Blind Sports**

- 2008 Paralympic Games (S11 Category):
  - Bronze Medal - 400m Freestyle
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Place - 100m Freestyle
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Place - 100m Backstroke
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Place - 100m Butterfly
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Place - 50m Freestyle
- Canadian flag bearer at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games Opening Ceremonies
- World Records in the 800m Freestyle (S11) and 1500m Freestyle (S11) long course

**VERONICA WINTER**                      **Synchronized Swimming**

- 2008 Canadian Open Synchronized Swimming Championships:
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> Place - Figures
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Place - Solo
- 2008 Western Divisional Championships:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Place - Solo
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Place - Solo

**PEGGY HSIEN**    **Table Tennis**

- 2008 STIGA Canadian Championships (Under 15 Girls):
  - Gold Medal - Girls Singles
  - Gold Medal - Girls Doubles
  - Gold Medal - Girls Team
- 2008 Stag Panam Junior Championships – 12<sup>th</sup> Place
- National Team Challenge:
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Place - Womens
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Cadet Girls

**ADRIAN LEE**    **Table Tennis**

- 2008 Richmond Open – Gold Medal, Under 15
- 2008 ACME Open – Gold Medal, Under 18
- 2008 Canadian Championships:
  - Silver Medal – Boys 13 Team Event
  - Silver Medal – Junior Mixed 13 Doubles

**VICTORIA CHONG**

**Taekwondo**

- 2008 Commonwealth Taekwondo Championships– Gold Medal, Junior Female A: -44 Fly Division
- World Junior Taekwondo Championships – Bronze Medal
- Canadian Junior National Championships – Gold Medal, Fly Division
- BC Provincial Championships – Gold Medal

**NIGEL HARMAN**

**Taekwondo**

- 2008 Commonwealth Taekwondo Championships – Gold Medal, Male Division A Junior: Light Weight
- Represented Team Canada at the 2008 World Junior Taekwondo Championships
- Junior National Championships – Gold Medal

**DOROTHY LUDWIG**

**Target Sports – Air Pistol**

- 2008 Richmond Spring Hibernation Match – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- 2008 Canadian National Championships:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Air Pistol
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Place - Sport Pistol
- 2008 World Cup Competition – Placed 40<sup>th</sup> of 91

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## **JORDAN FRASER**

### **Target Sports – Rifle**

- 2008 Canadian National Championships - Northland Firearms Trophy for Overall High Junior
- 2008 BC Junior Air Rifle Champion
- 2008 BC Summer Games - Overall Match Winner for Air, Sporting and Match Rifle
- 2008 Richmond Hibernation Match - Silver Medal, Junior Men Air Rifle

## **KHRISTINA BLAJKEVITCH**

### **Tennis**

- Member of the Canadian Junior National Team
- Holds a professional world ranking on both the WTA tour and the junior international circuit
- Junior World Cup competitor
- Major Junior World Individual Championships competitor

## **NIKOLAI HAESSIG**

### **Tennis**

- Member of the Canadian Junior National Team
- Finished 2008 ranked #1 in Canada in the 16 and under division in both singles and doubles
- National 16 and Under Champion – singles and doubles
- Holds world rankings in singles and doubles on the junior international circuit

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### **JONINNE PINNELL**

### **Tenpin Bowling**

- Provincial World Cup Qualifying Tournament – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Kings and Queens Provincial Qualifier – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- King and Queens Provincial Finals – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

### **RYAN REID**

### **Tenpin Bowling**

- Canadian Tenpin Federation National Championship – Gold Medal
- BC Tenpin Federation Annual Provincial Championship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- 2007-08 BC Tenpin Federation Male Bowler of the Year
- Provincial World Cup Qualifying Tournament – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

### **KERRY SPEARING**

### **Triathlon**

- Wasa Lake Triathlon, Provincial Olympic Distance Championships – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Canadian National Triathlon Championships – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Pan American Triathlon Championships (PATCO) – 7<sup>th</sup> Place
- International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Championships (Under 23) – 10<sup>th</sup> Place

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**JEFFREY PHILLIPS**

**Triathlon**

- National Junior Series Event – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Canada Summer Games Test Event – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- International Triathlon Union World Championships – 37<sup>th</sup> Place

**SHANICE MARCELLE**

**Volleyball**

- 2008 Junior National Team Indoor Member
- Member of Team Canada, NORCECA Continental Championships – 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- First Team All Star AAAA High School Provincials
- Team BC Beach Member – National Championships

**GORD PERRIN**

**Volleyball**

- Junior National Team Member
- NORCECA Championships 'Best Blocker' Award
- Canadian Interuniversity National Volleyball Championships – Bronze Medal with Thompson Rivers University
- Canada West Rookie of the Year

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### **MONIKA EGGENS**

### **Water Polo**

- Member of Team Canada – Junior Worlds
- 2008 Juvenile National Club Championships – Gold Medal
- Member of Canadian National Senior B Team

### **MATHEW VENNER**

### **Water Polo**

- Member of Canadian Team - Junior Worlds
- Member of Canadian National Senior Team – Pre-Olympic Training Camp
- Member of Canadian Senior B Team – European Tour 2008

### **MADDISON McCAMMON**

### **Water Ski**

- Western Canadian Championships - Silver Medals, Slalom, Trick, Jump and Overall.
- Canadian National Championships:
  - Gold medal - Slalom
  - Bronze medal - Jump
- Member of Canada's Junior Can Am Team – Gold medal, Slalom and Team (Canada vs USA)
- Nationally Ranked #1 – Junior Women's Slalom

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### **ROBBIE PATERSON**

### **Water Ski**

- Canadian National Championships:
  - Bronze medal – Jump
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Overall (Junior)
- Member of Canada's Junior Can Am Team
- BC Junior Team Member for over 5 years

### **KATELYNN WILLIAMS**

### **Weightlifting**

- 2008 Western Canadian Champion - Best Female Lifter (75kg)
- 2008 Canadian Championships – Silver Medal
- Selected to National Team Reserve
- Team Canada member at the 2008 North American Open

### **JASVIR SINGH**

### **Weightlifting**

- 2008 Olympic Games – 12<sup>th</sup> Place
- 2008 Western Canadian Champion (62kg)
- 2008 Canadian Champion
- 2008 Pan American Championships – 7<sup>th</sup> Place

**JAZMYNE DENHOLLANDER      Whitewater Kayak**

- 2008 Canadian National Championships:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Junior K1
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Junior C1
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Place - Senior K1
- American Open – 7<sup>th</sup> Place, Senior K1
- Australian Schools Open Championships – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Cadet K1

**MIRANDA DICK      Wrestling**

- 2008 World University Wrestling Champion (55kg)
- 2008 Canadian Interuniversity Sport National Champion and Most Valuable Player
- 2008 Canada West Champion and Most Valuable Player
- 2008 Senior Nationals – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

**DUSTYN FISHER      Wrestling**

- 2008 Canada West Champion (90kg)
- 2008 Canadian Interuniversity Sport Champion and Named Outstanding Male Wrestler
- 2008 Senior Nationals – 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- 2008 Canada Cup – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

## POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION RECIPIENTS

### **STEPHANIE KO**                      **College Female – Badminton**

- Member of Douglas College Badminton Team and three time British Columbia Colleges Athletic Association Women's Doubles Champion
- 2008 Canadian Colleges Athletic Association Women's Doubles Champion
- Nominated for the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association Player of the Year for Badminton
- Number One Year-End Provincial Ranking – Women's Doubles

### **TAMMY THOMAS**                      **College Female – Volleyball**

- Member of University of British Columbia Okanagan Women's Volleyball Team
- Canadian Colleges Athletic Association National Championships – Bronze Medal
- Canadian Colleges Athletic Association Athlete of the Month, All Canadian and Athlete of the Year Nominee
- British Columbia Colleges Athletic Association First Team All Star, Player of the Year and Silver Medallist

**ALVIN LAU**

**College Male – Badminton**

- Member of the Douglas College Badminton Team
- Member of Canadian National Team – 2008 Thomas Cup
- 2008 Canadian Colleges Athletic Association Mixed Doubles Champion
- 2008 Canadian Colleges Athletic Association Player of the Year – All Sports

**ANNAMAY PIERSE University Female – Swimming**

- Member of the University of British Columbia Swim Team
- 2008 Canadian Interuniversity Sport National Championship:
  - Gold Medals – 50m, 100m, 200m breaststroke; 200m individual medley; 4x100m medley relay team
  - Silver Medals - 4x100m and 4x200 freestyle relay team
- Set two individual and 1 team Canadian National Records – 100m and 200m breaststroke; 4x100 meter medley relay
- 2008 Canadian Interuniversity Sport Female Swimmer of the Meet
- 2008 Canada West Female Swimmer of the Meet – setting three Canada West records (50, 100 and 200 meter breaststroke)
- 2008 Olympian for Team Canada

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**MICHAEL MASON**

**University Male –  
Track and Field (High Jump)**

- Member of the University of British Columbia Track and Field Team
- Three time NAIA High Jump Champion and Record Holder
- University of Washington Dempsey Indoor Meet – 2.30 meters, best jump in UBC history
- 2008 Olympian for Team Canada

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### 2008 Premier's Athletic Awards Recipients

Georgia Simmerling, Alpine Ski  
Ben Thomsen, Alpine Ski  
Kelsey Wyse, Alpine Ski - Special Olympics  
Kevin Evans, Archery  
Diane Cummins, Athletics  
Gary Reed, Athletics  
Brad Skeats, Athletics - Wheelchair Sports  
Jessica DesMazes, Athletics and Basketball - Wheelchair Sports  
Phyllis Chan, Badminton  
Alvin Lau, Badminton  
Nic Lendvoy, Baseball  
Marc Trasolini, Basketball  
Julie Seabrook, Basketball  
Elisha Williams, Basketball - Wheelchair Sports  
Robert Hedges, Basketball - Wheelchair Sports  
Casey Archibald, Basketball - University Male  
Andrew Sturgeon, Basketball - College Male  
Jaclyn Nazareno, Basketball - College Female  
Matthew Neumann, Biathlon  
Jessica Sedlock, Biathlon  
Kenny Lally, Boxing  
Wesley Hammer, Canoe/Kayak  
Maggie Henderson, Canoe/Kayak  
George Grey, Cross Country Ski  
Alysson Marshall, Cross Country Skiing  
Stephanie Jackson, Curling  
Darryl Neighbour, Curling - Wheelchair  
Jeff Clarkson, Cycling  
Miranda Miller, Cycling  
Zachary Nicol, Diving  
Stephanie Hansen, Diving  
Kaitlyn Williams, Field Hockey  
Antoni Kindler, Field Hockey  
Jeremy Ten, Figure Skating  
Cecylia Witkowski, Figure Skating  
Marc Thériault, Figure Skating - Special Olympics  
Jennifer Simm, Freestyle Ski  
Matt Crosby, Freestyle Ski  
Doug Ripley, Goalball - Blind Sports

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### 2008 Premier's Athletic Awards Recipients

Shawn Marsolais, Goalball - Blind Sports  
Zach MacDougall, Golf  
Kira Meixner, Golf  
Charlotte Mackie, Gymnastics  
Danny Chambers, Gymnastics  
Kyle Turris, Hockey  
Christopher Lowe, Equestrian  
Karen Brain, Para Equestrian  
Frederick Jaskiewicz, Judo  
Rebecca Pretious, Judo  
Valentina Zolotarova, Karate  
Toshihide Uchiage, Karate  
Tik Maynard, Modern Pentathlon  
Monica Pinette, Modern Pentathlon  
Maralyn Hope, Netball  
Sebastien Boissonneault, Racquetball  
Demetra Mantcheva, Rhythmic Gymnastics  
Ashley Bowling, Rhythmic Gymnastics - Special Olympics  
Anthony Jacob, Rowing  
Lindsay Jennerich, Rowing  
Andrew Crow, Rugby  
Isabella Bertold, Sailing  
Bruce Millar, Sailing  
Derek Wintermans, Snowboarding  
Jesse McDonald, Snowboarding  
Adam Straith, Soccer  
Hana Taiji, Soccer  
Chris Duehrsen, Soccer - CP Sports  
Taylor McBeth, Softball  
Jay Morrison, Speed Skating  
Jessica Hewitt, Speed Skating  
Rafik Bhaloo, Squash  
Kristen Iverson, Squash  
Brent Hayden, Swimming  
Annamay Pierse, Swimming  
Jason Mills, Swimming - Special Olympics  
Caitlin Meredith, Swimming - University Female  
Sandy Gill, Synchronized Swimming  
Shirley Fu, Table Tennis

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### 2008 Premier's Athletic Awards Recipients

Tony Liu, Table Tennis  
Yvette Yong, Tae Kwon Do  
Kevin Yang, Tae Kwon Do  
Catherine Thwaites, Target Sports  
Chris Congram, Target Sports  
Stefi Gjine, Tennis  
Nikita Tchernikov, Tennis  
Scott Dagnall, Triathlon  
Kirsten Sweetland, Triathlon  
Shanice Marcelle, Volleyball  
Devon Parkinson, Volleyball  
Athina Vazeos, Water Polo  
Evan Van Niekerk, Water Polo  
Jessica Long, Water Ski  
Robbie Paterson, Water Ski  
Jasvir Singh, Weightlifting  
Joke Adekola, Weightlifting  
Amanda Gerhart, Wrestling  
Haislan Garcia, Wrestling  
Jagroop Bhullar, Wrestling - University Male