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Scholar/Athlete Awards Recipients Announced

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association along with Manitoba's Credit Unions, are pleased to announce the winners of the 2009 Credit Union Scholar/Athlete Awards. The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association and Manitoba's Credit Unions have joined together to present four \$1,000.00 scholarships to outstanding young Manitoba High School students. In order to qualify for the award, students must participate in at least two interscholastic athletic activities, and maintain a minimum 85% average. Other criteria considered include the student's involvement in school and community activities, athletic achievements, and the student must also submit an essay outlining the importance of high school sport.

Jordan Hurton hails from Treherne Collegiate and participates in badminton, volleyball, basketball and track and field. He was the Most Valuable Player at the Provincial "A" Volleyball Championships as well as an All-Star at the Provincial "A" Basketball Championships. He has won numerous awards at tournaments and was a member of both the Volleyball and Basketball Graduating All Star Teams. Jordan maintains a 90% average in honors courses, and is a recipient of the Dr. Dale Iwanoczko Memorial Volleyball Scholarship as well as a Canadian Millennium Entrance Scholarship. He is Student Council President, a member of the Grad Committee, weight training, choir, ensemble, fine arts and numerous other school committees. Jordan states..."involvement in High School Sport instills a sense of belonging and teaches dedication and individually and as a team to pursue goals and build skills. Team members have to learn commitment to their school, team members and their coaches and to work as a team. Involvement in High School Sport teaches leadership skills, sportsmanship and team work which will transfer into real life situations later in life. My High School Coach's were amazing role models and mentors who taught me the true value of team work...I have learned it is more important to work hard and play as a team rather than have the tallest players or the players with the most ability."

Teslyn Anderson of Hapnot Collegiate in Flin Flon is an eighteen-year old all round student athlete. She participates in soccer, volleyball, cross-country running, badminton and track and field, and captured first place at the Zone Cross-Country Championships. Teslyn maintains a 98% average, and has been on the school honor roll and has won the Scholastic Athletic Award. She participates on the Athletic Council, Grad Committee, Concert Band, Jazz Band and the school fashion show while tutoring at an elementary school. Teslyn states... "Have you ever noticed, that the majority of the

exceptionally bright students who stand up to accept scholastic awards the majority are also involved in athletics...High School Sports teaches valuable lessons in every aspect of a teenagers life, for some it influences them to make the right decisions for others it provides role models, High School Sport endows respect for authority upon student while somehow supplying the courage and self confidence to voice opinions when necessary regardless of the consequences...Personally High School Sports has invested me with the fierce drive to succeed, the qualities learned in High School Sport will continue to propel me towards a success in the future."

Yale Michaels of Grant Park High School, played football, volleyball, basketball and rugby, while maintaining a 95% average and was on the school honor roll each semester. He is also Student Council Co-President and a member of the Grad and Social Justice Committees. Yale was his schools nominee for the most outstanding Football Player and punted an average of thirty-six yards. Yale states "Athletics played an integral roll in my high school experience. As a student athlete, I have developed a strong work ethic, which has modeled of many coaches and mentors.... Having a coach volunteer their own time and knowledge to your development as an athlete and instills a sense of self worth that is difficult to match...I can genuinely say that I am a more confident, outgoing and hard working person than I would have been if I had made the mistake of avoiding sports."

Yale will be attending Harvard University next year and will be a punter on their football team.

Andrew Kochan of St. Paul's High School participates in football and basketball. He was a High School Football All-Star and winner of the Harry Hood Award as the most outstanding player in the Winnipeg High School Football League, as well as winning the outstanding lineman award. He was also a member of the Varsity Basketball Team. Andrew maintains a 98.5% average and states..."the ability to deal with difficult situations is an invaluable lesson sport has taught me. Sport has also taught me how to be a leader, in sport it is important to have vocal leaders who motivate their team mates, however, if those leaders fail to live up to the expectations then they are ineffective. Sport has taught me to lead by example...If I worked hard in practice, listened to the coaches and gave everything my all I know my teammates would do the same...While I cannot deny the importance of classroom education it provides the educational foundation necessary for contribution to society, I truly believe my High School education would not have been complete without sport. Without High School Sport I may have never learned the true significance of hard work, determination, or leadership."

The awards were presented at a reception hosted by the Honorable John Harvard, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba. A total of sixty nominations were received, and each received a Certificate of Accomplishment while the four winners received \$1000.00 scholarships courtesy of Manitoba's Credit Unions

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