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Scholar Athletes Recognized

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association and Manitoba's Credit Unions recognized 36 student athletes on Tuesday June 15th at a reception held at Government House, hosted by Lieutenant Governor Philip Lee. The nominees from across Manitoba, were brought together to celebrate their athletic and academic success.

Provincial Scholar Athletes must maintain a minimum 85% average and participate in at least two interscholastic athletic sports, as well as have active participation in community or school activities. In addition the students must also write a two hundred word essay on what high school sports mean to them.

Following is a listing of the 2010 nominees: Zachary Beazley – Killarney Collegiate, Stacey Braun – W.C. Miller Collegiate, Nathan Christiuk – Morris School, Brock Cornelsen – Rosenort School, Brendan Corrigan – Garden City Collegiate, Krista Czarnecki – Grandview School, Stefan Dirks – Steinbach Regional Collegiate, Mathieu Durand – St. Anne Collegiate, Jocelyn Fenty – Neepawa Area Collegiate, Justine Friesen – Nelson McIntyre Collegiate, Sara Gaensler – Whitemouth School, Evan Gill – Churchill High School, Holly Goossen – Mennonite Brethren Collegiate, Kyle Hancock – J.H. Bruns Collegiate, Samantha Hink – Miami School, Evan Jackson – Mennonite Brethren Collegiate, Tara Kachur – Lac du Bonnet Senior, Stephanie Kleysen – Vincent Massey Collegiate (Wpg), Amanda Mazinke – Morris School, Jacob Miller – Westgate Mennonite Collegiate, Jena Moffatt – Elton Collegiate, Claire Morrison – Killarney Collegiate, Paige Murray – Glenboro School, Anna Neufeld – Steinbach Regional Collegiate, Sara Oswald – Oak Park High School, Michelle Pawluk – Balmoral Hall, Jaclyn Peters – Garden Valley Collegiate, Chloe Reimer – Sanford Collegiate, Elena Rempel – Niverville Collegiate, Jessica Rosenbaum – Garden City Collegiate, Paul Rydberg – Margaret Barbour Collegiate, Abneet Sidhu – Fort Richmond Collegiate, Erica Snyder – Melita School, Dylan Thornborough – Glenboro School, Brynna Walker – Souris School, Daniel Wiebe – Niverville Collegiate.

The following four students were selected as overall MHSAA/Credit Unions Scholar Athletes, and each receive a \$1000.00 scholarship, courtesy of Manitoba's Credit Unions and an attractive plaque.

Chloe Reimer, of **Sanford Collegiate** was captain of her varsity girl's volleyball and basketball team and also participated in Cross Country and Track and Field. She was a graduating All-Star in Volleyball and Basketball as well as a member of the "AAA" Provincial Champion Varsity Girls Volleyball team. Chloe maintains a 96% average and is also involved with her church group, and volunteers at Siloam Mission. Chloe states "The



classroom will teach you equations and formulas, sequences and steps, but there is no class that can ever chart what it feels like to be part of a team... The exciting thing about high school sports is that in school you would get to be on teams with your closest friend and see them mature as athletes and people.”

Sara Oswald, of **Oak Park High School** was a member of the Oak Park Women’s Hockey Team, Basketball team, Track and Field, Cross Country, and Rugby Team. She maintains a 95% average and advanced to the final of the “AAAA” Basketball Championships. Her Hockey Team captured the City Championship. She is involved with Student Council, Athletic Committee, Co-Chairs Special Events Committee, youth in philanthropy committee and referee’s Jr. High Volleyball. Sara states “I have learned from my coaches and fellow athletes how to be a leader, how to win, how to loose and that there is something valuable to be learned in both situations.... being a leaders isn’t always about being the most skilled player on the team....sports have always been important to me as I have created lasting friendships with coaches, teachers and fellow athletes that I will carry with me for a lifetime.”

Kyle Hancock, of **J.H. Bruns Collegiate** participates in Volleyball, Basketball, Cross Country Running, Badminton, Indoor Soccer, Outdoor Soccer and Track and Field. Kyle maintains a 95% average and also serves as a member of the Grad Committee, and Division Scholar Athlete Luncheon Committee. He also coaches grade eight boys Basketball at Shamrock School. Kyle states “High School Sports help high school students manage and prioritize their time.... students have to be able to manage their busy lives, and this will help them greatly when it comes to University and their adult lives..... These sports help my mental abilities as it helped me relax and take the stress of school away for a couple of hours...”

Stephanie Kleysen, of **Vincent Massey Collegiate** participates in Volleyball, Basketball and Handball. She was a Graduating All-Star in both Volleyball and Basketball and ranked as the number one high school basketball player in Manitoba. Her Vincent Massey Trojans captured the “AAAA” Basketball Championship this year. Stephanie maintains a 92% average and is a member of the Grad Committee, Fashion Show Committee, School Musical, United Nations Conference Club and Key Club. She was assistant coach of a community minor basketball team and as well represented Manitoba at the Canada Games. Stephanie states... “High School Sports have given me the chance to consistently live and promote it, healthy lifestyle, physically, mentally and emotionally. It has affected me in such a way, that I would not be who I am today if it were not the role high school sports played in my life. In the future I hope to return the generosity, hard work and countless hours that were dedicated to create such a positive environment benefiting myself and hundreds of other student athletes.”

The 2010 Credit Union Scholar Athlete Awards were presented at Government House. The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association is a voluntary not for profit organization which coordinates High School Sport in Manitoba. Almost 30,000 student athlete participate in MHSAA programs, also involving over 2,500 volunteer teacher coaches.

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