



**2019-20**

## **Dave Gifford Memorial & Zone Scholarship Winners**

BC School Sports is happy to announce the Dave Gifford Memorial & Zone Scholarship to student-athletes with plans to attend accredited universities. Recipients exemplify exceptional athletic ability, academic prowess, and have demonstrated outstanding service and leadership in school and/or community.

BC School Sports congratulates the 2 Dave Gifford Memorial, and the 19 Zone scholarship recipients. We wish them the best of luck in their post-secondary endeavours.

### **Dave Gifford Memorial**

#### **Max Abercrombie**

*Oak Bay Secondary*



Max Abercrombie is a very smart student athlete, with a 97% average in his grade 12 year, earning himself Honour Roll with Distinction. Max plays rugby and soccer and was awarded his schools Small Block Award, as well as AAA Commissioners 11. Max has been involved in the athletic leadership program for the entirety of his high school career, giving back to a program that he says has given so much to him. Max has volunteered over 100 hours over the past two years, when the requirement is only 72. Max also contributes to writing a bestselling guide to West Coast Trails by hiking the trails himself.

#### **Elizabeth Kennedy**

*McMath Secondary*



Elizabeth Kennedy is the definition of multisport athlete. Elizabeth played Aquatics, Field Hockey, Cross Country, Basketball and Track & Field in her Grade 11 and 12 years. She helped her basketball team win a league championship, was named 1st Team All-Star, and won herself 2 MVPs in back to back seasons. She is an exceptional student as well, achieving Top Grade All-Around 11 Student, and Principals Honour Roll in her Grade 11 and Grade 12 years. Elizabeth has also spends countless hours volunteering her time for numerous causes, even travelling to Costa Rica to help improve a school.

## Zone

### **Kosta Adzic**

*Burnaby Mountain Secondary*



Kosta Adzic is a multi-sport athlete with passions in volleyball, cross country, track and field, and especially soccer. He has been described as an excellent team player that helped his school bring home Juniors and Senior District banners over the last two years and was awarded himself Academic Athlete of the Year as well as Male Athlete of the Year. He also spends a large portion of his time helping out those with special needs, whether it be by helping with strength training, swimming lessons, or simply walking them to/from school.

### **Jane Beswick**

*Fernie Secondary*



Jane Beswick is a passionate volleyball player that has played for 6 consecutive years. By the time grade 11 came, Jane was the captain. She took her team to the provincial finals and earned 1st Team All-Star, an accolade she's been pursuing for years. Not only does she excel on the court, but Jane is graduating with Honours and has done numerous volunteer jobs for the community such as organizing volleyball camps, coaching junior teams and engaging students in extracurricular activities.

### **Ethan Boag**

*Claremont Secondary*



Ethan Boag is a highly talented volleyball and basketball student athlete with many accolades under his belt for both sports. Some of them include being a Top 10 Provincial Volleyball Player, 1st Team Provincial All-Star for basketball and volleyball, Top 25 U18 National Basketball Tryout Invitation, and finally he is the Captain of his basketball team and the Co-Captain for his volleyball team. Ethan has also earned the Citizenship Award and the Service award for the time he puts into his community. Ethan has run coaching clinics, been a teacher's assistant, and helped in every way for various games and tournaments at his school.

### **Cassie Chan**

*Burnaby Central Secondary*



Cassie Chan is an exceptional student-athlete with a passion and talent in leadership. Cassie has shown great determination whilst in school, achieving Principals List in both her grade 11 & 12 years. She is a talented soccer player and was named her schools Athlete of the Year and has committed to the University of Toronto. Although she may not be a basketball player, she joined the team in her senior year to help mentor and provide support to the younger players.

## Brendan Eshom

*Charles Hays Secondary*



Brandan Eshom is a multi-sport athlete, with a passion for basketball and sciences. He has great leadership skills, and was named captain for both his soccer team and his basketball team. Not only was he the captain of his basketball team, but he led them to win 2 Provincial Championships. Aside from his athletic success, Brendan is very talented in school, earning Honour roll in his Grade 11 and 12 years while still managing to volunteer in his community with things such as youth basketball camps, toastmasters, and Sm'algayx language engagement.

## Libby Hogg

*Oak Bay Secondary*



Libby Hogg is a well-rounded student athlete playing sports such as basketball, soccer and rugby, but her passion is in field hockey. Libby has been awarded a place on the Women's Field Hockey All-Star Team, a Junior Achievement Award, and 2x Tournament 11 All-Star for Canada Nationals. Even with her accolades in sport, Libby has still managed to earn Honour Roll with distinction in her school, as well as the Pursuit of Excellence Award. She also spends a lot of her time as a training assistant for different field hockey teams, and team manager for her Sr. Girls Basketball team after tearing her ACL.

## Paige Ingram

*Prince of Wales Secondary*



Paige Ingram is an exceptional student athlete with many accolades in sport, academics, and in her school community. Paige has been named her schools Top Female Athlete 4 years in a row, has 2 silver medals in Cross Country, and is the Captain of the Senior Volleyball team. Outside of her sport success, she has received the Award of Excellence in 4 classes and achieved the Best Position Paper at a Model UN Conference. Paige also does wonders for her community, founding 2 clubs/programs at her school: Be the Change Club, and Wellness Wednesdays, advocating the importance of mental health.

## Hannah Jonhston

*Mission Secondary*



Hannah Johnston is an extraordinary multi-tasking student athlete. Hannah plays volleyball and participates on the track & field team for Mission Secondary, all whilst juggling 3 jobs and giving back to her community. Hannah is a referee for elementary school sports and volunteers with her school's athletic leadership program, providing inspiration and motivation to the other athletes in her school. Not only does she work hard, but she gets results, she was named Top Female Athlete, and has earned Honour Roll her final two years of her high school career.

## Matthias Klim

*GW Graham Secondary*



Matthias Kim is a highly talented student athlete at GW Graham Secondary, with a passion in basketball. He was one the driving forces that led their school to win their first ever Provincial Championship. Matthias has also earned B Honours two years in a row, and despite spending countless hours both studying and in the gym for basketball, he has managed to still make time for others. Matthias has volunteered on numerous occasions such as a Toy Drive for the Salvation Army, a food Drive for the Food Bank, and scorekeeping and officiating basketball games and tournaments.

## Zachary Klim

*GW Graham Secondary*



Zachary Klim is a fierce competitor that is always striving to be better, whether it be as an student or as an athlete. Zachary is a smart student that has achieved B Honours in his last two years of high school, seeing the importance of being a STUDENT athlete. He was also named 1st Team All-Star this year and his team advanced and won the AAA Provincial Basketball Championship. Besides his achievements in school and on the court, Zachary spends a lot of his time volunteering at places such as a Toy Drive for the Salvation Army, a food Drive for the Food Bank, and score keeping and officiating basketball games and tournaments.

## Roan McCarthy

*George Elliot Secondary*



Roan McCarthy plays volleyball and basketball with his school, but throughout high school was very successful in volleyball. Roan was named his school's Male Athlete of the Year, won his school 2 Provincial Championships, and was named 1st Team All-Star for both of those teams. Roan was also successful in class, achieving Honour Roll and Work Ethic Distinction in every semester of his Grade 11 and 12 years. Roan is also very active in volunteering his time to create a positive school culture and ensure inclusiveness within the student body.

## Takoda McMullin

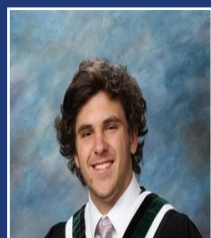
*Earl Marriott Secondary*



Takoda McMullin is a very skilled student athlete with a focus in volleyball and rugby. He is very team centric and is co-captain for both of his teams, was named 2x Provincial Volleyball First Team All-Star, and was declared Most Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year. Takoda credits his academic success to his athletics success, stating that sports motivated him to enjoy and excel in school. He also offers much of his own time volunteering at food drives, Christmas drives, and coaching younger volleyball and rugby team at elementary schools.

## Talon McMullin

*Earl Marriott Secondary*



Talon McMullin is a decorated student athlete with a focus in Volleyball and Rugby. Talon has won 3 Provincial Volleyball AAA Championships, is the captain for his volleyball and rugby team at school as well as for Team Canada U18 Rugby (his most meaningful achievement), and was Volleyball Provincial MVP. He is also focused on his academic, earning himself Honour Roll. Talon also spends a lot of his time helping the community through food drives at churches, toy drives, helping youth in sport and helping elderly with home service.

## Brooklyn Parliament

*Summerland Secondary*



Brooklyn Parliament is a dual sport athlete, training many hours each day for volleyball and swimming. Brooklyn was named team captain for her volleyball team, was a Provincial All-Star, and was awarded the Jaraslaw Jelen Memorial Reward. Brooklyn has also stayed focus on her academic career and excelled tremendously, achieving Principals Honour Roll with a 97% average. Brooklyn also finds time to give back to her school and community, helping tutor students, swim team and volleyball team coach for middle school and club, and a youth initiative coordinator acting as a role model to elementary students.



## Liam Stanley

*Sir Charles Tupper Secondary*



Liam Stanley is a resilient student athlete who plays basketball, volleyball, and ultimate. Liam was named Athlete of the Year in his grade 11 year, and was the Team Captain for both his ultimate team, and his basketball team. Academically, Liam excels as well, achieving Principals List in grade 11 and 12, and also earning a Silver Service Award. He received this for the amount of time he volunteers to make his community a better place by doing things such as Best Buddies program, Link Crew Leader, coaching, tutoring, and being a part of the Grad Council.

## Lauren Toy

*Southridge School*



Lauren Toy is a talented student athlete with a passion for many sports, including swimming, volleyball, basketball, and soccer. Lauren has multiple records in swimming that still stand; she holds the record for 50m breaststroke and in 200m medley relay. She has also achieved Senior Girls Soccer MVP, and represents both her swim team and her soccer team as Captain. Lauren has also been a part of the Special Olympics Swim Program, where she has volunteered her time for the last 3 years in helping swimmers with mental and physical disabilities.

## Amber Whelpton

*McBride Secondary*



Amber Whelpton is a leader at heart, being the team captain for both her snowboarding team and her volleyball team. She acts as a leader on the court, as well as in class, being named Top Academic in her school in her grade 11 year. Amber also dedicates many hours in helping the community by coaching volleyball at local elementary schools, spending summers at Christian camps and even travelling to Mexico to build a house for a family in need. In Amber's small school, she has been involved in nearly everything that has happened there in her 5 years.

## Relmu Wilson-Valdes

*LV Rogers Secondary*



Relmu Wilson-Valdes is a highly decorated leader in the rugby community. He was named LVR Most Outstanding Athlete, among other achievements such as representing his school, province, and country as captain or co-captain for multiple teams. His leadership qualities, along with his rugby talent can be attributed to the passion he has for the sport. Relmu is also focused in the classroom achieving Honour Roll and Principals List. Relmu is also very active in events for his school and his community, totaling nearly 150 volunteer hours in the last two years.

## Emir Zejnulahovic

*Duchess Park Secondary*



Emir Zejnulahovic is a very talented and engaged student athlete, offering up many hours of his time to his school through coaching, refereeing, scorekeeping, and participating in community clean-ups. Emir is a very skilled basketball player and co-captain, earning himself many personal awards such as numerous First Team All-Star, and a Second Team All-Star selection in Provincial championships and other tournaments. Emir is also very focused on his academics, earning himself Principals list in his final two years of his high school career.