

# Zone Scholarship Recipients

## 2023 - 2024

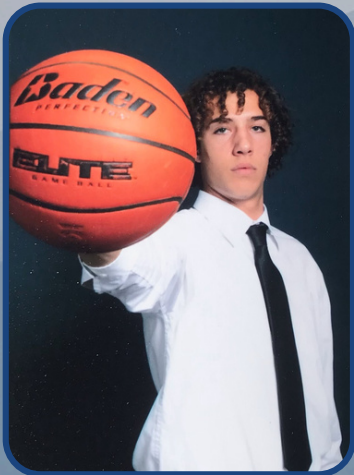
BC School Sports is excited to announce the recipients of our Zone Scholarships. Chosen candidates exhibited academic excellence and outstanding service to their school or community, along with their athletic prowess. Next year, recipients will be attending accredited post-secondary institutions.

Congratulations to these student-athletes! We wish them luck with their post-secondary journeys.

Thank you for your contributions to school sports.

### Eastern Valley

#### Carter Van Der Waarde



Langley Christian School

**Sports:** Basketball, Cross Country, Track and Field, Volleyball

**Athletic Accolades:** Two-time Athlete of the Year, Player of the Game at Basketball Provincials, Volleyball Provincial Champions

**Academic Accolades:** President of Student Council

Carter Van Der Waarde stands out as a force to be reckoned with at Langley Christian School, where his journey is marked by triumphs on and off the court. Known for his record-setting performance and pivotal role in leading his team to provincial victories, Carter's impact extends beyond athletics. As co-president of the student council, he has left an indelible mark on campus, shaping a positive atmosphere and inspiring his peers. His dedication to sports, academics, and community service paints a portrait of a well-rounded leader poised to make a lasting impact, embodying the spirit of determination and resilience.

**Sports:** Basketball, Volleyball

**Athletic Accolades:** Junior Athlete of the Year, two-time Senior Girls Volleyball MVP

**Academic Accolades:** Math Award, Honour Roll Student

Kelsie is celebrated for her unwavering dedication to her school, teammates, and coaches, which underscores her role as a well-rounded player at Unity Christian School. As Captain of both the volleyball and basketball teams, she not only sets a strong example but also cultivates a supportive team atmosphere through her integrity and determination. Her commitment extends beyond sports, evident in her meaningful community service, including impactful missions in Belize, which highlight her deep compassion and proactive spirit in creating positive change. Kelsie's leadership and contributions on and off the court make her a standout student-athlete.

#### Kelsie Kampman



Unity Christian School



## Fraser North

**Kobe Li**



**Port Moody Secondary**

**Sports:** Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Skiing, Track and Field, Ultimate

**Athletic Accolades:** Athletic Excellence Award, PMSS Senior Boys Basketball Leadership and Dedication Award, PMSS Senior Boys Basketball Unsung Hero Award, Two-time Leadership Award in Cross Country

**Academic Accolades:** University of Western Ontario Ivey Business School 1st Place High School Case Competition, CEMC Top 25% of Contestants in Fermat, College Board AP Scholar Award, Consistent Honour Roll Student, Received Excellence in IB Japanese 11

Kobe Li is a standout student academically and athletically, demonstrating exceptional leadership both on and off the field at Port Moody Secondary School. As a versatile athlete, Kobe not only excels in multiple sports but also serves as a coach and mentor to younger athletes. Alongside his athletic achievements, he maintains top grades and actively contributes to student council and community service initiatives. Kobe's commitment to his school community is evident through organizing events and enhancing the school's social media presence, showcasing his multifaceted achievements and positive influence.

**Sports:** Basketball, Cross Country, Soccer, Track and Field, Ultimate, Volleyball

**Athletic Accolades:** Two-time Athlete of the Year, Provincial Champion and Received MVP, Two-time Provincial All-Star, Fraser North MVP in Basketball and Volleyball, All-time Leading Scorer in 2023 Soccer Season, Cross Country Fraser North Champion, Two-time Fraser North Basketball and Volleyball Champion

**Academic Accolades:** Consistently Achieved Honour Roll Status

Avery Sussex, is a prominent figure within her community. She excels both academically and athletically, showcasing exceptional dedication and leadership. Her athletic prowess is highlighted by achievements such as two-time Athlete of the Year and MVP at the Provincial Basketball Championships, alongside maintaining a commendable GPA despite rigorous training demands. Beyond sports, Avery actively contributes to her community through coaching and refereeing, instilling a passion for basketball in younger athletes. Her multifaceted accomplishments and unwavering commitment make her a respected role model within Riverside Secondary School.

**Avery Sussex**



**Ecole Riverside Secondary**



# Kootenay



**Mitchell Erickson**



**LV Rogers Secondary**

**Sports:** Basketball, Cross Country, Track and Field

**Athletic Accolades:** LV Rogers Most Outstanding Athlete, Boys All Around Athlete, Two-time Bomber award

**Academic Accolades:** Maintained Academic Excellence

Mitchell Erickson is characterized as a reliable team player and strong leader who inspires his teammates daily, embodying the essence of a student-athlete with his outstanding achievements. Throughout his high school journey, Mitchell has excelled in academics, sports, and community service, demonstrating a remarkable blend of perseverance, leadership, and commitment. As an integral member of the cross country and basketball teams, Mitchell's leadership as team captain and his ability to thrive under pressure have been instrumental in his teams' success. His exemplary academic record reflects his diligence and dedication to his studies. Mitchell's involvement in community service activities further underscores his role as a positive influence within his school and beyond.

**Sports:** Aquatics, Volleyball

**Athletic Accolades:** AAA Girls Volleyball Player of the Game, AAA Girls Volleyball Most Sportsmanlike Team Award, Placed 1st in all her events at the Kootenay Zone Aquatics Championship

**Academic Accolades:** Maintained Academic Excellence

Megan is highly regarded by her peers and mentors alike as a dedicated scholar-athlete. Throughout her high school journey, Megan has not only excelled academically and athletically but has also earned admiration for her leadership qualities and community involvement. As a standout member of the Kootenay Swim Club and the LV Rogers senior girls volleyball team, Megan's commitment to excellence in both sports and academics is widely recognized. Her contributions to community service initiatives further underscore her well-rounded character. Megan's remarkable achievements and positive influence make her a standout student with a bright future ahead in her academic and athletic endeavours.

**Megan Bonikowsky**



**LV Rogers Secondary**



## North Central

**Grayson Turgeon**



**Nechako Valley Secondary**

**Sport:** Basketball, Football, Soccer, Ultimate

**Athletic Accolades:** Basketball Zone All-Star, Basketball Zone Heart and Hustle, Two-time Football Northern Conference Zone Wide Receiver All-Star, Coaches Award, Mr. Viking Award for Football, Zone MVP for Soccer, Provincials Super 16 in Soccer, Zone Top Forward for Soccer, Ultimate Team MVP

**Academic Accolades:** Sustained Principal's Honour Roll

Grayson is a standout student-athlete from Nechako Valley Secondary School who exemplifies exceptional leadership and dedication in both academics and sports. Despite overcoming learning challenges, Grayson achieved a remarkable 4.0 GPA while actively participating in multiple school and community sports, including football, soccer, basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, and lacrosse. Off the field, he extends his leadership through coaching roles with youth soccer and football teams, demonstrating a passion for mentoring younger athletes. According to his coach, "Grayson Turgeon is not just a skilled athlete; he's a natural leader both on and off the field." After graduating, Grayson plans to attend the University of Calgary to study kinesiology and pursue a career as a physiotherapist, integrating his passion for sports and helping others into his future endeavours.

**Sports:** Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer

**Athletic Accolades:** Junior Girls Basketball Bronze, Junior Girls District Volleyball Gold, Junior Girls Athlete of the Year, Placed 3rd in Provincials, Basketball Provincials Player of the Game, Kodiak Classic Volleyball tournament Gold, Kodiak Classic Tournament MVP

**Academic Accolades:** Leadership Service Award, Top English Student, Academic Excellence, Valedictorian

Temi is a driven and passionate student-athlete whose dedication extends far beyond the courts and fields. As a leader in basketball, volleyball, and soccer, she has not only achieved individual accolades but has also shown exceptional leadership as team captain. Her commitment to academic excellence is equally impressive, complemented by active involvement in promoting equity and inclusion within her school community. Beyond sports and academics, Temi volunteers extensively, coaching youth camps and participating in leadership conferences. With a passion for continuous growth and making a positive impact, Temi's future aspirations include pursuing higher education while continuing athletics, reflecting her resilience, leadership, and commitment to excellence.

**Temi Bankole**



**College Heights Secondary**



## Northwest



**David Loki**



**Bulkley Valley Christian School**

**Sports:** Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer

**Athletic Accolades:** Basketball Zones MVP, Two-time Basketball Zones All-Star, Volleyball Zones MVP, Two-time Volleyball All-Star

**Academic Accolades:** Student Success Award in both Grade 11 and 12

David is a beacon of dedication and leadership that extends well beyond the typical athlete's role. His journey is a testament to his unwavering pursuit of excellence in basketball and volleyball, where his exceptional talent has shone brightly. From leading his teams to multiple championships and earning numerous MVP awards and all-star nominations, David's influence surpasses mere athletic prowess. His commitment to community service and academic achievement further highlights his well-rounded character, positioning him not only as a formidable competitor but also as a respected role model within his school community. David's narrative is defined by resilience, discipline, and an undeniable passion for sports that transcends the court, foreshadowing a promising future as he embarks on his athletic career at King's University.

**Sports:** Basketball, Cross Country, Track and Field, Volleyball

**Athletic Accolades:** Placed 1st in Multiple Track and Field Zones Events, Placed 1st in Cross Country Zones as a Team and 3rd as an Individual, Placed 1st in Basketball Zones 2 years in a row, Female Athlete of the Year

**Academic Accolades:** History Award, Math Award, Consistent Academic Excellence

"Ultimately, who we are is not based on if we win or lose, but rather how hard we work, how we treat other people, and what we will do to improve ourselves and others in the future." Michelle embodies this philosophy as an exceptional student-athlete. Not only does Michelle excel academically, but she is also the recent recipient of the Wilma Numan award for her organizational leadership. Her commitment extends to sports, where she thrives in volleyball, basketball, cross-country, and track and field, earning recognition as the school's top senior female athlete. Michelle's cultural immersion trip to Sierra Leone showcased her resilience and dedication to service, further highlighting her as a well-rounded individual. Her impact and achievements make her a deserving candidate for recognition and support as she prepares to pursue higher education.

**Michelle Vander Wart**



**Bulkley Valley Christian School**



## South Fraser

### Sartaj Rattanpal



Queen Elizabeth Secondary

**Sports:** Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer

**Athletic Accolades:** Two-time Basketball Team MVP, Soccer Team MVP, Two-time Athlete of the Year, Surrey Basketball All-Star, South Fraser Basketball All-Star, Multiple Other MVP Titles

**Academic Accolades:** Received Academic Excellence, Top Student in Physics and Chemistry, Principals List, Honour Roll

Sartaj embodies the essence of a true leader. His journey at Queen Elizabeth Secondary School has been marked by a relentless pursuit of excellence, evident in his academic achievements and profound impact in athletics and community service. Beyond maintaining a stellar GPA and earning numerous academic awards, Sartaj has excelled as a captain of the soccer and basketball teams, demonstrating unwavering dedication and sportsmanship. Outside of school he volunteers extensively with the North Surrey Basketball Club and GN Sporting Club to mentor young athletes. Additionally, his role in the School District 36 Youth Mentorship Program highlights his compassion and support for students with diverse learning challenges. With outstanding academic achievements and a strong record of service, Sartaj stands as a role model in his school and community.

**Sports:** Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer

**Athletic Accolades:** Three-time Athlete of the Year, Received the Most Impactful Player of the Year Award for Basketball

**Academic Accolades:** Thor Award, Voted Valedictorian

Renowned for her unwavering commitment to excellence in academics, athletics, and community service, Punum has consistently achieved academic distinction, maintaining straight A's throughout her high school career. Her passion for sports is equally commendable, having excelled as a pivotal member of the school's basketball, soccer, and volleyball teams since grade 8, and captaining the volleyball squad with unwavering leadership. Beyond her athletic achievements, Punum's influence resonates through her involvement in Panorama Ridge's rigorous Leadership program and her selection as Valedictorian, a testament to her peerless dedication and positive impact on the school community. With a boundless spirit and a profound commitment to excellence in all her endeavours, Punum Grewal exemplifies the epitome of a scholar-athlete destined to make a lasting mark on every path she pursues.

### Punum Grewal



Ecole Panorama Ridge



# Thompson-Okanagan



**Eli Dodds**



**Sa-Hali Secondary**

**Sports:** Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Ultimate, Rugby

**Athletic Accolades:** Small Block Award, Large Block Award, Best Defensive Player, Multiple Tournament MVP, Five-time Team Sabre Award

**Academic Accolades:** District Science Award, Academic Scholar Award, Honour Roll, Principal's List

Eli Dodds, a standout graduating student from Sa-Hali Secondary School, defies conventional labels as a student-athlete. His journey is a testament to passion, perseverance, and profound impact. Starting in basketball from grade 8, Eli's dedication extends beyond the court, resonating in his leadership and community involvement. As his coach Alan Ho aptly describes, "Eli is the type of player any coach would love to have on their team—self-motivated, intelligent, and uniquely dedicated." Beyond athletic achievements, Eli's influence extends to inspiring younger students who approach him in the halls, eager to hear about his journey and seek guidance. Eli Dodds embodies not just success, but a commitment to inspire and shape future leaders through sport and service.

**Sports:** Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Golf

**Athletic Accolades:** BCSS Athlete of the Month, Volleyball Provincials Second Team All-Star, Two-time Volleyball MVP, Athlete of the Year

**Academic Accolades:** Effort and First Class Honour Roll, Principal's List, Merit Award Religion Award

Maggie Pearce's high school journey is a testament to relentless passion and unwavering dedication. Beyond the classroom, Maggie's impact resonates through every corner of her school life, from the triumphant courts of volleyball provincials to the meticulous planning of student council events. Her leadership extends effortlessly from captaincy on the volleyball court to mentoring junior peers in academics. Maggie's academic prowess, highlighted by consistent placement on the Principal's List, and her athletic achievements, including multiple MVP titles and provincial recognitions, paint a portrait of a student whose commitment to excellence is matched only by her kindness and leadership. Her journey is a tapestry woven with achievements, friendships, and a legacy of empowerment within her school community, defining her as a beacon of inspiration for peers and educators alike.

**Maggie Pearce**



**St. Ann's Academy**



# Vancouver Island



**Rhondé Lyle**



**John Barsby Secondary**

**Sports:** Basketball, Football, Track and Field

**Athletic Accolades:** Two-time Provincial All-Star for Football, Two-time West Conference All-Star for Football, Team Most Outstanding Offensive Player for Football, Island All-Star for Basketball

**Academic Accolades:** Maintained Academic Excellence

"Rhondé epitomizes the qualities of a true leader and sportsman. His exemplary leadership, characterized by his ability to inspire and motivate his teammates, has been instrumental in our team's success over the years." This praise from Rhondé's coach at John Barsby Community School, underscores his exceptional blend of athletic prowess, leadership acumen, and unwavering commitment to community service. Throughout his high school tenure, Rhondé has excelled on the football field, basketball court, and track, earning numerous accolades. Beyond athletics, he maintains top academic standing and actively contributes to his community through coaching, refereeing, and peer tutoring. Rhondé's dedication to excellence in all facets of life positions him as a role model and mentor, poised to make a lasting impact both on and off the field.

**Sports:** Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Track and Field, Cross Country, Rugby

**Athletic Accolades:** Athlete of the Month for January 2024

**Academic Accolades:** distinction in French 11, Sustained Honour Roll Status

Madeleine Albert of St. Michaels University School is a standout student-athlete known for her exceptional leadership and athletic prowess. As captain of the Senior Girls Soccer team and a key player in basketball, cross country, volleyball, track and field, and rugby, Madeleine exemplifies dedication and sportsmanship. Her academic achievements on the Honour Roll and active role in community service, including organizing successful initiatives like a local food drive, highlight her commitment to excellence both in sports and academics. Others describe Madeleine as a dedicated teammate and a positive role model, admired for her resilience and integrity. Her impact extends far beyond the field and classroom, making her a source of inspiration and admiration throughout her school community.

**Madeleine Albert**



**St Michaels  
University School**



# Vancouver Sea to Sky



**Sam Ruby**



**Collingwood School**

**Sports:** Rugby, Soccer

**Athletic Accolades:** NSSAA Rugby Championship, VS2S Rugby Championship, Rugby Provincials Champions

**Academic Accolades:** AP Scholar with Honours, Highest individual Scorer at Harvard, Economics Competition, Top 20 in Canada for Geographic Challenge

Sam Ruby embodies the definition of a student-athlete, excelling in rigorous AP courses while leading in rugby and soccer. His schedule showcases impeccable time management, balancing practices and games each week while maintaining high academic standards. Beyond sports, Sam organizes soccer clinics and fundraises for charity, including initiatives for the Children's Leukemia Foundation in support of a fellow classmate. This underscores his commitment to fostering sportsmanship and community spirit. Managing commitments with the North Vancouver Football Club Metro 06, Sam's mantra remains: "Success is where preparation and opportunity meet." His dedication not only enhances team performance but also inspires younger athletes, embodying Collingwood School's values both on and off the field.

**Sports:** Aquatics, Basketball, Volleyball, Skiing Mountain Biking, Cross Country, Track and Field

**Athletic Accolades:** Three-time Athlete of the Year, Founders Award of Athletics, Becky Willis Award (for outstanding commitment, leadership, spirit, and Sportsmanship)

**Academic Accolades:** AP Human Geography Merit Award

Known for her unwavering dedication and exceptional leadership, Madeleine has made an indelible mark at York House School. From securing medals and banners in swimming, skiing, and volleyball to earning recognition as a defensive standout in basketball, Madeleine's versatility and determination shine in every endeavour she undertakes. Beyond the playing field, she organizes events and mentors younger students, demonstrating a commitment that transcends athletic achievement. Despite her remarkable success, Madeleine remains humble, driven by a profound passion for sports and community service. Madeleine Wardle exemplifies York House School's motto of "not for ourselves alone," making her a role model and inspiration to all who have had the privilege of working alongside her.

**Madeleine Wardle**



**York House School**