



# 2009

## T-Holder's Academic Excellence Awards

Monday, November 30, 2009

6:00 p.m. Reception  
7:00 p.m. Presentations

Isabel Bader Theatre  
93 Charles Street West, Toronto, Ontario

# PROGRAM

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Welcome and Introduction  
of the Masters of Ceremony

**Liz Hoffman**  
**Director of Athletics**

Greetings from the University and the  
Faculty of Physical Education and Health

**Bruce Kidd**  
**Dean**

Greetings from the T-Holders' Association

**George Gross**  
**President**

Masters of Ceremony

**Cory Kennedy**  
**Mila Miguel**

Guest Speaker

**Laura Arduini**

Presentation of Athletic Performance  
Awards & Scholarships

Closing Remarks

**Liz Hoffman**

## **ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

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### **THE D.B. (DEUS BENEDICAT/GOD BLESS) AWARD**

Donated by James Carson, this award is given for academic achievement, leadership and excellence in athletics, preferably track and field.

**Award Recipients: Sarah Boyle, Alicia Brown, Tamara Jewett, Athena McBean, Sarah Wells**

### **GEORGE GROSS SCHOLARSHIP IN SPORT MEDIA**

The award was established in honour of George Gross in celebration of his 80th birthday and his more than 50 years in journalism. The award is made to a student who demonstrates leadership, professionalism and innovation in sport media at the University of Toronto.

**Award Recipient: Grace Im**

### **OREST STANKO MEN'S VOLLEYBALL AWARD OF MERIT**

Awarded to a Varsity student-athlete on the basis of academic merit and excellence in athletics, preferably men's volleyball.

**Awarded Recipient: Steven Kung**

### **MIKE FIELDUS SPIRIT AWARD**

Made possible by various donors in memory of Mike Fieldus, the award is given on the basis of academic achievement and excellence in athletics, preferably swimming. The creation of this award was spearheaded by team-mate and friend Andre Denton.

**Award Recipient: Joanne Ko**

### **SHARON MUNN ANDERSON AWARD**

Donated by family and friends in memory of the late Sharon Munn Anderson. Awarded preferably to a track athlete on the basis of academic achievement and inspirational behaviour.

**Award Recipient: Sarah Boyle**

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### **THE MAYNARD CAPTAINS' AWARDS**

Donated by Jock Maynard in honour of his father John Maynard, the awards are given to one male captain (preferably football) and one female captain who demonstrate academic achievement, excellence in athletics and qualities of leadership as evidenced by being selected by teammates as a team captain.

**Award recipients: Kristen Shier, Mark Evans**

### **ANNE HEWETT AWARD**

Donated by the friends of Anne Hewett, a leader in her time in the area of sport administration. The award is given to a female student who is a Varsity athlete and is involved in the administration and governance of university sport and recreation programs.

**Award Recipient: Erin McClure**

### **BRIAN E. KENNEDY AWARD**

This award was donated by Christopher Kennedy in honour of his late father Brian. The recipient of this award is chosen on the basis of demonstrated qualities of leadership, fostering team spirit and excellence in athletics, preferably swimming.

**Award Recipient: Stephanie Hassell**

### **ANNE CHUN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AWARD OF MERIT**

Anne Chun is a 1978 alumna of the Varsity Blues women's basketball team and a major supporter of our women's basketball program. The award is handed out to a woman who has proven athletic excellence, preferably on the basketball court.

**Award Recipient: Joanna Medri**

### **RON KIMEL MEN'S BASKETBALL AWARD**

Established by friends of Ron Kimel on the occasion of his 60th birthday, this is awarded to a Varsity student-athlete on the basis of excellence in athletics, preferably men's basketball.

**Award Recipient: Robert Paris**

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### **FRED FOOT AWARD**

Donated by Bruce Kidd, alumni and friends of the Varsity Blues track team in memory of former coach Fred Foot. The award is given to a student who has demonstrated the qualities of leadership, excellence in academics and athletics, preferably track.

**Award Recipient: Erin McClure**

### **KENZIE A. MACDONALD AWARD**

Donated by Kenzie MacDonald, the award is presented to a student based on academic performance and excellence in athletics, preferably swimming.

**Award Recipients: Nordo Gooden, Adam Palmer**

### **MARIE PARKES MEMORIAL AWARD**

Donated by alumnae and friends to honour Marie Parkes, secretary and treasurer of the WAA, the soul of women's athletics at U of T for more than 40 years, and a dominant voice in the establishment of a women's athletic building. The award is given to a student who is involved in athletic and recreation programs as an administrator or in other volunteer positions.

**Award Recipients: Juiana Bergin, Lauren Brown, Melanie Seabra, Silvana Skoko, Roxana Soica, Kristina Valjas**

### **SPIRIT OF 80 AWARD**

The award was donated by Henry Vehovec and various other donors to honour the Varsity Blues swim team of 1979-80. The recipient is chosen on the basis of academic performance and excellence in athletics, preferably swimming.

**Award Recipient: Jonathan Caguiat**

### **THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY OF TORONTO ATHLETIC AWARDS**

The St. George's Society of Toronto promotes a meaningful understanding and appreciation of English institutions and traditions and has established awards at the University of Toronto open to students in any course who are active in extra-curricular activities, such as athletics, with an emphasis on such sports as rowing, cricket, rugby, soccer and field hockey.

**Award Recipients: Jeffrey Chadwick, Anthony De Giorgio, Neill Mears, Sean Fontyn, Susan Tung, Raymond Zhang**

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### **FOOTBALL AWARD OF MERIT**

Established in 2004, the Football Award of Merit is awarded based on excellence in athletics, preferably football, and demonstrated qualities of leadership.

**Award Recipients: Ahad Bandealy, Giovanni Boscaroli, Walter Cariazo, Corey Hafezi, Harold Lee, Matthew Morris, Ben Sharpe, Willie Sharpe**

### **CRESSY A. McCATTY - SPIRIT OF 5T9 AWARD**

This award was spearheaded by John Ridpath and Ron Walbank, members of the 5T9 swim team, in recognition of coach Cressy McCatty. The award is made on the basis of academic achievement and excellence in athletics, preferably swimming.

**Award Recipient: Jonathan Caguiat**

### **T-HOLDERS' PERFORMANCE AWARD**

The T-Holders' Association provides financial awards for qualified student-athletes on the basis of academic merit, leadership and athletic excellence.

**Award Recipients: Kelly Doyle, Brendan Sherrard**

### **SHERYL AND DAVID KERR WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY AWARD OF MERIT**

This award is given on their behalf and goes to a female player who has achieved excellence in athletics, preferably in Varsity hockey. The recipient must also demonstrate academic merit, preferably in the Bachelor of Commerce program.

**Award Recipient: Lindsay Hill**

### **TOM LONGBOAT AWARD**

To be awarded preferably to an aboriginal student at the University of Toronto who is a long distance runner on the intercollegiate Track and Field team. Tom Longboat (1887-1949) was one of Canada's greatest marathon runners prior to World War I. He was an Onandoagan from Ohsweken, Ontario who dominated long distance races between 1906 and 1912.

**Award Recipient: Megan Brown**

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### **VIIU KANEP WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL AWARD**

Established in honour of Viiu Kanep, this is awarded to a Varsity student-athlete on the basis of academic merit and excellence in athletics, preferably women's volleyball.

**Award Recipient: Dana Collins**

### **WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL AWARD OF MERIT**

This award is handed out to a female athlete who has strong leadership qualities and has demonstrated excellence in athletics, preferably on the volleyball court.

**Award Recipients: Karlee Diesing, Alexandra Hudson, Kathleen Mahannah**

### **GIBSON AWARDS**

Donated by the late Anne Armstrong Gibson in memory of Doug and Anne Gibson, the awards are given to a male and female student-athlete, preferably members of the Varsity Blues swim team, who qualified for a T-Holders' Academic Excellence Award.

**Award Recipients: Stephanie Hassell, Andrew Kennedy**

### **DR. PHILIP ROBINSON SCHOLARSHIP**

Donated by Evelyn Robinson in memory of Dr. Philip Robinson, a first colour T-Holder in gymnastics, the award is given on the basis of excellence in academics and athletics, or athletic leadership.

**Award Recipients: Andrew Cruickshank, Robert Kay, Mike Lawler, Erin Mallinger, Jason Mei**

### **BOB MASTERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Donated by friends and alumni in memory of Bob Masterson, former Varsity Blues football coach, the award is given to students who demonstrate excellence in academics, leadership and athletics, preferably Canadian football.

**Award Recipients: Walter Cariazo, Matthew Morris**

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### **LARRY AND JUDY TANENBAUM ATHLETIC AWARDS OF MERIT**

The Larry and Judy Tanenbaum Athletic Awards of Merit are given to female and male students entering their first year at U of T who have demonstrated academic excellence and have excelled in basketball, hockey or soccer.

**Award Recipients: Kaitlyn Bannon, Melissa Bowen, Alexandra Brind Amour-McClure, Courtney Brind Amour-McClure, Russ Brownell, Ragan Danford, Michael Evans, Robyn Fashler, Dakota Laurin, Katelyn McConnell, Brent McGrail, Kelly O'Hanlon, Nicholas Snow, Heather Van Kampen, Colin VanSchoor, Matthew Walters**

### **GUINNESS SCHOLARSHIP**

Donated by Dr. Michael Guinness on the philosophy that the pursuit of academic excellence at a world-class university is praiseworthy but not sufficient for a full student life, the award is made on the basis of excellence in academics, leadership and athletics, preferably swimming.

**Award recipients: Michael Braithwaite, Shirley Ho, Sasha Theron**

### **GUINNESS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

The scholarship was donated by Dr. Michael Guinness to encourage the simultaneous pursuit of excellence in athletics and leadership. The award is made on the basis of demonstrated qualities of leadership, excellence in academics and athletics, preferably swimming.

**Award recipients: Serguei Bagrianski, Samantha Bancescu, Cameron Cummings, Zachariah Summerhayes**

### **MEN'S BASKETBALL AWARD OF MERIT**

The Men's Basketball Award of Merit is awarded on the basis of athletic excellence in men's basketball and demonstrated leadership qualities.

**Award Recipient: Drazen Glisic**

### **LIZ HOFFMAN WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY AWARD**

Named after Liz Hoffman, a U of T championship field hockey coach and Director of Athletics, the award is made to a student on the basis of excellence in athletics, preferably Varsity women's field hockey

**Award Recipient: Kendyl Valenta**

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### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AWARD OF MERIT**

The Women's Basketball Award of Merit is awarded on the basis of athletic excellence in women's basketball and demonstrated leadership qualities.

**Award Recipient: Tatiana Meunier**

### **DR. RONALD STERNBERG BASKETBALL AWARD OF MERIT**

The Ronald Sternberg award is given to a student-athlete with strong leadership skills and athletic talent, particularly on the basketball court.

**Award Recipient: Nicholas Magalas**

### **LEILANI NOLAN DEVUONO - "LOVE FOR LACROSSE" MEMORIAL AWARD**

This award is given to a young woman with academic merit who has proven athletic excellence, preferably in the sport of lacrosse.

**Award Recipient: Taryn Grieder**

### **ERNST VIERKOETTER AWARD**

Established in honour of Ernst "Black Shark" Vierkoetter, winner of the 1927 CNE swim and International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame inductee, the award is given to a student on the basis of excellence in athletics, preferably Varsity swimming. Ernst held the record for the fastest person to cross the English Channel from 1926 to 1946.

**Award Recipient: Pamela Ruksys**

### **KAREN LeGRESLEY HAMRE SWIM AWARD**

Established in honour of swim team alumna and Olympian Karen Le Gresley Hamre (7T9) the award will be made to a student on the basis of excellence in athletics, preferably Varsity swimming.

**Award Recipient: Andrea Jurenovskis**

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### **DAVE McMASTER AWARD**

The award is made to a student on the basis of leadership, fair play and fostering team spirit, contribution to women's hockey at U of T or in the community and excellence in athletics, preferably women's ice hockey.

**Award Recipient: Allie White**

### **JOE KANE AWARD OF MERIT**

To be awarded to a student on the basis of excellence in athletics, preferably Varsity men's ice hockey. Established in honour of Justice Joseph Charles Kane (1928-2005), who played hockey for the Varsity Blues from 1948-52 (helping to win the senior championship in 1951), coached the team from 1962-65, including an OUAA title in 1964, and was a key member of the Men's T-Holder Board in 1990-1991.

**Award Recipient: Robert Kay**

### **DAN THOMPSON SWIM AWARD**

The Dan Thompson Swim Award is given on the basis of academic merit and excellence in athletics, preferably swimming.

**Award Recipient: Andrew Townsend**

### **HELEN GURNEY AWARD**

Donated by the friends of women's athletics in honour of Helen Gurney. The award is presented to female students on the basis of leadership, academic achievement and excellence in athletics as demonstrated by participation on a Varsity Blues team.

**Award Recipients: Erica Basso, Kendyl Valenta**

### **BLUES HOCKEY SPIRIT OF 8T4 AWARD**

The award was established by Michael Keenan, former coach of the Varsity Blues hockey team and by members of the 1983-84 National Championship team. The award is given to students who excel and are dedicated to athletics, preferably men's ice hockey.

**Award Recipients: Andrew Kizito, Eddie Snetsinger**

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### **THE VARSITY SWIM AWARD OF MERIT**

The Varsity swim award of merit goes to a student who has demonstrated exemplary athleticism, preferably in the sport of swimming while achieving academic excellence and demonstrated strong leadership skills.

**Award Recipient: Stephanie Hassell, Andrew Kennedy, Trevor Robinson**

### **RAPTORS FOUNDATION AWARDS**

The Raptors Foundation Award is given to one male and one female student who have achieved success in the academic programs of the Faculty of Physical Education and Health. Each of these students also demonstrates excellence in Varsity Athletics.

**Award Recipients: Anthony De Giorgio, Shirley Ho**

### **DON MILLS AWARD**

This award is presented to a student-athlete on the basis of academic performance and athletic excellence, preferably in track and field or cross country running. The recipient must also demonstrate qualities of leadership and positivity.

**Award Recipient: Athena McBean**

### **HENRY T. VEHOVEC AWARD**

Donated by Henry T. Vehovec in memory of his father, the award is given preferably to a member of the Varsity Blues swim team on the basis of academic achievement and intercollegiate athletics performance.

**Award Recipient: Andrew Kennedy**

### **ROY McMURTRY FOOTBALL AWARD OF MERIT**

Named after the Honourable Roy McMurtry (5T4), Chief Justice of Ontario from 1996-2007, this award was established by the Friends of Football to commemorate his outstanding contribution to football, as a member of the Varsity Blues football team and CEO of the Canadian Football League. The award is made to a student on the basis of excellence in athletics, preferably football, and demonstrated leadership qualities

**Award Recipient: Andrew Meerveld**

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### **THE HECTOR “HEC” PHILLIPS SCHOLARSHIPS**

Donated by Louis Odette, in memory of our legendary track coach Hec Phillips, the scholarships are made to students on the basis of academic performance, excellence in athletics, preferably track and field, and leadership qualities through the encouragement of others.

**Award Recipients: Megan Brown, Simon-Gabriel Savard, Michael Trnkus**

### **KIMBERLEY JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Donated by the friends of Kimberley Johnson in her memory, this award is made to a student on the basis of excellence in academics, leadership and athletics, preferably women’s basketball.

**Award Recipient: Kristina Valjas**

### **ARNOLD PALMER GOLF AWARD**

The Arnold Palmer Golf Award is given to those students who have demonstrated athletic excellence in varsity golf.

**Award Recipients: Nicholas Clark, Christine Ho, Tyler Mische, Na Eun Park, Niilo Schonfeld, Laura Upenieks**

### **WOMEN’S SOCCER AWARD OF MERIT**

This award is presented to members of the Varsity women’s soccer team who have demonstrated athletic excellence.

**Award Recipients: Heidi Borgmann, Jessica Fantozzi**

### **MAITRE KEN WOOD FENCING AWARD**

The Maitre Ken Wood Fencing Award is presented to a member of the Varsity fencing team for demonstrating excellence in fencing and for outstanding team leadership.

**Award Recipient: David Schacter**

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### **GLEN DAVIS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AWARD OF MERIT**

This award recognizes athletic excellence in basketball and is presented in honour of long-time supporter of the Blues women's basketball team, Glen Davis.

**Award Recipient: Emily Larson**

### **ELI DRAKICH AWARD**

This is the inaugural presentation of the Eli Drakich Award. Eli was a longtime assistant coach with the Varsity Blues men's and women's volleyball programs. This award recognizes athletic excellence in women's volleyball.

**Award Recipient: Rebecca Crosier**

### **THE M. R. WRIGHT FAMILY AWARD**

This is the inaugural presentation of the M. R. Wright Family Award. This award was established by Blues men's hockey alumnus Mert Wright and recognizes athletic excellence in men's hockey and in any female sport.

**Award Recipients: Paul Dupont, Michelle Wood**

### **ANGUS ERSKINE MEMORIAL AWARD**

This memorial bursary is awarded to a female student on the basis of a high level of participation in the co-curricular programs of the Faculty of Physical Education and Health.

**Award Recipient: Megan Northey**

## **Thank You**

The Faculty of Physical Education and Health greatly appreciates the support of the T-Holders' Association in recognizing our exceptional student-athletes. We also applaud the generosity of the many alumni and friends who, in partnership with the University of Toronto and the Government of Ontario, have created a scholarship and financial aid endowment of almost \$4 million to provide close to \$300,000 annually to recognize and support our student-athletes.

For further information on the Faculty's awards program or to discuss leaving a legacy to the Faculty, please contact Robin Campbell, Executive Director, Advancement at 416-978-4740.

