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BC Games Congratulates Athlete of the Year Award Winners

The BC Games Society is pleased to congratulate the finalists and recipients of the annual Sport BC Athlete of the Year Awards. 15 BC Games Alumni were among the deserving finalists for the awards recognizing BC's top athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers.

BC Games alumni taking home top honours included Carol Huynh (Hazelton) for the Senior Female Athlete of the Year, Michelle Stillwell (Nanose Bay) in the Athlete with a Disability Award category, and Kyle Hamilton (Richmond) who was part of Canada's Olympic Men's Rowing 8 who won the Team of the Year Award.

The BC Games is an important stage and milestone in the development of athletes in BC. Carol Huynh's journey from her small community of Hazelton to the Olympic podium included competition opportunities at both the Northern BC Winter Games and the 1996 BC Summer Games where she had her first taste of being a gold medalist.

In the Male and Female High School Athlete of the Year categories all six finalists competed at the 2004 or 2006 BC Summer Games. The award winners, Alexandria Treasure (Prince George) and Keynan Parker (New Westminster) were medalists at the BC Games.

"It is exciting to see the incredible talent of BC's athletes and the role that the BC Games has played in so many of their journeys," said Kelly Mann, President and CEO of the BC Games Society. "Young athletes like Alexandria and Keynan are shining examples of the strength of the BC sport system and the bright future we can expect on the world stage."

More information on the Athlete of the Year Awards can be found at www.sport.bc.ca

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