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Camosun Charger Elyse Matthews captures President's Cup



President's Cup recipient Elyse Matthews with Dean, Centre for Sport & Exercise Education Dr. Peter Rehor

Student-athletes, coaches and supporters of the Camosun College Chargers gathered to recognize the achievements of the College's student-athletes at Camosun's 19th Annual Athletic Awards Ceremony, April 11th at the Harbour Towers Hotel.

Third-year wing **Elyse Matthews** from the Chargers women's basketball team took the spotlight earning the prestigious **President's Cup** award for her outstanding achievements in academics and athletics.

Ms. Matthews scored a perfect 9.0 grade point average in her Fall 2012 full-time program of studies in Camosun's University Transfer program. Described as an outstanding leader and exceptionally talented athlete, Ms. Matthews earned a number of awards for her athletic and scholastic achievements this season including the SIRC-CCAA Academic All-Canadian Award, the PACWEST Academic Award, the PACWEST 1st Team All-Star Award and the Chargers Women's Basketball Team Leadership Award.

"I am continually impressed by the achievements of the Chargers student-athletes," stated John Boraas, Camosun College Vice President Academic. "This is the second-consecutive year that an individual from the Chargers women's basketball program has achieved a 9.0 grade point average and Camosun is extremely proud of all the accomplishments the Chargers athletes have made."

Fifth-year men's volleyball leftside **Garrett Marcellus** was the recipient of the **Linda Henderson Award for Excellence** for demonstrating commitment, strength of character and a high level of proficiency in the sport of volleyball.

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5th year graduating player Garrett Marcellus, recipient of the Linda Henderson Award for Excellence with Head Coach Charles Parkinson

As one of only four players to ever play five full years at Camosun, Marcellus was recognized for his commitment to the Chargers program, his dedication to developing into the best athlete he could be, his strength of character and his career as both an All-Star and a Provincial Champion.

A new award was presented in honour of the late Chargers setter, Derek Twomey, who passed away tragically two years ago. The **Derek Twomey Scholarship for Sport** was awarded to second-year Chargers setter **Ryan Thain** (Surrey, BC) who was selected by Derek's former team mates and coaches as the first-time winner of the scholarship for his fighting spirit, commitment to hard work and passion for the game.

Sponsored by Accent Inns, the **PACWEST Academic Excellence Award** was presented to 11 Camosun student-athletes for achieving an honours standing over a minimum period of one full academic year. Recipients from the women's basketball team included **Haley Carmichael** (Arts & Science), **Brianne Larson** (Arts & Science), **Elyse Matthews** (University Transfer) and **Melissa Poce** (Sport Management). From men's basketball were **Jordan Elvedahl** (Sport Performance) and **Rulon Schmidt** (Mechanical Engineering). From men's golf was **Jared Hundza** (Business Administration) and from men's volleyball, **Alex Sadowski** (Electrical Engineering). Women's volleyball team recipients included **Kelsey Clarke** (Associate of Arts), **Carly Hilliard** (Arts & Science) and **Morgan Marshall** (Exercise Wellness).

A record number of student-athletes were recognized for their outstanding academic and athletic accomplishments at the Provincial and National levels. Eighteen Chargers were the recipients of the **PACWEST and CCAA awards** which were sponsored by Wilson's Transportation:

Jarred Callbeck	Men's Golf	CCAA All-Canadian SIRC-CCAA Academic All-Canadian PACWEST Men's Player of the Year PACWEST 1 st Team All-Star PACWEST Athlete of the Week (Sept. 24-30, 2012) PACWEST Athlete of the Week (Sept. 10-16, 2012)
Natalie Delange	Women's Volleyball	PACWEST All-Rookie Team
Drake Downer	Men's Basketball	PACWEST Athlete of the Week (Nov. 26-Dec. 2, 2012)
Jordan Elvedahl	Men's Basketball	SIRC-CCAA Academic All-Canadian PACWEST 2 nd Team All-Star
Jeremy Finn	Men's Volleyball	PACWEST Athlete of the Week (Nov. 12-18, 2012) PACWEST Athlete of the Week (Jan. 21-27, 2013)
Ella Goldschmid	Women's Basketball	SIRC-CCAA Academic All-Canadian PACWEST 2 nd Team All-Star PACWEST Athlete of the Week (Jan. 7-13, 2013)
Hilary Graham	Women's Volleyball	SIRC-CCAA Academic All-Canadian PACWEST 2 nd Team All-Star PACWEST Athlete of the Week (Feb. 4-10, 2013)

Carly Hilliard	Women's Volleyball	PACWEST Athlete of the Week (Nov. 19-25, 2012)
Andrew Inglis	Men's Volleyball	PACWEST 1 st Team All-Star PACWEST Athlete of the Week (Nov. 19-25, 2012)
Kaz Kobayashi	Men's Basketball	PACWEST All-Rookie Team
Ryan Marcellus	Men's Volleyball	PACWEST All-Rookie Team
Morgan Marshall	Women's Volleyball	PACWEST Athlete of the Week (Jan. 7-13, 2013)
Elyse Matthews	Women's Basketball	SIRC-CCAA Academic All-Canadian PACWEST 1 st Team All-Star
Lachlan Polson	Men's Volleyball	PACWEST All-Rookie Team
Alex Sadowski	Men's Volleyball	SIRC-CCAA Academic All-Canadian PACWEST 1 st Team All-Star
Melissa Van Dyk	Women's Basketball	Rookie of the Year PACWEST All-Rookie Team
Alex Wolf	Men's Volleyball	PACWEST Athlete of the Week (Jan. 28-Feb. 3, 2013)
Evan Woodson	Men's Basketball	PACWEST All-Rookie Team

Five student-athletes were recognized as **Team Rookie**. Those included **Natalie Delange** from GP Vanier, Courtenay (women's volleyball), Esquimalt grad **James Giuffre** (men's basketball), **Lachlan Polson** from Claremont (men's volleyball), **Grant Maskiewich** from Smithers Secondary (men's golf) and Claremont grad **Melissa Van Dyk** (women's basketball).

Five additional student-athletes were acknowledged for their **Team Leadership** throughout the year. Among those were **Garrett Marcellus** (men's volleyball), **Morgan Marshall** (women's volleyball), **Elyse Matthews** (women's basketball), **Rulon Schmidt** (men's basketball) and **Kevin Walz** (men's golf).

A final group of Camosun athletes received the **Team MVP** award and included **Jarred Callbeck** (men's golf), **Jordan Elvedahl** (men's basketball), **Hilary Graham** (women's volleyball), **Ella Goldschmid** (women's basketball) and **Andrew Inglis** (men's volleyball).

Student-athletes graduating from the Chargers athletics program were also recognized for their valued contributions, included were third-year student-athletes **Jordan Elvedahl**, **Prab Parmar** and **Rulon Schmidt** from the men's basketball program; fifth-year veterans **Andrew Inglis** and **Garrett Marcellus** from men's volleyball; third-year student-athletes **Chhase McFarlen** (men's volleyball) and **Haley Carmichael** (women's basketball) and sixth-year golf veteran **Kevin Walz**.

"Our student-athletes and coaches worked extremely hard this year and I'm very proud of their achievements," said Camosun Recreation and Athletics Coordinator Graham Matthews. "We look forward to another great season in 2013-14!"

[Find photos of the event here, on the Camosun College Flickr site.](#)

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