

## FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR

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#### **MALINDI ELMORE - Athletics**

Became head coach of the UBC Okanagan men's and women's cross-country teams in 2020 and has gone on to lead her runners to great success, beginning with a silver medal at the 2021 Canada West championships to mark the first team medal in the program's history. Elmore was named Canada West Women's Coach of the Year for 2021 and her squad went on to again secure silver at the 2022 Canada West Championships. Two-time Olympian Elmore remains an elite runner, winning the 2022 Canadian Marathon Championship.



## **BARB FRASER - Gymnastics**

Serves as Head Coach at Trampoline and Artistic Gymnastics Sports Centre in Port Coquitlam and coach of Sydney Turner, a member of Canada's bronze medal-winning team at the 2022 World Championships. The effort marked the first time a Canadian women's gymnastic team earned at medal at the world event. Turner also took silver on uneven bars at the 2022 national championships and bronze on uneven bars at the Pan Am Championships.



## JANE GUMLEY - Rowing

Became the first female head coach to win the Canadian University Rowing Championship as her University of Victoria women's squad proved best at the 2022 event in Ontario. Her UVic rowers won the women's eight, improving the course record by four seconds, with the UVic lightweight double also winning gold. Gumley was subsequently named Canadian University Rowing Coach of the Year and her UVic women's eight also won the final at the August Royal Canadian Henley Regatta.



#### **BEV PRIESTMAN - Soccer**

Named head coach of the Canadian women's soccer team in the fall of 2020 and less than a year later celebrated winning Olympic gold in Tokyo as the Canadian women defeated Sweden 3-2 in penalty kicks in the Olympic final. The Canadians were subsequently honoured as PostMedia Team of the Year. Priestman has twice been nominated for The Best FIFA Women's Coach Award and guided Canada to an 11-3-3 record in 2022 in preparation for the 2023 Women's World Cup.



### **BRIT TOWNSEND - Athletics**

Her athletes consistently shine in university, provincial and national competitions. Coquitlam's Townsend was named 2021 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Coach of the Year for men's and women's cross country after her SFU team won both men's and women's cross-country titles. SFU also won the 2022 indoor team championship, with Townsend earning conference top women's team coach and top men's coach honours for the outdoor season. Three of her athletes went on to compete for Canada at the world championships.