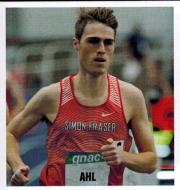




UNIVERSITY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR PRESENTED BY UNIVERSITY CANADA WEST/CCTB



AARON AHL (Simon Fraser University) - Athletics

Ended his 2021-22 season as the Great Northwestern Athletic Conference Male Athlete of the Year across all sports. SFU's Ahl also ran the third fastest mile in indoor NCAA Div.II history with a 3:57.95 personal best, just the second GNAC runner to go under four minutes. He was also named GNAC indoor track and field's top male after winning the conference indoor titles over a mile, 3000 metres and distance medley relay.



ALISON ANDREWS-PAUL (Simon Fraser University) - Athletics

Born in Masterton, New Zealand, Alison ran a personal best to win the 800 metres at the NCAA Div.II indoor championships and helped SFU win titles for 2021-22 GNAC indoor, 2021 GNAC cross country and the NCAA West region. In the spring of 2022 she ran the fastest 800-metre time for a female NCAA athlete at a race in California, clocking 2:01.43 for what would rank her fifth all-time in her native New Zealand.



DEREK EPP (Trinity Western University) - Volleyball

The Spartans captain closed out his school career as Canada West and U Sports Volleyball Player of the Year in 2022, leading his team to the conference championship and silver medal at the nationals after posting a 15-1 record in the regular season. Epp also led the Spartans to a silver medal at the 2021 Pan American Cup and to a 5-2 record against NCAA Div.1 opponents.



KENT JOHNSON (University of Michigan) - Ice Hockey

Played two seasons at University of Michigan, earning 64 points in 58 games (17 goals and 47 assists) before making his NHL debut with Columbus Blue Jackets on April 13. Johnson, 20, was named to the Big Ten All-Rookie Team in 2021 and helped his team to the Big Ten Championship in 2022. Port Moody's Johnson also contributed a goal and four assists in Canada's silver medal effort at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.



ANNA MOLLENHAUER (University of Victoria) - Field Hockey

Scored eight goals to lead the Vikes to an unbeaten 7-0-1 season record that culminated in Canada West and National championship victories in 2022. Mollenhauer, 23, earned her third consecutive U Sports Field Hockey Player of the Year award in addition to national championship MVP and Canada West Player of the Year laurels. She joined the Canadian senior women's team in 2019 and in 2022 helped Canada take the bronze medal at the Pan Am Cup in Chile.