

## CHARACTER CORNER



"What SuperHEROS does helping kids and giving them the chance to play the sport that I love, that's really special."

Incoming U18 Prep goaltender, Ryley Budd, [has a special bond with HEROS Hockey](#) – an organization that provides a space for young people with physical and cognitive challenges to play the game they love.

Earlier this year, Ryley raised \$5,000 to help send fellow goalie Harrison Markin and his SuperHEROS teammates to their first tournament in Ontario. This season, Ryley is aiming to raise \$10,000 for SuperHEROS.

"I want to keep this going as long as my hockey career lasts," Budd says.

"I want to try and make a career out of hockey and this is something that I want to continue along with it. I think we can bring more into the sport than just the game and this is a big piece to me."

If you would like to support Ryley's fundraising efforts, [click here](#).

Awesome work, Ryley!

## Hockey Director Announcement

We are very pleased to announce that long-time Edge staff member, Ross McCain, has been named as our new Director of Hockey. In this role, Ross will oversee our Hockey Skill Academy program in addition to the Mountaineers team program that competes in the CSSHL.

Ross is entering his 15th year at Edge and has been our Director of Athletic Performance and the Manager of the Duckett Performance Centre for 11 years – helping build the DPC into a premier training centre for high performance athletes of all ages and backgrounds. In addition to his new role as Edge School's Hockey Director, Ross will continue to oversee the DPC and student-athlete development.

Ross brings a wealth of experience both athletically and academically to the role. He has a master's degree in Kinesiology and has a lengthy history in sport, including, over 10 years playing junior, university and professional hockey. Ross has participated in three national championships, two of which he captured a medal: a silver medal playing baseball and a bronze medal playing U SPORT hockey. During his time as a student-athlete, he was also a three time academic All-Canadian.

After his playing career, Ross started his coaching journey at Edge School, where he split 7 seasons behind the bench for the U18, U17 and U15 programs.

"I am ecstatic to have the opportunity to work more closely with the players, parents and coaches of the Edge School hockey program," says Ross. "I am very passionate about sport and the physical development process, and this furthers my opportunity to impact the lives of our student-athletes at Edge School."





# Welcome Back TO SCHOOL! **EDGE**





# Summer Success on Different Playing Fields



A few of our U18 Female Prep student-athletes took home third place medals competing in different sports – proving to be versatile multi-sport athletes.

Jennifer Keller and her teammates of the Adrenalin U15A team won bronze at the U15 Canadian Fast Pitch Championships.

Female Prep newcomers, Avaya McCann and Olivia Imperato also won a bronze medal at the Box Lacrosse National Championships (U17) with Team Alberta.

Congratulations to the three of you!



# ALWAYS A MOUNTAINEER

## Tornqvist Signs Professional Contract with Alberta Ballet



Congratulations to class of 2022 graduate, Isabel Tornqvist, on her first professional contract, which will be with the Alberta Ballet for the 2023/24 season. Isabel received her graduation diploma for dance from the Elmhurst Ballet School in association with the Birmingham Royal Ballet in June, awarded by Trinity College, UK, and was presented with the Ballet Award for Effort, Resilience and Progress. She was also accepted as a student at the Royal Ballet School in London for their 2023 summer course.

Starting academics and dance at Edge six years ago, Isabel moved to Birmingham, UK after Grade 11 while concurrently completing her academics at Edge, graduating in her 12th academic year, 2022, with the top award for athletics at graduation, The Athletic Achievement Award.

While at Edge, Isabel completed summer courses at San Francisco Ballet, Houston Ballet Academy (scholarship) Canada's National Ballet School, Goh Ballet Academy and Southland Ballet Academy, and was awarded full-time placement on more than one occasion at Houston and NBS. Opting to continue her training at Edge until her finishing year, Isabel was awarded Top 12 placements at the Youth America Grand Prix and World Ballet Art Grand Prix in both classical and contemporary, both in which she was also a Finalist. She was awarded her Solo Seal, the highest honour from the Royal Academy of Dance before her departure to Birmingham, and the Chrystal Dance Prize from Dance Victoria last spring.

We are extremely proud of you and all of your hard work, Isabel; it's truly paid off, and we cannot wait to cheer you on from the audience in your performances with Alberta Ballet next season!

# Jomha Recognized for Academic Excellence

MRU Cougars women's hockey player Aliya Jomha spent the first half of 2023 bringing home the hardware.

A member of the National Championship-winning women's hockey team, Jomha also excelled in the classroom, earning a Research and Scholarship Days award and the Mount Royal University Library Group Research Excellence Award.

A second-year Bachelor of Arts — Psychology student, Jomha won the Research and Scholarship Days award in April for her "You've Got A Friend in Me': Does Peer Support Help With Depression?" poster presentation. Her research was a systematic review of 15 studies that explored how effective peer support intervention can be for youth with depression.

[Article pulled from the MRU Cougars website, click here to read the full piece](#)



## Three Former Mountaineers Make Team Canada Rosters

Congratulations to Brooke Disher, Makayla Watson and Sarah Wozniwicz on being selected to Canada's National Women's Teams that competed against Team USA in Lake Placid from Aug. 16-19.

Brooke and Sarah suited up for the National Development Team while Makayla will be playing on the U18 Team.

- Brooke was a Mountaineer for two years, and played on the Edge U15 team in 2016/17. This year was her first season at Boston College where she suited up for the Terriers. Brooke played in all 34 contests, tallying seven goals and 10 assists for 17 points. She was named to the Hockey East All-Rookie Team and was runner-up for Hockey East Rookie of the Year.
- Makayla spent 2021-2023 at Edge, playing on our U18 Female Prep team. In 2021/22, she was presented with the U18 Top Freshman Award (Female Prep Division). In 2022/23, Makayla was named a CSHL First Team All-Star after putting up 23 points (13 goals, 10 assists) in 29 games.
- Sarah played on our Female Prep team for four seasons (2017-2021), compiling 107 points in 69 CSHL regular season games. Sarah will be entering her third season with the University of Wisconsin Badgers, who won their seventh NCAA national championship last season. Sarah was a member of the WCHA all-academic team, as well as a WCHA and All-Big Ten scholar student-athlete.



## Salmond Lands Job with Lethbridge Hurricanes

Congratulations to Class of 2016 graduate, Bordan Salmond, on earning a job with the WHL's Lethbridge Hurricanes as a goaltending coach!

Bordan played on Edge hockey teams from 2012-2015 before going on to play with the Camrose Kodiaks in the AJHL and then the Kelowna Rockets and Moose Jaw Warriors in the WHL. The 24-year-old has spent the last four seasons attending the University of Calgary playing U SPORTS with the Dinos men's Hockey team, and helped the team to a Canada West Championship this season.

# Four Mountaineers Sign/Commit with Team



Congratulations to these four former Mountaineers who have made the step in each of their hockey careers:

- Class of 2023 graduate, **Gabe Bergeron**, has signed with the Sicamous Eagles in the KIJHL! Gabe played on our two U17 teams the past two seasons, compiling a 23-7-2 record, .912 save percentage, and a 2.79 goals against average across 34 CSSHL regular season appearances.

In 2021-22, Gabe's .921 SV% was tops among all U17 Prep CSSHL goaltenders, and his 14 wins was second most in the division.

- Class of 2023 graduate, **Brendan Calahasen**, has signed with the Nelson Leafs in the KIJHL!

Brendan was a Mountaineer for four years, suiting up for the U17 Prep team for three seasons before making the U18 team this past year. In total, he played in 102 regular season and playoff games, with his best statistical season coming in 2021-22 when he scored 30 goals and had 48 points in 33 games.

- **Connor Gourley** has committed to Arizona State University in the NCAA.

Connor played on our U18 Prep team in 2019-20, compiling 39 points (20 G, 19 A) in 26 games. He has spent the past four seasons playing in the AJHL – splitting time with the Camrose Kodiaks and most recently with the Okotoks Oilers.

- Class of 2020 graduate, **Sam McGinley**, has committed to play post-secondary hockey at the University of New Brunswick for the 2023/24 season.

Sam has been playing in the WHL since 2019-20 when he started out with the Regina Pats, playing in 11 total games before being traded to the Swift Current Broncos. The defenceman would go on to play 184 games for the Broncos. He scored 20 goals and added 56 assists for 76 points in his Bronco career that spanned over parts of four seasons. His career best came in the 2022/2023 season when he tallied 37 points in 61 games with the Broncos.

Sam spent two seasons at Edge School, playing for the Elite 15 team and the U18 Prep team. He played in 72 CSSHL games in an Edge uniform, compiling 75 points (19 G, 56 A).

Best of luck to all of you with these next steps in your student-athlete journeys!



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Registration for our fall open house on Wednesday, Oct. 11 is now open!

Join us to learn how we help Edge student-athletes achieve their personal best in academics, athletics and character building during their time at our school.

[edgeschool.com/admissions/open-house](https://edgeschool.com/admissions/open-house)



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SAVE THE DATE

Our inaugural Alumni Homecoming is Thursday, December 21, 2023. Catch up with old friends and teachers at Edge School. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!



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