

World Ballet Art Competition Grand Prix Results



What a weekend it was at World Ballet Art Grand Prix Finals in Niagara Falls in mid-November! We are so grateful for the opportunities for our student-athletes as they continue to learn and earn success at competitions! Congratulations to all:

Awards:

Best School

Best Choreographer – Caralee Lamoureux

Contemporary:

Group E, Senior:

Silver Medal: Rylen Cann

Group D, Intermediate:

Bronze Medal: Mariana La Rotta Hernandez

4th place: Georgia Blackwell

5th place (tie): Isabel Black, Gioia Ruggieri

Top 10: Claire Boraas, Arianna Houston

Group C, Junior:

5th place: Nikka Zielinski

Classical:

Group E, Senior:

5th place: Rylen Cann

6th place: Varvara Nikolaou-Hilderman

Scholarships:

Canada's National Ballet School: Claire Boraas, Georgia Blackwell

Vancouver Goh Ballet Academy: Rylen Cann



Five Mountaineers Commit to Post-Secondary Programs

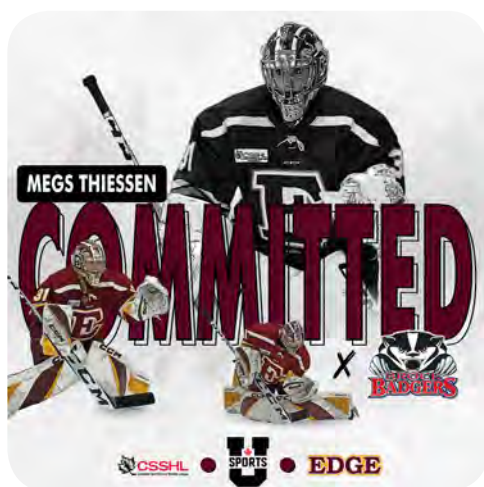
It has been an exciting time at Edge the last few weeks with our first few student-athletes announcing commitments to post-secondary programs:



Hannah Deck committed to College of the Holy Cross and their women's hockey program! Hannah is in her second season at Edge, and is a rock on our blue line. Last season, she had 23 points in 30 CSSHL games (4 G, 19A) and this season, was named team captain. "From showing up consistently every day, her relentless work ethic and drive to be better every day, and devotion to her teammates, Hannah embodies the 3-spheres at Edge thru and thru," says Female Prep Head Coach, Annette Jensen.

Ify Nwaobi committed to Liberty University. As a homegrown Calgary talent, Ify has been a key member of our female prep basketball program for the past three years. With multiple opportunities to choose from at the NCAA level, Ify chose to join Coach Green and his great staff at Liberty in Virginia.

"I'm beyond grateful for every coach, family member, friend, teammate, parent, and mentor who has been in my corner the moment I picked up a ball," says Ify. "Love to all of you. I want to specially thank coaches Eddie, Mike, Gerard, and Matt for all the guidance along the journey; without you all, I wouldn't be the player I am today. Finally, thank you to coaches Green, Sherard, Blood, and Katie for welcoming me to the flame family."



Megs Thiessen committed to Brock University and the women's hockey program! Megs is in her second season at Edge, and has been a wall in the crease for the Female Prep team this year with a 2.21 goals against average and 0.922 SV % in nine games. Last season, Megs finished in the top five among Female Prep goaltenders with a 1.86 GAA (0.917 SV %) while collecting 12 wins in 14 CSSHL games.

You can always expect Megs to bring her trademark smile and a great attitude to the rink. "I couldn't be more proud of Megs to see how far she has come. She wants to get better everyday and pushes to be the best version of herself every time she steps on the ice," says Head Coach, Annette Jensen.

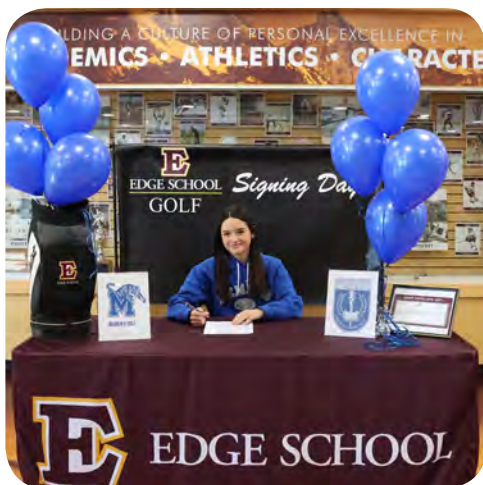
Charles Thompson committed to the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and their men's soccer program! This is Charles' second year at Edge and he is a goalkeeper with Calgary Foothills. Charles' talent has also earned him extensive training time with Calgary Cavalry FC during his time here.

"Charles has been an excellent addition to the Edge Soccer Academy and I have no doubt his hard work and good attitude will continue on and off the field with the Hardrockers," says soccer academy director, Alan Rickwood. "He has a very bright future ahead of him and I look forward to following his progress."

Charles says: "It's exciting to be able to commit to a post-secondary program knowing I'll be able to continue competing in and enjoying my sport throughout my university experience. It also means I'll have a group of like-minded hard-working student-athletes surrounding me on and off the field to help me with classes, soccer, and growing to become an adult."



"Edge School has been immensely helpful in helping me prepare for university classes and athletics. Small class sizes and accommodating teachers have allowed me to visit South Dakota on numerous occasions, and have ensured my marks were up to par, if not above average, for any university I was considering. Furthermore, Alan and the other coaches involved in the soccer program have been a great resource for any questions or guidance I've needed to achieve my post-secondary goals. Edge School has surrounded me with a great group of people and prepared me to go out on the next chapter of my life."



Carla van Remmen committed to the University of Memphis and their women's golf team.

Carla joined the Edge School golf program for her Grade 11 year and from day one has always worked very hard on her game, and been a great asset to our golf program – culminating in her being named the girls team captain for her 2023-24 senior year. We are so excited to see her heading off to play NCAA Division 1 at the University of Memphis next year! She focused on lowering her scores in tournaments by strengthening her short game and playing strategy to get to the next level, and through a lot of hard work and dedication, she certainly did. Always academically strong with great character and support systems around her, there was really never a doubt she could get there.

"She has tremendous speed in her swing with strong fundamental mechanics," says Golf Director, Ryan Cater. "Coupled with a love for the game and her ability to compete at events, we have no doubt that Carla will thrive at the college level with the University of Memphis next year."

Congratulations to the five of you for working so hard to set yourselves up for this next step in your academic and athletic journeys. We wish you all the best!

Hocher Staying with AJHL's Oilers

U18 Prep defenceman Brennen Hocher has been signed for the remainder of the season by the Okotoks Oilers. Hock was called up as an affiliate with the Oilers on Oct. 14, and has played in 14 games up to this point with the AJHL club. Brennen has played on Edge teams since 2020 when he came to play on the U15 Prep team. Last season with U17 Gold, he was named the team's Most Valuable Mountaineer after being a steady presence on the blue line, recording 12 points (3 G, 9 A) in 23 CSHL games in the process. Hock is no slouch in the classroom either, finishing last year's school year with a 99% average (top average of all students at Edge). His hard work in the classroom resulted in him being named to the CSHL All-Academic U17 team, and recognized with the Top Scholastic Award as well.

Congrats and good luck with the rest of your season, Brennen.



CHARACTER CORNER



McMillan Enjoying Rewarding Coaching Experience with Special Olympics Calgary

Grade 12 student-athlete, Oliver McMillan, has been at Edge School for five years, playing in our hockey team program for the last four. He's always had a passion for the game of hockey, and that led Oliver to think that he should look for a way to get involved in the sport in a different way. "I felt that I should give back to the hockey community after all it has done for me," says Oliver.

Oliver's mom, Jacqueline, had a colleague that had coaching experience with the Special Olympics Calgary hockey program. After chatting with her colleague, Jacqueline figured that this might be exactly the sort of opportunity that Oliver could pursue to give back to hockey. Jacqueline presented the idea to Oliver, and he saw it as a perfect opportunity – signing up with the SOC last year as a floor hockey coach. The experience was great from the start for Oliver, and was highlighted by winning Provincials with his floor hockey team. He liked the experience so much that he continued coaching in the spring. This time, with the SOC track and field team, and also returned to coach floor hockey again this year.

"I enjoy coaching because it is very emotionally rewarding. The athletes that I coach are always so positive no matter what," says Oliver. "I have learned a lot from the athletes I have coached. They always smiles on their faces, and they are happy to be playing the sport that they love, regardless of the outcome."

After the floor hockey season wraps up this year, Oliver plans on continuing coaching – this time with the SOC powerlifting team.

"I plan to continue coaching with SOC for as long as I can. I have made great connections with the athletes, and it is the highlight of my week to coach them.."

Way to give back to the community, Oliver. We are happy to see that you have found a passion that goes beyond that game itself, and look forward to seeing you continue your work with Special Olympics Calgary!

Mountaineer Moments



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Nickel Called in for Duty as NHL Emergency Back-Up

32-year-old Dustin Nickel (Edge class of 2009 and former Calgary Canucks and Mount Royal University goaltender) got the chance to live out a lifetime dream on Nov. 27, 2023 when he appeared as an emergency back-up for the Calgary Flames.

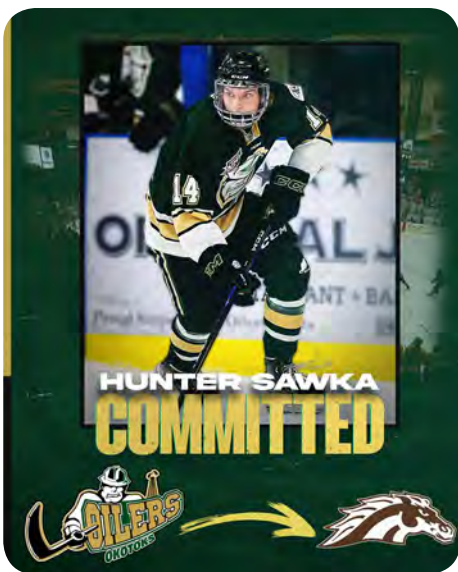
With Jacob Markstrom unable to play due to illness, Nickel was tapped to serve as back-up to Dan Vladar in the Flames game versus the reigning Stanley Cup-champion Vegas Golden Knights.

It wasn't long before it nearly became a true emergency for Dustin Nickel and the Calgary Flames. Nickel, regularly an emergency back-up goalie when the Flames are in action at home, was pressed into actual back-up duty for Monday's clash with the Vegas Golden Knights because Jacob Markstrom was ill.

[Read the full story here.](#)



Sawka and Watson Commit to NCAA Programs



Congratulations to class of 2023 grad, Hunter Sawka, on his commitment to Western Michigan University and the Broncos hockey program in the NCAA. Sawks started at Edge in Grade 8 with our U15 Prep team, and finished with the U18 Prep team in his Grade 11 year before playing full-time in the AJHL with the Okotoks Oilers. In total, Hunter played in 101 CSHL regular season and playoff games, compiling 116 points (49 G, 67 A).

[Read the full story here.](#)

Makayla Watson spent 2021-2023 at Edge, playing on our U18 Female Prep team for two seasons. Makayla is with RINK Kelowna this season, and recently committed to Quinnipiac University. Congrats Watty!





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From the Edge soccer program to the Waterloo Warriors rowing team, way to go Katie (Kollman)! #AlwaysAMountaineer



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During the month of December, Grade 6 students are selling Mountain Team hats for \$20.00 in support of their community project fundraiser. Only 25 of each colour are available!



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During the 21/22 school year, our Grade 6 & 7 Mountaineers collaborated with Morley Community School to create a shirt for The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Today, we hung a display of the shirt that includes a beautiful land acknowledgement created by Ms. Hunnisett.



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