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This winter, the Edge community rallied together to support numerous causes. The Christmas season can be tough for many, and we are thankful to all of our Mountaineer families for donating to our various school initiatives:

- 1) Collected over 1000(!) pieces of sporting equipment for the [Calgary Flames Sports Bank](#).
- 2) [Calgary Food Bank](#) drive brought in 300 lbs of donations.
- 3) Filled the back of a truck with clothing donations for [Project Warmth](#).
- 4) Donated 970 pairs of socks for the X 92.9 Sox that Rock campaign in support of [Inn From The Cold](#).
- 5) The Female U18 Prep team supported the [Seniors Secret Service](#) and had their annual Christmas party with [HEROS Hockey](#).



A huge thank you to everyone for supporting these amazing organizations and their causes this holiday season!



'Superstar in the Making'



U18 Prep defenceman, Landon DuPont, has been making major headlines all season long and put on a historic performance at last week's U18 AAA Circle K Classic tournament. He was named tournament MVP and Top Defenceman all while being the second youngest player at the event. Eric Francis of Sportsnet also featured Landon in this article:

It's not often a 14-year-old can hold his own against 18-year-olds, let alone dominate.

But that's exactly what Landon DuPont is doing.

Just one year after being introduced to contact hockey, DuPont is piecing together the type of season with Edge School's U18 squad that will very likely land him in elite company.

Should the slick-skating defenceman choose to go the Western Hockey League route, there's little doubt he'd be the first pick overall this spring and would be the second player ever granted exceptional status to play in the league at 15.

The only other one was Connor Bedard.

He would join John Tavares, Aaron Ekblad, Connor McDavid, Sean Day, Joe Veleno and Shane Wright as the only eight in CHL lore to be so-honoured.

"I just try to not think about it too much and try to play my game and have fun out there," said the talented Calgarian, who has yet to commit to the junior or NCAA route.

"I'm just kind of keeping my options open."

Edge coach James Poole has no illusions his leading scorer will be back next season, as he's already the best player on his team and one of the best in his league.

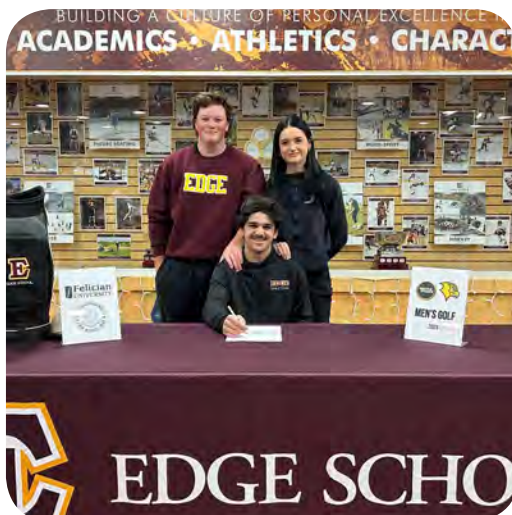
Did we mention he's in Grade 9?

"Obviously he's a superstar in the making, and he's the real deal," said Poole, who has spent 15 years coaching Midget AAA and junior A and insists he's never seen a better 14-year-old.

"I got a chance to see Bedard at 14. Landon is special. A defenceman doing what he does and how much the game revolves around him is pretty special. I think the skating is the first thing, and he reads the game just a couple plays ahead of everyone else. Cale Makar comes to mind in terms of how much the game revolves around him. Everyone likes to say they're Cale Makar, but I think we've got the real deal here that actually legitimately plays, and that can actually take over a game, like him."

[Read the full article at Edgemountaineers.com](https://www.edgeschool.com/blog/read-the-full-article-at-Edgemountaineers.com)

Three Mountaineers Announce Post-Secondary Plans



We are thrilled to announce three more Mountaineer post-secondary commitments:

Jorja Dezainde has committed to Arizona State University and their women's hockey program. Jorja is in her third season at Edge, and has suited up in 67 CSSHL games (regular season and playoffs) for our female prep program.

"I feel blessed and privileged to have the opportunity to grow as a person and player through the amazing community ASU has to offer," says Jorja. "I'm excited to see what the next four years have to offer both athletically and academically. ASU feels like a home away from home and I can't wait to get started."

"I'm excited for Jorja to get the opportunity to attend her dream post-secondary school," says Head Coach, Annette Jensen. "Jorja brings strong leadership on and off the ice, and an undeniable dedication to her team and school that will transfer over to the ASU women's hockey program."

Kelan Dhanani signed a national letter of intent with Felician University in New Jersey (NCAA Div II).

This is Kelan's second year at Edge and we are very proud to see this dream become a reality for him after putting in the time and effort in the classroom, in the weight room and on the golf course.

Caitie Gingras has committed to the University of California State Bakersfield, an NCAA Division I program playing out of the Big West conference.

Caitie joined us two years ago out of Vernon, BC and has fit into our basketball program perfectly. She finished at Edge with a 3.9 GPA and will be taking her Bachelor of Kinesiology at Cal State Bakersfield.

From Caitie: "Thank you Edge and Genesis for providing me with my best friends, the most amazing memories and a space where I was able to put myself in the position I am in today."

Words from Coach Mike Stevens: "Caitie is the ultimate teammate. In her commitment to all the details that make a program and team better, she has grown, developed and magnified her individual skills. The combination of these things has allowed her to take an exciting next step in her journey. I'm so happy I got to play a small part and look forward to following her future success."

Congratulations to the three 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!

Mastroianni Signs with Oil Kings, Makes WHL Debut

It was an exciting weekend in early December for U18 Prep forward, Owen Mastroianni. He was in Edmonton for a U18 Prep CSSHL Showcase when news broke that he was not only signing a WHL Scholarship and Development Agreement with the Edmonton Oil Kings, but making his debut with the club that same day as well.

Mastro has been at Edge since 2020-21, playing in 85 CSSHL games thus far (regular season and playoffs), totaling 93 points (36 G, 57 A). Last season, Owen led the U17 Prep team in scoring with 46 points. This year, he has 12 points in 13 games with the U18 Prep team.

Owen was originally drafted by the Oil Kings in the 11th round, 241st overall, of the 2022 WHL Prospects Draft.

"We are excited to welcome Owen as a member of the organization," said Oil Kings Director of Scouting Michael Chan. "Owen brings speed, skill and a persistent attitude to the table. He has had a strong start to the year to follow up on strong performances at our last two training camps. We look forward to his continued development."

Congratulations on reaching these milestones, Mastro!



Inaugural Alumni Homecoming a Roaring Success



Thank you to everyone who attended our inaugural Alumni Homecoming on December 21. Nearly 80 guests attended, including former student-athletes, faculty and their families.

A heartfelt tribute to every member of Edge School's original Varsity Hockey Team set the tone for the day and provided an opportunity for these pioneers to reminisce after 20 years. Edge School has grown considerably since that time and witnessing Alumni from 14 grad years reconnect as they cheered on our current Mountaineers playing both hockey and basketball games throughout the afternoon was remarkable.

We can't wait for Homecoming 2024!

Mountaineer Moments



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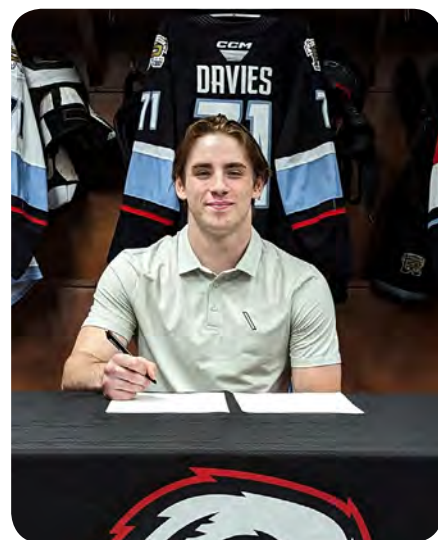
Davies Signs NHL Entry Deal

Former Mountaineer, Josh Davies, has signed an NHL entry-level contract with the Florida Panthers. Josh suited up for our U15 Prep team in 2018/19, and has been playing with the Portland Winterhawks in the WHL.

Originally selected by the Panthers in the sixth round, #186 overall, of the 2022 NHL Draft, Davies has posted a blistering start to his first season in the Rose City. Acquired via trade from Swift Current on August 9, 2023, Davies currently leads the Winterhawks with 24 goals in 31 games and ranks third on the team with 45 points.

The 19-year-old joined the Winterhawks after three full seasons and a three-game stint as a 15-year-old with the Broncos, and boasts 124 points in 180 career WHL games with both Swift Current and Portland. Davies also competed with Team Canada at the 2022 IIHF U18 World Championships, and made his professional debut in April with the American Hockey League's Charlotte Checkers.

Congratulations from all of us here at Edge for reaching this milestone, Josh!



Elick and Parascak Named to Top Prospects Game

Congratulations to Charlie Elick and Terik Parascak on being named to the CHL Top Prospects game which will take place on January 24 in Moncton, New Brunswick! They are two of only 40 players from around the CHL named to rosters for the game.

Charlie consistently faces tough matchups for the Wheat Kings, often playing against the opposing team's best players, and has demonstrated physical prowess through impactful checks, proving his competitiveness and ability to make life difficult for opponents.

Terik has taken the WHL by storm in his rookie year, racking up 57 points (26 G, 31 A) in only 37 games played. He was just recently recognized as the WHL Rookie of the Month in December and it is the second time already this season he received the honour (September/October as well).





edgeschoolgolf Keeping up with tradition, we were excited to have last year's team captains @neige_dunn and @connor_czirjak join us on Wed to talk to this years golf team all about their first semester experiences at @msudenverwomensgolf and @umncrookston playing college golf! Really great to see how they have made the jump to the next level.

Homecoming Alumni week is awesome!

We are only as successful as they become.

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In episode two of the Edge Sport Science Podcast, Matt Brown and Brady Greening talk about the specific nutritional needs for female athletes.

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We are pleased to introduce the 'Edge Sport Science Podcast', a parent resource intended to inform your efforts to support the performance and wellness needs of your young athletes. Our first episode: Nutritional Tips for Fueling Youth Athletes.

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@edgeschool World Cup ⚽ a traditional and fun event last day before Xmas break. A competitive atmosphere cheered on by a large crowd and always good to see alumni coming back to support



edgeprepbasketball The Edge High School Varsity Black squad is currently 4-0 down in Las Vegas at the Tarkanian Classic against some very strong Prep high school programs. These boys are making noise as the Next Wave.

📸 - @257ace

#EdgeSchool #EdgePrep #Basketball #Calgary #YYC #PrepSchool #Highschool #tarkanian #NextWave



edgeschoolgolf Huge congrats going out to @lmacgolf !! Luke had a great weekend and played in the @hurricanejrgolf Hurricane Junior golf tournament event - the Tampa Bay Winter Junior Open. He finished first place 🏆 in the tournament in his age division. Super proud of this rising star!!!

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