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QMS ESTABLISHES ALL GENDER ATHLETICS FOUNDATION

Equal Hardware for Athletic Achievement

June 22, 2022 - Duncan, BC, Canada – Milestones achieved in multiple sports have laid the foundation for a renewed athletics program at Queen Margaret’s School. This year’s Athletics Banquet showcased the building of positive momentum towards a larger program offering more opportunities for young sports enthusiasts.

With the return to competitive sports following the pandemic, QMS made school history, fielding teams in sports not seen before 2022 – a senior boys’ basketball team and all-gender badminton, wrestling, rugby 7s and mountain bike teams. “We’re building a culture of sports,” states an excited Head of School, David Robertson. “Meaningful sports experiences have always played a part in a complete education and I’m so pleased for our students and their coaches.”

The growth in sport and the impressive success of inaugural teams at QMS has also been exciting for Marlene Donaldson, Senior Athletics Director. “Our Sports Captains themselves decided the theme for this year’s banquet should be ‘The Future is Bright.’ Buy in from the students is huge and when they start believing in themselves, anything is truly possible. We are all excited about the progress we are making in our athletics programming, and we look forward to ongoing developments next year both on and off the courts and fields.”

Select athletes were recognized as repeat winners throughout the evening, such as *Ethan Chen* (Grade 8) who won MVP for track & field, Spirit for soccer and Grade 8 Athlete of the Year, *Maggie Mycroft* (Grade 10) who won MVP for junior girls’ volleyball and rugby as well as Junior Athlete of the Year, *Ethan Picard* (Grade 10) who was recognized with the Spirit Award for junior boy’s basketball, MVP for mountain biking and the Coaches Award, *Phoenix Skailles* (Grade 12) who took home MVP for girls’ wrestling and Senior Athlete of the Year with classmate *Yichen Gao* (Grade 12) who was also selected as MVP for badminton and cross country. *Tim Nian* (Grade 12) capped off his senior year with MVP for senior boys’ basketball and soccer as well as the coveted Spirit of the Royals Award.

Media, please review the attached document for the comprehensive list of winners and awards.

About Queen Margaret’s School

As a trailblazing university-preparatory all gender day and boarding school, Queen Margaret’s School (QMS) transforms how students learn through our unique educational model. Experiential learning, entrepreneurial thinking, and equine facilitated leadership provide students with hands-on skills they need for personal success. We develop new generations of confident leaders of character and compassion to create a more just and connected world.

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Photo caption: QMS athletes were recognized for their outstanding performance at the school's recent Athletics Banquet. (Left to right back: Ethan Chen, Charlie Roberts, Ethan Picard, Isaac Morgan, Maggie Mycroft, Cienna Charania, Aaron Lalonde. Front: Tim Nian, Yichen Gao, Phoenix Skales, Rui Wang, Zoe Mycroft, Layla Walker)



Photo caption: *Phoenix Skales* and *Yichen Gao* celebrate their Senior Athlete of the Year honours.

