



2023 Canada Games Torchbearers

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BORDEN-CARLETON

Nov 2, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
Cherisse Bryanton	Cherisse Bryanton is an active volunteer in her hometown community of Borden-Carleton, PEI. Cherisse enjoys participating in all events, from bingo to bike rodeos. She has been a Kindergarten teacher in the same community for 13 years. Cherisse shows a continued love and dedication of life-long learning, having recently completed a Master's degree in literacy. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, and her community holds a special place in her heart.
Jared Murphy	Jared Murphy is the Co-Founder and CEO of Lone Oak Brewing Co. in PEI. Jared grew up in Charlottetown and competed on home turf in Men's Soccer at the 2009 Canada Summer Games. He went on to play for the UPEI Men's Soccer Team. In 2014, he helped to capture a Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) bronze, which was the University's first national medal. Jared found himself back at the Canada Games as Team PEI's Assistant Chef de Mission in 2019. Jared is excited to be involved with Canada Games for the third time in 2023 with Lone Oak as the Official Craft Beer Partner!
Holly Bernard	Holly Bernard has been involved in the sport and recreation community since she was 9 years old. Holly started by playing minor softball and hockey in her hometown of Borden-Carleton. Since then, she has played both hockey and soccer for provincial teams and the Holland College Hurricanes. Currently, Holly works as the town of Borden-Carleton's Recreation Director/Rink Manager and she is also on the board of directors for Recreation PEI. She continues to play softball and hockey.
Sydney Howatt	Sydney Howatt has been a competitive junior curler for 10 years and has now started her journey into competitive mountain biking and road cycling. Sydney has represented PEI numerous times at the Junior Nationals for curling. In 2022, she received the national Fair Play Award for female thirds. Sydney gives back to the community by volunteering in many learn-to-curl events and has also volunteered at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Sydney is a third-year UPEI student taking a bachelor of science with a major in biology.
Susan Dalziel	Susan Dalziel is a lifelong resident of PEI. For 32 years, Susan was an elementary school teacher. When her workday was complete, she spent her time promoting and developing female hockey. She was the sports director for women's hockey at the 1991 Canada Games held on PEI.

	Susan also attended the Canada Games in 1995 and 1999 as the manager of the women's hockey team.
Jack Pickering	Jack Pickering is a 12-year-old resident of Borden-Carleton with a passion for promoting PEI's unique beauty. Born with a rare medical condition, Jack has never allowed that to stop him. A lover of great Island food, Jack first received recognition as the Burger Love kid, promoting the month of Burger Love. Early in the pandemic, Jack and his best friend Lucas created Island Mail, a business that shipped parcels of Island souvenirs to offer a feeling of connection to people unable to travel to PEI. They also created personalized videos of places of interest for those unable to travel. The next year, Jack and Lucas opened their own gift shop at the base of the Confederation Bridge to promote PEI and welcome tourists back to the Island. Jack also volunteered at many town of Borden-Carleton events in his young life. He is the son of Mary MacDonald-Pickering and Billy Pickering and lives with his mom, brother Malcolm, and two cats, Meow and Gemini.
Rachel Cutcliffe	Rachel Cutcliffe was born and raised in the small community of Augustine Cove, PEI. In grade four, she wrote a story for school outlining her goal of playing hockey for Team PEI in the Canada Games. In 2003, she made this dream real when she participated in the Bathurst-Campbellton 2003 Canada Winter Games. While there, she garnered the interest of the University of North Dakota (UND) and was recruited for a Division 1 hockey scholarship. This opened a new world of opportunities, but Rachel always kept a piece of the Island with her wherever she went. In 2021, she returned to her home community to raise her daughter, Ivy.
Jeff Ellsworth	Jeff Ellsworth is a high-level athlete and coach who is dedicated to creating good experiences for Island athletes. Jeff was a Team Canada softball player and has played on many high-level teams throughout the years. He was also a softball coach for the 2009 and 2017 Canada Games. Currently, Jeff is building and coaching the U15 Whitecaps girls' softball team. When he's not on the field he's usually at the rink coaching hockey or training ball players. He believes that participating in the Games is a once-in-a-lifetime amazing experience that all athletes and coaches should strive for.
Cole Desroche	Cole DesRoche has been involved in his community and sports his whole life. Cole has helped out with many types of different events and was named youth of the year in 2018 for his community involvement. His favourite sport growing up was hockey, which he played for eleven years. Cole currently stays involved in the sport he loves by coaching.
Nicole Arsenault	Nicole Arsenault is an active volunteer and Councilor for the Town of

	Borden-Carleton. Nicole has lived in Borden-Carleton all her life and has raised her family here. She has been a very active volunteer and has served on a lot of committees within the town, including the Events Committee and Playground Fundraising Committee at Amherst Cove Consolidated School. Nicole thrives on lending a helping hand in her community.
Brayden Paynter	Brayden Paynter is an excellent athlete and loves to participate and try out any sports he can at school, outside of school he has a love for hockey and the rink! He plays competitively with the U15 Major Bantam Mid-Isle Matrix team and when he's not busy with his own team he will volunteer his time with the U7s in our community and loves to ref as much as he can. He is the happiest at the rink with a pair of skates on.
Wendy Murray	Wendy Murray has spent several years working towards a healthier lifestyle and work/life balance and emotional wellness. On this journey she has rediscovered her love of the outdoors and enjoys biking, hiking, kayaking, paddle boarding and sees being in the outdoors as "filling her bucket". Her fitness group, Keeping Fit, is more than a fitness group and they have a strong sense of giving back and supporting one another - Rachel's Children of Christmas, TOSH Bursary, Sunshine Baskets. She's a highly engaged employee with ADL and spends some of her time at corporate events and promoting ADL to islanders.
Matthew Gaudet	Matthew Gaudet, born and raised in Borden-Carleton, is all about community. A strong teammate and supporter, Matthew is a part of all the teams he can and can often be found cheering on hometowns at the rink. Matthew is passionate about equality and love, and he spreads it daily with his big, welcoming smile!

SUMMERSIDE

Nov 9, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
John Turner	John Turner is a lifelong resident of Summerside and a local educator. John has spent many years as a volunteer in his community. He is the founder of Summerside Spartans Football, a local football organization whose mandate is to make participation in sports accessible to all youth in the community. John has been the driving force behind the football program for close to 20 years. He is a huge supporter of youth engagement in sports and building a sense of belonging and accomplishment. There is nothing more rewarding for John than to see

	one of the kids he taught or coached progress to the next level.
Heather Moyse	Heather Moyse is a four-time Winter Olympian, a two-time Olympic gold medalist for bobsleigh, and the only Canadian woman inducted into the World Rugby Hall of Fame. Heather grew up playing sports and competed in the Canada Games for track and field in 1997. When she was 27, she started taking sports training seriously when faced with the challenge of learning a new sport, bobsleighbing. She competed in her first Olympic Games for Bobsleigh only 5 months later. Despite career-threatening injuries, Heather continued to achieve at the highest levels. As a highly sought-after motivational speaker, author, and coach, Heather currently combines her master's degree in occupational therapy and her personal experiences to help people break free from assumptions, expectations, and self-limiting beliefs to live a fulfilled life and discover their true capabilities.
Ashley Praught	Ashley Praught is no stranger to the Canada Games, representing PEI at four different Games as an athlete and coach. Ashley played hockey at the 2007 Canada Games in Whitehorse and softball at the 2009 Canada Summer Games in PEI. She was a hockey trainer at the 2015 Canada Games in Prince George and an assistant coach for softball at the 2017 Canada Games in Winnipeg. She is an enthusiastic high school physical education teacher and coaches several school sports. She uses her experience in sport to encourage all students to reach their personal best in school, sport, and life.
Sharon MacAusland	Sharon MacAusland spent many of her younger years as a member of the Summerside Skating Club and volunteering as a coach. For the past 27 years, Sharon has been dedicated to the local club and its members. In 1997, she became a professional skating coach and still enjoys every moment she spends on the ice with the children and young adults. For Sharon, all the long hours are worth it when she sees joy in the skaters eyes and smiles on their faces when they acquire a new skill, or pass a level or test. Sharon feels very honoured to be part of so many children's lives, supporting their development of life long skills through hard work, dedication, perseverance, patience, and camaraderie.
Jean-Paul Desrosiers	Jean-Paul Desrosiers is a lifelong lover of sport and the impact sport has on communities, youth, and the social fabric of Canada. Jean-Paul was a community sport and recreation professional for more than 20 years and took part in the 2009 Canada Summer Games on PEI. He is a part of facility development in Summerside for the 2023 Canada Games and is very excited to welcome the nation to PEI this winter.
Logan MacDougall	Logan MacDougall, a dual-athlete and Canada Games alumni, competed in baseball and volleyball at the 2017 Canada Summer

	Games in Winnipeg. Logan was also the flag bearer for Team PEI at the Opening Ceremony in Winnipeg. At the collegiate level, he has played baseball for the University of Calgary Dinos and the University of Maine - Presque Isle Owls. Currently, Logan competes for the Charlottetown Gaudet's Auto Body Senior Islanders in the New Brunswick Senior Baseball League. Over the past three summers, he has worked with Baseball PEI working on coach and athlete development. During the winter months, Logan is heavily involved in coaching.
Billy McGuigan	Billy McGuigan has been part of the sporting community on PEI for many years. Billy spent many years coaching, and was named coach of the year for 2020 by Sport PEI. He is a hardworking and dedicated coach who is always learning and adjusting to best support the players. He played hockey competitively himself, and was a member of the 1991 Men's Hockey Canada Games team when the Games were hosted on PEI.
Francois Caron	Francois Caron has a long-standing relationship with the Canada Games and sports in general. Francois participated in his first Canada Games as a member of the PEI Men's Basketball team in Kamloops in 1993. Since then, he has participated in eleven additional Canada Games as a member of Team PEI's mission staff where he served as Chef de Mission in 2007, 2009, and 2013 and Assistant Chef in 2003, 2017, and 2022. Francois will experience the 2023 Games from a different angle as a coach for the PEI Ringette team. Outside of the Canada Games, Francois has been involved in many aspects of community sport and served as president of Summerside Softball and Summerside Ringette. He has coached both at the community and school levels and has been a referee and official for a number of different sports.
Gordon MacFarlane	Gordon competed in table tennis for the 1991 Canada Games and baseball for the 1997 Canada Games. Since that time he has been an active coach in various sports. Gordon currently Chairs the 2023 Games Services Committee.

WELLINGTON

Nov 18, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
Brian Arsenault	Brian Arsenault has spent most of his life dedicated to sports, as an athlete, coach, and mentor. After his career as an athlete, he volunteered as a hockey and baseball coach for over twenty years. He

	<p>now works with athletes of all ages as a training coach, and continues to volunteer while sharing his knowledge of sports. Brian is also a four-time PEI's Strongest Man champion. Brian's biggest passion is helping people reach their highest potential. Brian and his wife Tracy have five children: Jacob, Austin, Donovan, Isaac, and Alivia. All of Brian's children have represented PEI in their own respective sports.</p>
Jack DesRoches	<p>Jack DesRoches has been an athlete all his life. As a young child, he played baseball, football, hockey and golf. In 2015, Jack was a member of PEI's men's hockey team at the Canada Games in Prince George, BC. He was drafted to the Quebec Men's Junior Hockey League by the Charlottetown Islanders and spent most of his junior hockey career with the Miramichi Timberwolves of the Maritime Junior Hockey League. In 2017, Jack first wore the Maple Leaf as a member of Canada's Deaf Hockey Team at the World Championships in Buffalo, NY. In 2019, he represented Team Canada in hockey at the Deaf Olympics in Italy. This fall, Jack will be competing at the World Deaf Golf Championships in Hawaii.</p>
Tracy Arsenault	<p>Tracy Arsenault has been a school bus driver for over twenty years, and has been involved in sports most of her life, especially hockey and softball. She traveled to many provinces for the Esso Women's Hockey Nationals, and participated in the 2017 World Masters softball games in New Zealand. In 2020, Tracy was diagnosed with a very aggressive cancer which affected her mobility and eyesight. She spent her first year not knowing if she would ever walk again, so she joined the PEI Parasport sledge hockey team. It was a thrill just knowing she could still be involved in sports! But with lots of work and a positive mind, she started walking again in June 2021. Today, Tracy has gone back to driving her school bus and in October 2022 she will be playing catch for her team in the Pan Pacific Masters Games in Australia. Tracy has learned in the past couple years that if you stay positive, it will get you somewhere someday. Tracy is a wife, mother of three, and grandmother of three.</p>
Julie McNeill	<p>Julie McNeill has spent most of her life in the arenas of Prince County. Julie's longevity in the sport and dedication to the Prince County area has resulted in her touching many lives. She has coached many generations from children skating for the first time to adults wishing to get back on the ice. Julie also coached competitive hockey players, ringette players, figure skaters, and developed synchronized skating teams. In 2020, Julie was recognized by Skate Canada with the National Club Coach Award of Excellence.</p>
Griffin Lecky	<p>Griffin Lecky is a well-rounded 16-year-old who is always willing to volunteer and give back to his community. Time spent at Gen XX has</p>

	<p>given him the opportunity to fundraise for Easter Seals and help build equipment for the local Miscouche skatepark. Griffin trained very hard for two years and was on his way to represent Team PEI in Box Lacrosse at the 2022 Summer Canada Games. Unfortunately, with five weeks to go, an injury got in the way of his dream. To say Griffin is a good sport and deserves to carry the Torch is an understatement. He's already a champion to many!</p>
Louis Richard	<p>Louis Richard is an Acadian from Mont-Carmel with a lifelong commitment to sport and his community. Louis' numerous volunteer commitments include being the Evangeline Minor Hockey Referee in Chief, selling Chase the Ace tickets on behalf of the rink, coordinating volunteers, selling 50-50 tickets for the Western Red Wings, and organizing an annual hockey pool for minor hockey. He has also served on the Board of the Evangeline Recreation Commission for over 30 years, and has volunteered with softball, figure skating, the Acadian festival, and his church. Louis has also volunteered for several Canada Games and les Jeux de l'Acadie. He enjoys spending time with his family, and playing hockey and golf.</p>
Jeanne Gallant	<p>Jeanne Gallant has volunteered and given back to her community for many years. As a former school teacher and school principal, Jeanne holds the community at heart in everything she does. Since retiring, she has been on the Board of Directors for the Agricultural Exhibition and Acadian Festival for seven years, and president for the last five years. This has been a huge undertaking, especially in the last couple of years of navigating the pandemic. Jeanne has a deep-rooted pride in Acadian culture and is the community's biggest cheerleader. She has touched many lives over the years and is a perfect example of the Canada Games spirit.</p>
Albert Arsenault	<p>Albert Arsenault is a very dedicated athlete who played most sports in high school. After moving away for a few years and taking a break, he resumed recreational hockey, soccer, and softball upon his return to PEI. He also started coaching hockey for the local Bantam team. Once his kids were old enough to play, Albert became involved in coaching and managing their teams throughout their minor sports careers. At age 44, Albert had an industrial accident which resulted in an above-knee amputation on his right leg. He resumed playing hockey and golfing about six months after his accident and stays very active in golf and hockey to this day.</p>
Tianna Gallant	<p>Tianna Gallant started her hockey career with the Evangeline Flyers when she was four years old. After breaking and dislocating her arm in 2012, Tianna had to go through multiple surgeries. She did not let the surgeries stop her from doing what she loved, and after a year of sitting</p>

	in the stands, she returned to the ice. At the age of 16, Tianna represented Team PEI at the 2019 Canada Games in Red Deer. It was a dream come true, and she would do it again in a heartbeat. Tianna loves to dedicate her time to helping younger athletes grow.
Jeannette Gallant	Jeannette Gallant has been the provincial Coordinator for the Jeux de l'Acadie PEI Regional Committee since 2000. She was Chef de mission for the 2008 Jeux de la francophonie canadienne in Edmonton and the 2011 Games in Sudbury, Ontario, and Assistant Chef de mission in Moncton in 2017. For several years, she coached the mixed badminton team for the Jeux de l'Acadie and school tournaments. Jeannette was also part of the Chef de Mission team for the 2009 Canada Games that were held here on PEI. She has been a leader of the Evangeline 4-H Club for 32 years. Jeannette is currently a camp leader at Village des Sources l'Étoile Filante where she offers self-development camps to young Francophones from across the province.
Julia Albert	Julia Albert is mother of four, grandmother of five, and great-grandmother of four. As an avid walker since 1982, she holds physical activity high on her priority list and rarely misses a day. Julia volunteers on many committees, including the Esther Finkle Fund - Walk For Kids, and her church's fundraising and Parish Picnic committees. As a cancer survivor, Julia sets an example of how to improve and maintain your physical abilities through regular activities. She is thrilled to be selected and honoured to carry the torch.
Kristen Arsenault	Kristen Arsenault is a competitive archery player who has been involved in her community of Abrams Village/Wellington all her life. Kristen worked with the historical society and is a fixture in the local arts community as a singer and local performer. She took up the sport of archery in 2013 and made an immediate impact. She attended two World Youth Championships (Argentina and Spain) and two Canada Games (2015 and 2019). She has competed, coached, and volunteered for the past eight years now. Kristen is excited to be involved in more Canada Games to come.
Travis Perry	Travis Perry has competed in softball, curling, powerlifting and floor hockey. Travis travelled to London, Ontario for national softball games and then travelled to Athens, Greece for world softball games in 2011. Travis is employed with Sobeys in Summerside, PEI. He loves helping people and enjoys working and doing his job well. Travis is also a volunteer member of the Miscouche Fire Dept. In his free time, he likes to ride his bike, visit friends, and play video games.
Nancy Hashie	Nancy Hashie is a lifelong resident of PEI. Prior to her retirement last year, she worked for Lennox Island First Nation as a youth worker at

	Westisle Composite High School. She has volunteered with Skate Canada PEI as a data specialist for the past 40 years. Nancy volunteers for several other organizations in her community. Since her retirement she has taken up biking on the trails, kayaking on Mill River during the summer months and the winter months she walks, and snowshoes.
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TYNE VALLEY

Nov 22, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
Melanie Phillips	Melanie Phillips is a volunteer firefighter, school bus driver, event volunteer, and lifetime resident of Springhill/Tyne Valley. Melanie began playing hockey at age 10, which sparked her love for sports. Along with hockey, Melanie also enjoyed participating in most school-related sports and enjoys playing hockey and softball to this day. She brings her compassion, empathy, and great community spirit to her roles as a participant, coach, and volunteer.
Erica Wagner	Erica Wagner is an entrepreneur, mother of two, and councillor of the Rural Municipality of Tyne Valley. In 2011, Erica purchased a small pub, and has been operating it ever since. In 2017, she rebranded the restaurant as Backwoods Burger. This past year, she expanded her business into the neighbouring community of O'Leary and currently employs over twenty-five staff in both locations.
Barb Ramsay-DesRoches	Barb Ramsay-DesRoches is a lifelong resident of Northam who has always enjoyed sports and physical activity. Physical activity was part of Barb's daily routine while she was growing up, as there were always chores to be done for her large farming family. As an adult, she took up running and completed several marathons and ultra-marathon distances. Barb is an active member of her community and volunteers on her local Community Centre board of directors.
Shelly Campbell	Shelly Campbell is a naturalized Canadian who immigrated from the Caribbean Islands thirty-five years ago to her community of Tyne Valley. She came from a large caring and loving family of educators, medical personnel, and athletes. She and her husband have two children who were involved in community, school, and university sports. Shelly has made generous contributions to her community as a volunteer, City Councillor, Special Event Decorator, avid gardener, and former Museum Curator at The Bideford Parsonage Museum. She does everything she can to support her community and welcomes all newcomers and new



	residents to Tyne Valley.
Anne Robinson	Anne Robinson has spent most of her life in the sports community as an athlete, coach, manager, and volunteer.. Anne was a member of the inaugural UPEI Women's Hockey Team, and has represented Team PEI women's hockey at the Women's Nationals. She is a strong supporter of sport in her community, and takes pride in giving back to it by volunteering as a member of the Tyne Valley Minor Hockey Board as the Ice Scheduler. Anne can often be found at the rink cheering on her four daughters.
Rowan Colwill	Rowan Colwill has been active in youth sports since a young age. Rowan plays hockey, soccer, baseball, basketball, badminton, and flag football - with his biggest passion being baseball. He played on the provincial baseball team the past two summers, and recently travelled to Saskatoon to represent Team PEI at the 15U Nationals. Rowan is currently training with hopes to play baseball at the 2025 Canada Games in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. Rowan gives back to young athletes in his community by officiating baseball and hockey. He also coaches RallyCap baseball with his sister Clara, father Jarod, and uncle Ian.
Kenley Noye	Kenley Noye is a Grade nine student at Hernewood Intermediate, where she plays on the school cross country, golf, soccer, track and field, and flag football teams. Kenley received the MVP award for both track and field and flag football, as well as, the All-Around Athlete Award for cross country. She loves being part of a team, and making friends through various sports. In winter 2022, Kenley played on the U15 AAA Western Wind hockey team, where she received the Most Sportsmanlike Player Award for the league. In summer 2022, she had the amazing opportunity to be part of the PEI provincial flag football team and the West Prince Soccer U15 Premier team, who won the provincial title this season. She was also a part of the Jeux de l'Acadie soccer and track team, where she earned a bronze medal in the 300 metre race. Actively involved in sports since age three, Kenley loves to develop her skills and push herself to her full potential. She is always proud to represent her community, school, and province any chance she gets.
Jenna Rae Smith	Jenna Rae Smith is a pillar in her community, having spent many years as an athlete, helper, and volunteer. Jenna has fantastic community spirit, and never misses a community event. She is frequently found during the winter months playing music or doing the time keeper's box at the Tyne Valley Cavendish Community Events Centre. In 2015, Jenna went to Los Angeles for the World Special Olympic Games for ten-pin bowling. She won three gold medals for her performance.

Jarod Colwill	Jarod Colwill has spent the majority of his life working with youth. Jarod's community contributions include his professional role as a youth worker and his volunteer activities. He is currently the President of Tyne Valley Minor Hockey Association, a role he has held since September 2019. He showed excellent leadership by working hard to keep our players on the ice when the association lost their arena. Jarod also volunteers with Western Baseball as a board member and coach. His main focus in youth sports is to provide a fun, safe place to play where teammates work together, treat each other as equals, and show respect for their opponents.
Collin Dillion	Collin Dillon is a Canada Games alumni who competed in Men's fastpitch for Team PEI in 2005. Collin now lives and teaches in Western PEI. He is a physical education specialist who works with students at school and in the community to promote sports and physical activity. As an advocate for sports and physical education, Collin works to empower youth to find their joy in sports. His hope is that others can experience the many benefits of sports on PEI.
Marie Barlow	Marie Barlow has been an active volunteer and fundraiser with Special Olympics PEI, taking in many local, regional, and national games across Canada. Marie has had a huge impact on her community of Tyne Valley. She served as an administrator for 41 years and saw many improvements to infrastructure, as well as, new local events. Marie also acted in local community theatre and volunteered at many festivals and events.
Shauna-lee Wismer	Shauna Wismer has been involved with sports since childhood. Starting in her pre-teens, Shauna played basketball, volleyball, and softball. She also competed in track and field events. After university, Shauna's love of sports motivated her to fundraise for equipment and participate in the annual Caribbean Goodwill Tours. Shauna's goal is to continue playing softball into her eighties.
Matt McGuire	Matt McGuire resides in the community of Tyne Valley. Matt volunteers as a hockey coach and is an active organizer in the local running community. As a member of the Municipal Council, he has led the establishment of a local trail system for walkers and runners. Matt served as the Chair of the Finance Committee for the rebuild of the local arena, which was lost to fire in 2019.

ALBERTON

Nov 25, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
Christi-Joe Snyders-Couchman	Christi-Joe (CJ) has a disability that is considered to be the most common rare genetic disorder, known as <i>22q11 deletion syndrome</i> . This genetic disorder affects CJ developmentally, mentally, and physically. She was in a wheelchair for part of her life, and when she got out of it she started right away with the Special Olympics. CJ participates with the Special Olympics in many sports. She has just recently started training in snowshoe and was part of Team Canada. CJ is also on the board with Association for Community Living in PEI. She enrolled in business classes and started her own business creating resin art jewelry and acrylic pouring art.
Derek Williams	Derek Williams is a wrestler and wrestling coach. Derek represented PEI at national events including the 1993 Canada Summer Games in Kamloops, British Columbia. He went on to coach wrestling at Alberton Elementary School. Derek's support motivated several kids to develop an interest in wrestling and go on to participate in the Canada Games.
Elizabeth (Libby) Shaw	Elizabeth "Libby" Shaw is a proud resident of West Prince and deeply involved with her community. Libby is the Overall Leader of the Elmsdale Beavers 4-H Club, a youth-based organization that promotes civic engagement. Through her work with the PEI 4-H program, she encourages youth to follow the motto "learn to do by doing," and build skills through hands-on experience. Libby also contributes to the development and promotion of local art and entertainment through her work as President of the Prince County Exhibition Association. She works with the Board to seek out talented local people to display their talents, be it through quilting, baking, or performance abilities. When Libby was younger, she played soccer, won local cross-country competitions, and played high-level hockey. Recently, she has participated in the West Prince Women's Rec Hockey League, played with the Western Wild Senior Women's Soccer Team, and played in the O'Leary Women's Slow Pitch Softball League.
Heidi Mallett	Heidi Mallett is an experienced and enthusiastic international disability advocate. Heidi got involved with Special Olympics PEI 16 years ago. After her father's passing, she and her mother agreed that she needed to make a life for herself. Special Olympics helped to motivate Heidi and introduced her to a community of people to guide and inspire her. Now

	<p>a leader in the movement, Heidi guides and inspires others to lead the lives that work best for them. As an advocate for individuals with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities, she encourages working together for a more inclusive, accepting, and collaborative world. Heidi plays five-pin bowling, bocce, golf, and snowshoeing. At national Special Olympics competitions, she has won gold and silver medals in snowshoeing, a silver medal in five-pin bowling, and a bronze medal in golf. Heidi is a highly effective planner and organizer, an expert and inclusive facilitator, and a dependable, patient, and energetic volunteer. She has eighteen years of experience serving in leadership roles with local, national, and international organizations and committees, including the Special Olympics Prince Edward Island (SOPEI), the Canadian Athletes' Leadership Council, and the Global Athletes' Leadership Council.</p>
<p>Janet Charchuk</p>	<p>Janet Charchuk is a motivational speaker, self advocate, and active community member from Alberton, PEI. Janet was a founding member of Voices at the Table for Advocacy (VATTA), a self advocacy group with the Canadian Down Syndrome Society. She chaired the VATTA committee for 10 years and participated in public speaking engagements across Canada, in the USA, Trinidad and Tobago. She is a past president of PEI People First. Janet is a Special Olympics athlete, mentor, athlete leader, trained health messenger, and spokesperson. She has won many medals for local and national sport events. At the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria, Janet represented Canada in the sport of snowshoeing, and won a gold medal. Janet lives independently, volunteers in her community, works part time as a child care worker, and represents Canada at Down Syndrome International. She believes in speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves.</p>
<p>Jason Milligan</p>	<p>Jason Milligan has played, coached, managed, and been involved with many different sports over the past 35 years. He is also a paramedic and volunteer firefighter. He has two children in their teens and can be found at any time helping out with their sports from the bench or sidelines. Jason believes that youth sports are a great way to develop, learn commitment, and develop skills we all need to be successful in everything we do.</p>
<p>Peter Bolo</p>	<p>Peter Bolo is an IBC (Islander by choice) who moved here from Laval, Quebec. Peter has taught at Westisle Composite High School for 34 years, mainly in physical education and leadership. He coached many sports over the years but was most known for his 39 years of coaching volleyball at school, club, and provincial levels. Peter was inducted into the Volleyball PEI Hall of Fame this past spring. He has been involved in five Canada Games, two as a coach, two on mission staff, and as a sport</p>



	<p>coordinator for beach volleyball at the 2009 Canada Games here in PEI. Retired for ten years now, Peter remains involved in sports in various capacities and still enjoys running clinics and workshops for youth and teachers.</p>
<p>Scott Smith</p>	<p>Scott Smith is the Western PEI Community Navigator, hailing from the rural community of Freeland, PEI. A 2009 graduate of the Business Administration Cooperative Education program at UPEI, Scott loves to travel, meet new people, and explore the richness and diversity of cultures. Scott understands firsthand the excitement and challenges of being new to a place, having lived and worked in the Dominican Republic for over four years. He is passionate about welcoming others and supporting newcomers and new residents to rural PEI as they settle into living and working in the Western region. Prior to his navigator role, Scott embraced the spirit of welcoming others as the Innkeeper and General Manager of the West Point Lighthouse Inn & Museum for three years, while also expanding his business skills with various positions at the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) in the off-season.</p>
<p>Bruce Gallant</p>	<p>Bruce Gallant spent 38 years serving his community and the Island as a paramedic, beginning with Rooney's Ambulance and ending with Island EMS. The highlight of Bruce's career was delivering twins in the back of an ambulance. In previous Canada Games hosted in PEI, Bruce volunteered as a medic. He enjoys golf, hockey and curling.</p>
<p>Tom Murphy</p>	<p>Tom Murphy has been involved in community and sports all his life. Tom is a retired high school teacher who also volunteered as a ski patroller and firefighter for 36 years. He is currently the Fire Chief for Alberton and generously shares his time to help with events. Tom was also responsible for creating an outdoor rink at the Fire Hall for the community which was enjoyed by many. He was a volunteer for the last Canada Summer Games on PEI and he is a Medical Director for the 2023 Canada Winter Games.</p>
<p>Paul Goguen</p>	<p>Paul Goguen is a teacher of 39 years. Paul has also been involved with coaching many sports at the school and community level for most of his teaching life. He was fortunate to coach and manage at three previous Canada Winter Games. Paul was also the manager of the Artistique Gymnastics team when the last Canada Winter Games were held in PEI.</p>

TIGNISH

Nov 29, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
Armand Martin	Armand Martin is a lifelong resident of Tignish, PEI who began practicing karate in 1977 and earned his black belt in 1980. Armand soon after established the West Island Karate Club. His teaching and influence have benefitted thousands in his community who have attended his classes in Summerside, Westisle and Tignish, where he has established his own dojo behind his home. He has been an instructor of his style of karate for over 40 years and helped over 40 students attain black belts. A 5th Dan Rank - Renshi, one of the highest ranks attainable, Armand has been recognized with the Heart of Gold and the Citizen of the Year award from the town of Tignish. He was inducted into the PEI Sports Hall of Fame in 2012. He has coached, taught and volunteered in many PEI communities.
Honourable Antoinette Perry	The Honourable Antoinette Perry is the 42nd Lieutenant Governor since the colony of PEI was established and the 29th since Confederation. Antoinette Perry was sworn in as Lieutenant Governor of PEI and invested as a member of the Order of PEI, for which she serves as Chancellor, in a special ceremony on 20 October 2017, in her home community of Tignish. Before her retirement from teaching in 2009, she enjoyed a distinguished 32-year career at Tignish Consolidated Elementary School where she taught Music and French. She serves as an organist and church choir director at St. Simon and St. Jude Parish and as a co-coordinator of the Parish's Summer Organ Recital Series.
Evelyn Arsenault	Evelyn Arsenault is 95 years young from Tignish, PEI. Evelyn is a mother of sixteen children, eight boys and eight girls. She was an avid softball player in her younger years. At age 83, Evelyn participated in the Acadian Games for Seniors in New Brunswick. She has been a member of the Catholic Women's League for over 70 years. She was a pillar in her community for volunteering and has instilled volunteerism in her children throughout their lives. A devoted sports fan, Evelyn can still be seen attending sporting activities for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is a strong role model for many people.
Cyriah Richard	Cyriah Richard has played sports all her life, starting with hockey at three years old. Cyriah's goal was to play in the Canada Games, and in

	<p>2023 the dream is coming true. She also plays soccer, basketball, and rugby. This year, Cyriah was fortunate enough to play on Team PEI for rugby and had the opportunity to go to Newfoundland for the Atlantics. She loves sports as much as she loves her community, where she spends much of her free time volunteering.</p>
Charlene Arsenault	<p>Charlene Arsenault was born and raised in Tignish, PEI with 14 brothers and sisters. Charlene is a veteran of 33 years in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). She was stationed in Germany, and many locations across Canada. She was honoured to participate in a humanitarian relief effort in Colombia and Nicaragua. Charlene represented the CAF in many sports, including ice hockey, broomball, fastpitch softball, ball hockey, and running. She also volunteered her time as a coach and completed the Boston Marathon. Charlene was named to the CAF Honour Roll for her outstanding accomplishments as a multi-sport athlete. Her role model has always been and will continue to be her mother.</p>
Nicholas Handrahan	<p>Nick Handrahan is a resident of Tignish and a third year chemical engineering student at University of New Brunswick. Nick was previously a member of Team PEI's gymnastics team, along with participating and competing in many other sports. Alongside his studies, he is a youth representative for students at a federal and provincial level, acting as a liaison between youth and the government. Throughout the past couple of years, Nick has spearheaded and supported many successful fundraisers and initiatives to support people in need.</p>
Dale Gaudet	<p>Dale Gaudet is a forest ranger technician, dedicated volunteer and community member. For 15 years, Dale has given his time to teaching guitar at the community school. Dale has the ability to inspire and mentor youth by building their self-confidence and encouraging them to advance. An example of this is often seeing him on stage at a community event with a young person beside him, guiding and supporting them through their first time on a stage. Dale has volunteered for many causes, including Search and Rescue, and local co-ops. His visionary leadership and a collaborative attitude is seen in his roles on the Tignish Cooperative Association Board and the West Prince Heritage Complex and Grounds.</p>
Kelly Ashley (for Gerald Keough-Posthumous)	<p>Gerald Keough spent his whole life building and promoting sports in his community. Gerald lived by the words "every child should be able to play," and always provided what he could to those who wanted to play but didn't have the means. He was instrumental in bringing hockey, ball, and other sports to Tignish. He led, coached, umpired, and refereed a whole generation in sports. For his dedication to building sports, Gerald was inducted into the PEI Sports Hall of Fame.</p>

<p>Harvey Mazerolle</p>	<p>Harvey Mazerolle has been involved in sports for most of his 71 years. For more than 50 years, Harvey has coached sports, including volleyball, wrestling, baseball, basketball, cross country, track and field, softball, badminton, team handball, and one game of field hockey. Harvey has also officiated basketball, soccer, and volleyball. He was named to the Volleyball PEI Hall of Fame in 2021. He has participated in six Canada Games: he was the head coach for wrestling in 1979, assistant coach for volleyball in 1989 and 2005, mission staff in 2001 and 2011, and facilities coordinator in 2009 in Charlottetown. Harvey was president of Wrestling PEI and Volleyball PEI, and he served on the board of directors of both organizations for many years.</p>
<p>Hal Perry</p>	<p>Hal Perry is the MLA for District #27, Tignish-Palmer Road. Hal has shown his commitment to the community through various volunteer roles. He has served as president of the PEI 4-H, Leader of the Tignish 4-H Club, and track and field coach with Special Olympics PEI. Hal has volunteered with the Tignish Irish Moss Festival for the past 40 years. He has also served as chair of the Tignish Silver Fox Winter Carnival, president of the Tignish Home and School Association, president of the M.E. Callaghan Junior High Home and School Association, and director of the PEI Home and School Federation. Hal and his wife, Brenda, currently reside in Tignish with their two sons, Jack and Ben.</p>

O’LEARY

Dec 2, 2022

<p>TORCHBEARER</p>	<p>BIOGRAPHY</p>
<p>Robert Henderson</p>	<p>Robert Henderson is and has been active in many sports from hockey, golf, cross-country skiing, kayaking, cycling, and table tennis. Rob is always willing to try new sports. He has represented O’Leary Inverness at the Legislative Assembly since 2007 and was the Minister responsible for sports when the current Canada Winter Games was negotiated to come to PEI for 2023. Rob has been involved in numerous non-profit organizations, including Ellerslie Tyne Valley Community School, Tyne Valley and Area Sports Centre, and the Western Sports Council.</p>
<p>Darcy Harris</p>	<p>Darcy Harris is a prime example of a person whose abilities, attitude and work ethic are contagious and can help grow any sport he is involved in. Darcy is a Canada Games alum who played hockey for Team PEI at the 1995 games in Grand Prairie, Alberta. He played for two years for the Kitchener Rangers of the Ontario Hockey League before being drafted</p>



	<p>to the National Hockey League by the Montreal Canadiens. He spent three years with the Baby Habs in Fredericton and Quebec City. Darcy returned home to captain the UPEI Panthers from 2001-2004. Currently, he is a vice principal at Westisle Composite High and continues to coach minor hockey and run skill development clinics in Western PEI. Darcy also continues to play hockey recreationally in his hometown of O'Leary. He always has a positive attitude and time to tell a story if you bump into him in the rink or around the community.</p>
<p>Clara Jane Wood</p>	<p>Clara Jane Wood, a resident of western PEI, found a love for softball early on in her life and stuck with it through adulthood. Clara Jane attended the 2013 and 2017 Canada Games for women's softball. Alongside her teammates, she gave back to the younger generation of softball players by helping with local training camps for youth. Clara Jane has partnered with the Native Council of PEI in the past to facilitate an introduction to softball training session for Indigenous youth. She continues to remain a vocal advocate for Indigenous rights and values on the unceded territory of Mi'kmaq'ki and Turtle Island.</p>
<p>Carol Gillis</p>	<p>Carol Gillis has been involved in sports her entire life. As a young girl, Carol played school sports, and she later played competitive sports which took her from the east to the west coast of Canada. She also worked as a Recreation Director for many years in her community. Carol has been a proud player, parent, coach, manager, instructor, fundraiser, Nana, bus driver, and cheerleader. For over twenty years, Carol has been giving back to her community as a volunteer firefighter and Special Olympics volunteer.</p>
<p>David Gamble</p>	<p>David Gamble encourages active living in his community through his dedicated efforts as a volunteer. David has dedicated many Saturday mornings to help with the bridge and boardwalk construction for the Forest View trail project. He is also a past president of the O'Leary community rink and still volunteers there at many functions. David believes it is important to engage with the community as a volunteer and promote the benefits of active living. He also leads by example by showing dedication and perseverance in his own journey as a runner. His journey as a runner began with participating in short community events and he now participates in long-distance events.</p>
<p>Warren Ellis</p>	<p>Warren Ellis was born and raised in the town of O'Leary, PEI. That's where he also started his family with his wife Marlene. When his two sons Josh and Brody got involved in community sports, Warren also became involved. He sponsored countless hockey teams, baseball teams, and pretty much any organized sports team you can think of. His motivation to support teams was to give players the opportunity to play at higher levels. He always said, "if we can do business nationally and</p>

	internationally from little ole' O'Leary, there's no reason our sports teams can't compete at the same level." Warren also raised money for the local rink and hockey schools, as well as, for building a new ball field. To this day, Warren continues to support many sports teams and sporting associations across PEI.
Vanessa Clements	Vanessa Clements grew up on the red dirt roads of West Prince, PEI, in an a lobster fishing family. Vanessa herself is a proud lobster fisher. She was the first and only Islander to make it on reality TV show Big Brother Canada, and was happy to represent her Island on such a grand stage. She believes people in her community appreciate and respect her, especially women wanting to work in male-dominated industries. Vanessa is extremely proud to be from PEI and brags about it every chance she gets.
Bob Matheson	Bob Matheson has been an important figure in golf and curling over several decades. Bob was a charter member and director of the Mill River Golf Association in 1971. He was also a director and president in of the Mill River Golf Association. Last year, the Mill River Golf Association directors presented Bob with the Duncan Award for an individual who has contributed positively to the development and enjoyment of the game of golf. He was also a charter member of the Maple Leaf Curling Club, and has been a member for 42 years. Bob was also a director, president, and vice-president for at least 20 years for the Maple Leaf Curling Club. Bob has been a director of the PEI Curling Hall of Fame for the past seven years.
Sally Lockhart	Sally Lockhart is proud to call Coleman, PEI her home. Sally spent her working career supporting health promotion and injury prevention, as well as, reducing barriers for people with physical or intellectual disabilities. In her retirement, she has worked towards the building of The Willows in O'Leary, a cooperative, not-for-profit community care home for seniors who need assistance to remain independent.
Kimberly Reilly	Kimberley Reilly accompanied by her husband Kyle will carry the torch in memory of their son, Ethan Reilly. Ethan died at age 17 in a boating accident on September 16, 2020. He gave his own life in an attempt to save his teammate and friend Alex, who also died in the accident. Ethan was involved in many sports, including soccer, ball hockey, track and field, cross country, badminton and hockey. He was an elite AAA hockey player who had multiple offers to go further with his hockey career. Ethan was known by his community as a great volunteer for his neighbours, especially when people were in need. He was a great leader in many aspects of life in sports, community, and school. His family including his sister Courtney and Ethan's special friend Megan Kinch were his biggest fans and always supported him. A legacy was set

	up by Ethan's hockey coach, other hockey members of the community, and his parents to not only memorialize his courageous short life, but also to provide financial assistance to other youth who would not otherwise have the opportunity to play sports.
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LENNOX ISLAND

Dec 8, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
Adriannah Reeves	Adriannah Reeves is an energetic, understanding, and hard-working young lady from Lennox Island. She loves traditional dancing, sports, soccer, and track. Adriannah has been recognized for her dedication, leadership, and sportsmanship.
Darlene Bernard	Chief Darlene Bernard, Melkna't Kitpui'sk, Strong Eagle Woman, embodies her traditional name. Chief Bernard has committed herself to the Lennox Island First Nation and the Epekwitk Mi'kmaq community she loves, as Chief and as Co-chair of the Epekwitk Assembly of Councils Inc., which oversees the mandates for both the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI and L'nuey. As a leader, Chief Bernard is inspired by the people she serves and inspires those around her with her vision, her integrity and her passion. She is responsible for solidifying many community programs and services as well as the negotiation and signing of several imperative Agreements following the Marshall decision; including the Consultation Agreement, the Partnership Agreement and the Framework Agreement, to name a few. In 2002, Chief Bernard led the work to establish the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI with the Abegweit First Nation Leadership, as a common forum to begin to reconcile and implement the outstanding Aboriginal and treaty rights of the PEI Mi'kmaq. In 2019, this great work led to the implementation of L'nuey – a distinct and separate Mi'kmaq rights organization with respect to consultation, negotiations, and governance. Chief Bernard's drive, compassion, and vision for a thriving future for the Lennox Island First Nation and Epekwitk are at the heart of everything she does, everything she advocates for, and everything that she believes in.
Marilyn Sark	Marilyn Sark is an Elder of the Lennox Island Mi'kmaq First Nation. Marilyn always felt a commitment to furthering the health and education of the community, with a particular interest in young mothers and youth. She has been a practicing registered nurse for the past 59 years and developed Lennox Island's community health program, which continues to this day. Marilyn has always been concerned about mental health and

	addictions. Over the years, Marilyn sat on many boards and committees and contributed in any way she could. She is well-respected in her community and has been recognized with many awards.
Bruce Reeves	Bruce Reeves is a young athlete from Lennox Island First Nation who excels in the sports of judo and soccer. He is also an honour roll student and works very hard. He is a loving, caring, and responsible person who is always open to trying new things.
Noella Moore	Noella Moore is a member of Lennox Island who lives off-reserve, and is a multimedia artist whose creative side has always made itself known. Noella is a Mi'kmaq Elder and is very proud of her Indigenous culture. Noella creates baskets, quill art, paints, beads, sews and more. She also hosts art workshops and is happy to help people unlock their creativity. Noella was very honoured to be asked to make medallions for Wowkwis, the 2023 Canada Games mascot. She also volunteered for the 2019 Canada Games, which she enjoyed doing with her twin sister Nora.
Logen Lewis	Logen Lewis is a Mi'kmaq youth and lifelong resident of Lennox Island. He is heavily involved in sports of all kinds, from judo to archery to grass dancing. Logen is a fisherman and a Lieutenant at the Lennox Island Fire Department. He also travels North America to various dance competition powwows. He is a major influence on all youth of the Mi'kmaq Nation.
Emma Levi	Emma Levi is a 17-year-old Mi'kmaq woman from Lennox Island First Nation. As this year's Miss Lennox Island, Emma was a role model amongst her younger peers. The Miss Lennox Island title is given to someone who demonstrates love and pride for their culture and community. Emma also enjoys participating in rugby at Westisle Composite High School, where she has found friendships and a love for good sportsmanship.
Charlene Campbell	Charlene Campbell has spent her whole life involved in sports, from figure skating to taekwondo. Charlene won Gold at the National Aboriginal Indigenous Games in taekwondo. Now a councillor from Lennox Island First National, she promotes and encourages all youth, young and old, to participate in sports and healthy living.
Keely Dymont	Keely Dymont is a young Mi'kmaq athlete, student, and volunteer from Lennox Island First Nation. Sport has always played an important role in Keely's life and has provided many opportunities, including competing in badminton for PEI at the North American Indigenous Games as well as the first-ever Atlantic Indigenous Games. Keely is a positive role model for Indigenous youth in her community. She takes great pride in her

	community and has volunteered at various cultural events over the years.
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KENSINGTON

Dec 13, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
Dawn Moase	Dawn Moase has spent over fifty years coaching, playing, officiating, and volunteering in various sports communities. Dawn was a Canada Games female softball coach in 1993, Mission Staff in 2001, and Sports Director for Softball in 2009. She has coached at many levels in softball and is currently coaching the 45+ women's team, who will participate at the Pan Pacific Master Games in Australia in November 2022. Dawn has contributed to her community through leadership roles in various sports and many charitable causes.
Mitch Jollimore	Mitch Jollimore has spent over 20 years coaching our local youth hockey, baseball, and soccer. Mitch and his wife Katie are always eager volunteers in our community. Along with being generous with his time, he has also sponsored or supported many teams and organizations over the years. His fundraising initiatives have helped to ensure that youth have access to equipment and funds.
Ivan Gallant	Ivan Gallant has been involved in sports in his community of Kensington all his life. Ivan is a runner and has played hockey, ball, and golf. He has also volunteered in many events over the years, chairing tournaments, coaching teams, and serving on various committees. Ivan's community contributions include serving on the municipal council for 22 years. He is very supportive of others in his community and has helped people from youth to seniors succeed in their activities, whether it be card and board games or sporting events. For the past 25 years, he has organized the Harvest Festival 25 km road race, which draws runners from across Canada.
Lorraine MacDonald	Lorraine MacDonald is a life-long participant and advocate of sports. Lorraine has represented PEI at the national level in golf, softball, hockey, broomball, and volleyball. She is a UPEI basketball alumna, and a member of many organizations including Canadian Coaches, Squash Canada, Golf Canada, and Pickleball Canada. Lorraine has coached softball, skating, junior links golf, and squash. She has participated in Terry Fox Runs and Red Cross Relays, as well as, a Joints in Motion Marathon and a Cystic Fibrosis Bikeathon. She also volunteered at Camp Triumph Youth Camp, Meals on Wheels, Special Olympics, Red

	Cross, East Coast Music Awards (ECMA), Indian River Festival, and the Senior Income Tax Program.
Jeff MacKenzie	Jeff MacKenzie has spent many years involved in sports on PEI as an athlete, coach, official, and fan. As an athlete, Jeff was mostly involved in hockey, softball, and running. He has also coached a lot of baseball and various other sports with Special Olympics PEI. As an official, Jeff refereed hockey and umpired baseball. Finally, as a fan, Jeff enjoys watching any sport he can.
Greg Caseley	Greg Caseley has been an alpine ski instructor for several years at the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park in Brookvale, PEI. Greg enjoys many sports, including hockey and golf. He also enjoys volunteering his time and has volunteered with many organizations over the years. Greg runs in honour of his son, Jamie, who passed away from cancer in December 2022. Jamie was a huge lover of sports and hosted the Canadian Classic annually. He was a pillar of his community.
Jack Spencer	Jack Spencer is a retired United Church minister who has served in PEI since 1971. While in Souris, Jack was a Cub leader, led the church youth group, and supported and resourced other youth programming. In Kensington, he led the youth group and provided support to various congregation youth programs. Jack has remained involved in the community since retirement by volunteering on the Town of Kensington 100th Anniversary Committee, serving as a school crossing guard, and being a driver and Board member of Meals on Wheels.
Sophie Weeks	After extensive travel, Sophie Weeks settled in beautiful PEI, the place she is proud to call home and raised her family. A self-confessed “Queen of Clean,” she is often hard at work making Island homes sparkle. As well as, finding ways to make a person's day a little brighter whether it's a home-cooked meal, helping with a tricky task, or sharing a few words of encouragement. Sophie loves to be part of this community, working together with others to make wonderful things happen. She is excited to be a part of the Canada Games and experience the spirit of PEI with her family.
Roy Paynter	Roy Paynter has been involved with the Special Olympics for 10 years. Roy is a competitive swimmer and has also participated in snowshoeing and bocce. In his swimming career, Roy participated in many provincial and national competitions. He was chosen for Team Canada for the Special Olympics in 2019 and went to Abu Dhabi. Roy brought home two gold medals, one silver, and one bronze. The Town of Kensington honoured Roy by naming a park after him.
Rowan Caseley	Rowan Caseley has served on the Town of Kensington Council for five

	years as a Councillor and eight years as Mayor. During that time, Rowan promoted support for youth programs and the establishment of community infrastructure for youth. In the past, he has served as director of the Kensington and Area Chamber of Commerce. Rowan believes that we need to support our youth and encourage active participation in the community.
Janet Cotton	Janet Cotton is a lifelong resident of Clinton. She has been involved with the Women's Institute for over 60 years. She is a very active member of the Souwest River United Church in Margate, where presently she serves as a church elder. Janet has volunteered with the local Shriners and has sold many tickets for their takeout suppers. She also volunteers for the local Legion, Malpeque Historical Society, and PEI Coin Club. Janet was awarded Malpeque Bay Credit Union Member of the Year Award and The Shaw Award by the PEI Rural Beautification Society to recognize her volunteer contributions. Janet welcomes all new people to her home community of Clinton.
Cassie Sampson	Cassandra Sampson enjoys playing soccer in the summer and at school. Cassandra also stays active in the winter by figure skating. When she isn't playing sports, she loves helping out her community by volunteering for events or doing a street-side garbage pickup. Cassandra also plays piano and is involved in the Pathfinders program.

NORTH RUSTICO

Dec 15, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
Madisynne Gauthier	Madisynne Gauthier is a high-performance athlete who represents her community of Oyster Bed Bridge and North Rustico in numerous sports and extracurricular activities. Madisynne is an excellent soccer, volleyball, basketball, flag football, and ringette player. She is dedicated to helping children in the community by coaching ringette and volleyball, and has volunteered at sporting events at Gulf Shore Consolidated School. Madisynne is very proud of her Acadian roots, is bilingual and has strong connections to the Rustico community.
Celeste Maynard	Celeste Maynard has been a ringette player for over 10 years, and always promotes a positive attitude on the ice, win or lose. Celeste has been with the Rustico Ringette Association since its beginning, and has volunteered with the association in many capacities. As a part of the River Clyde Pageant, Celeste contributes to the arts and helps build a

	creative community in rural areas.
Andre Lavoie	Andre Lavoie has spent many years promoting recreation and outdoor education on PEI. Prior to moving to Rusticoville seven years ago, Andre was actively involved in promoting recreation activities as a long-time resident in Cornwall. Early in his career, he was responsible for introducing outdoor education programs in Island schools and introducing snowshoeing, orienteering, and cross-country skiing to many young students. Andre's son Edward competed as a gymnast in the summer games in Cape Breton and as a racquetball player in the winter games in British Columbia.
Spencer Allen	Spencer Allen grew up not knowing how to skate. At the age of 32, Spencer taught himself to skate, with the help of power skating classes, and later joined a hockey league. Being a gay male, Spencer struggled at feeling welcome in the sports world. He realized the sporting world's boundaries around sexual identity could only change with gay men in sports being proud of their sexual identities. Spencer's understanding of his internalized homophobia became his freedom to learn how to skate, play hockey, and love sports, which all lead to loving himself for the man he has become. Spencer currently works for the Town of North Rustico. He is excited to experience the Canada Games, and have an Olympic-sized legacy arena in his backyard.
Logan Gibbs	Logan Gibbs is a volunteer firefighter, a fisherman, and a dedicated coach. Logan grew up in the little town of North Rustico, PEI. He spent all his young years in minor hockey, starting in initiation all the way to third-year midget. Logan then brought his love of the game to his role as a coach of minor hockey. Logan works with tourists as a lobster fisherman and is very community-minded.
Cory Barlow	Cory Barlow has coached or volunteered at all levels from Initiation to Senior Hockey and has truly left his mark in many hockey arenas both off and on our Island. He began coaching at the age of 15 and has continued for decades. In 2003, Cory started a new program to introduce kids and families to hockey in the Town of Stratford. The program, Skills and Drills, is still running today. Cory has collected and sometimes purchased gear to make sure that kids had proper gear, and has also led initiatives to raise money for sports centres which has resulted in reduced registration fees. He loves to see the players he coached over all the years give back to the sport and become great volunteers themselves. When players from years gone see Cory at a mall or arena, they often still call him "coach."
Cassie MacKay	Cassie MacKay has spent the past 18 years as an athlete and coach for the only All-Star Competitive Cheerleading program in PEI. Cassie took

	<p>over as owner and head coach of Passion Elite Cheerleading in 2022. She is always available to answer questions and share advice while being the head coach and running the business. She is kind, caring, involved, attentive, creative, and organized. Cassie's aim is to help grow the sport of cheerleading on the Island, as it grows significantly across Canada.</p>
Louise Gallant	<p>Louise Gallant is a youth advocate and proud community member of North Rustico. In her previous role as a Child and Youth Worker, Louise encouraged and advocated for vulnerable populations, and promoted acceptance, life skills, and the joy of play. She currently works at the Provincial Credit Union in North Rustico and helps out with the North Rustico Fire Department where her husband is the Chief. Louise loves that her new career at the Credit Union allows her to interact, assist and connect with her fellow community members. She considers North Rustico her community and is active in donating her time to various community activities.</p>
Isaac Peters	<p>Isaac Peters played sports with Rustico for as long as he can remember. Minor hockey was a big part of Isaac's life and shaped him into the person he is today. He currently works at Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale. He is a snowboard instructor and snowmaker and works in the rental shop during the winter season. Isaac believes that the Canada Games is a great opportunity for PEI to shine a light for youth.</p>
Myla Doucette	<p>Myla Doucette is a Grade 5 French Immersion student at Gulf Shore School in Rustico. When she was only 8 years old, Myla entered the 2023 Canada Winter Games mascot contest and her drawing was selected. She created Wowkwis because she wanted to ensure that all athletes and spectators are welcomed in true Island style by a mascot that embodies all of our best qualities. Myla is also an avid ringette player. She believes that doing your best, being a good teammate, and having fun are all you need to make the games great!</p>
George Noble	<p>George Noble has been an active volunteer in minor hockey, the Island Food Bank, and the local health centre. George was fortunate enough to volunteer at both the 1991 and 2009 Canada Games hosted in PEI. George has been active in the fundraising and coordination of the new wellness centre in North Rustico. George proudly supports a proactive approach to healthy communities in PEI.</p>

CORNWALL

Jan 6, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
Logan Gallant	Logan Gallant has been a player and coach in many sports in the Town of Cornwall. Logan went to two Canada Games: the first in Sherbrooke, Quebec in 2013 for baseball, and the second in Winnipeg in 2017 for softball. He was admired for training with a strong work ethic and a positive attitude. Logan brought his passion and knowledge to coaching as well. He was a volunteer coach with North River Minor Hockey for many years and currently coaches baseball players across the Island.
Oscar Waugh	Oscar Waugh is a 14-year-old student in Grade 9 at East Wiltshire. Oscar lives in Clyde River with his brother Harry, sister Grace, and parents Catherine and Trevor. He is a gifted athlete, having played for the school's AA basketball team in Grades 7 and 8, as well as, the school soccer team. Oscar also enjoys mountain biking and biathlon. In March 2022, a cancerous tumour was discovered in Oscar's sinus cavity. Treatments at the IWK started almost immediately, including multiple surgeries, scans, and tests; five weeks of radiation; and months of chemotherapy. Despite all of this adversity, Oscar has remained incredibly brave, positive, and future-focused. While the chemotherapy prevented him from playing the sports he loves, he often attended the games to cheer on his teammates and be a positive influence on the bench or sideline. Oscar himself may have participated in these 2023 Games were it not for his illness.
Rachel MacFadyen	Rachel MacFadyen is a Bluefield High School student who lives in Cornwall, PE. Rachel demonstrates impeccable leadership through her involvement in high-level, competitive sports. She captained her 2022 U14 Club Volleyball Team to win nationals, a first for a PEI team. Rachel also captained her school volleyball and basketball teams, and her U15 hockey team. Rachel was named her school's Female Athlete of the Year in 2022 for her participation in golf, badminton, flag football, cross country, and track and field. She was also co-president of her junior high school and a volunteer with the school breakfast program.
Cohen Frizzell	Cohen Frizzell is a 13-year-old multi-sport athlete from Cornwall, PE. Cohen has played basketball since he was four years old, and he's currently a Jaguar with École François-Buote. Cohen is an award-winning and fifth-year player with the tackle and flag programs of the Cornwall Timberwolves Football Club, and he was a member of the

	club's 2020 Atom championship team. Cohen is also a former player with the Cornwall Cougars baseball team. In his spare time, Cohen enjoys playing the electric guitar, paddle boarding in the summer, downhill skiing in the winter and running laps with his friends at CrossFit 782.
Dylan Drummond	Dylan Drummond is a 14-year-old Grade 9 student at East Wiltshire School and has lived in Cornwall his whole life. A sports fanatic, Dylan has been involved with the local minor baseball and hockey associations in Cornwall for almost 10 years. He also loves playing golf in his free time. Dylan can often be found on the ice as a hockey official or on the diamond as an umpire.
Lauren Lenentine	Lauren Lenentine is a competitive curler, who was born and raised in Cornwall. Lauren is an up-and-coming athlete, having won two World Junior Championships and competed at two Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Growing up, she was a member of the Cornwall Curling Club, where she volunteered as a junior curling instructor for the next generation of the sport. She is also a KidSport Ambassador for KidSport PEI. Despite moving for training and competition, Lauren is a proud Islander and carries her roots with her.
Ruth DeLong	Ruth DeLong has been involved in sport all her life. Ruth played broomball in the 1970s, and loves cross country-skiing, hiking, cycling, and canoeing. Her passion for sport and the outdoors is a core part of her identity. She also has a long history of service respecting the development of the Confederation Trail, which she's been heavily involved in since 1994. Ruth was president of Island Trails for two years in the mid 2000s and continues to be involved through her trail-based role with the province. Ruth has coordinated and led many cycling, hiking and cross-country skiing groups over the years, and takes great pride in introducing people to sporting activities that instill a love for the outdoors.
Bill Hogg	Bill Hogg has spent over 25 years as a coach, ski instructor, and official in the sport of cross-country skiing. Bill was instrumental in the establishment of the Jackrabbit Ski League on PEI and played prominent roles in Atlantic Championships and Canada Games, culminating in his chairing of the National Jeep Eagle Ski Championship in 1993. In his retirement, he continues to volunteer and is a past recipient of The PEI Senior Volunteer Award. He is very proud of his leadership role in the establishment of The Terry Fox Trail Enhancement Project, a four-year involvement which saw the development of a showpiece educational venue surrounding the sports complex in his hometown of Cornwall.

<p>Julie Harding</p>	<p>Juliana (Julie) Joy Harding is originally from Fredericton, New Brunswick, but has lived on PEI for 16 years with her husband Jeff and four children. Julie grew up doing many sports, including weight lifting, dance, gymnastics, cheerleading, and soccer. Recently retired from the Respiratory Therapy profession after being licensed for 23 years, she is grateful for the opportunity to have cared for many patients of all ages. In her spare time, Julie has enjoyed coaching and officiating gymnastics, as well as volunteering at Special Olympics and school gymnastics and hockey events. Julie's children are now also very athletic and Julie is proud of their accomplishments.</p>
<p>Trent Fullarton</p>	<p>Trent Fullarton spent his youth years playing organized sports, including baseball, hockey, soccer and basketball. Trent also enjoyed playing tennis, volleyball, and table tennis with friends. He volunteered for many years in helping to coach his kids' sports teams and currently assists with coaching the Jr. Boys' baseball team at his daughter's school. Trent is both a proud father of three, grandfather of three and dedicated caregiver to his family's ever-growing collection of rescued pets.</p>
<p>Ruth Stavert</p>	<p>Ruth (Annear) Stavert is a Cornwall resident who grew up in Montague. Ruth was always active in sports and won many provincial championships in track and field as a sprinter. In high school, she was the athlete of the year three times. Throughout her adult life, Ruth has been a recreational and competitive curler and has taken the opportunity to volunteer at many provincial and national curling events. As an older adult, she has had a lot of success competing in two-person stick curling and has won provincial, maritime and national championships. Since 2004, Ruth has represented PEI at nine Canada 55+ Games Championships, winning events in Curling and Bocce. Throughout her life, Ruth has been an active volunteer in a wide range of community and church activities. In recognition of her volunteer contributions, she was awarded the Mayor's medal as part of Montague's centennial celebrations in 2017.</p>
<p>Contessa Scott</p>	<p>Contessa Scott is a two-time gold medalist Paralympian, two-time Canadian champion, and two-time gold medalist world champion in goalball. She owns and runs a small business and farm in rural PEI. She has sold her products at the Charlottetown Farmers Market for the past five years. Contessa is in the process of a business expansion featuring goat's milk caramel and goat's milk ice cream.</p>

SCOTCHFORT

Jan 14, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
Irelyn Mooney	Irelyn Mooney is a young Mi'kmaq woman from Abegweit First Nation. Irelyn is a dedicated athlete and grade nine student, currently residing in Cold Brook, Nova Scotia. Her involvement with sport has taught her leadership skills and self discipline, for which she was recently awarded the Ron O'Flaherty Scholar-Athlete Award for achievement in school sport and academic excellence. Irelyn actively works to develop and maintain connections with her Mi'kmaq culture; she has begun learning to harvest traditional medicines from the Elders in her extended family. Irelyn is an avid reader with a great sense of humor.
Alexis Jadis	Alexis Jadis is a 13-year-old Mi'kmaq youth who speaks fluent French and English. Alexis started playing softball at the age of 9. By the age of 12, she made the AA team. In 2021, Alexis and her team won gold for the Eastern tournament and were nominated for team of the year. When Alexis was 13, her AA ball team won silver in provincials for the second year in a row and qualified for Easterns again. Alexis loves softball and is excited to see where it takes her.
Jeffery Bernard	Jeffery Bernard is a Mi'kmaq from Lennox Island First Nation. Jeffery is a tour guide and spiritual advisor and support person known for being an amazing storyteller. He enjoys working on the land and making baskets and other crafts including birch bark containers. He is currently a gardener with Lennox Island Development Corporation (LIDC) and is proud of LIDC's geothermal greenhouse.
Zachary Gould	Constable Zachary Gould, Ela'qe'mat Ki'kwesu, is a proud status First Nation Mi'kmaq with the Abegweit First Nations here in PEI. Zachary is a second-generation police officer specializing in the mental health field. He has an extensive background in volunteering as a hockey coach and playing organized sports. Currently, Zachary founded the integrated men's hockey team consisting of Assembly of First Nations (AFN) members and police officers. Zachary has been the Indigenous liaison for some time now and works closely with the Indigenous population of PEI.
Chris Jadis	Chris Jadis is a young Mi'kmaq First Nation man and councillor for the Abegweit First Nation. Chris works in construction within the Abegweit First Nation and demonstrates a strong work ethic within his community.

	<p>He grew up playing many sports and now has passed that down to his daughter, spending many hours at the ball field with her. Chris is a big believer in sports as a positive outlet for youth.</p>
<p>Amanda Francis</p>	<p>Amanda Francis is a Mi'kmaq woman and a member of the Abegweit First Nation who resides on the Rocky Point Reserve. Amanda has spent many years as a passionate boxing athlete. Through Amanda's hard work and perseverance, she holds 2 gold medals in boxing, one in 2002 and the other in 2006. Amanda is an upstanding community member and a role model to the youth within her community.</p>
<p>Sheri Bernard</p>	<p>Sheri Bernard is a Mi'kmaq woman and a member of the Abegweit First Nation. Sheri resides on the Rocky Point Reserve and is a Band Councilor within her community. She has worked in areas of Indigenous Justice and Intergovernmental Affairs and plays a role in encouraging individuals to reclaim their identity and be proud of who they are. Sheri has strived toward the ultimate goal of engaging and being involved in her community and finding enjoyable ways to be active.</p>
<p>Chief Roderick Gould</p>	<p>Chief Gould is a strong Mi'kmaq leader. Elected for the second time in June 2019, Chief Gould continues to lead the community through a robust period of growth. His leadership has facilitated the construction of a new multi-use commercial building, twelve new residential units, a new early learning centre, a community cemetery and healing garden; the formation of public and private sector partnerships; the expansion of tourism products and experiences; the development of a four million dollar active transportation network; and the expansion of successful existing businesses. Chief Gould is a man of great heart, passion, and dedication. He applies himself wholeheartedly as he consistently endeavours to make improvements for his community, with a focus on economic development, job creation, housing, health and wellness, and government-to-government reconciliation.</p>
<p>Jacob Jadis</p>	<p>Jacob is a proud father and member of the Mi'kmaq First Nation. Jacob grew up in and currently resides in the community of Abegweit First Nation on beautiful PEI. He was the sole proprietor of an Information Technology (IT) supply business for 12 years, and then elected to a council position for the Abegweit First Nation. Jacob's ambition is to bring many positive infrastructure projects to his community, to develop a plan to harness new clean energy technologies, and to build capacity and resources for Abegweit First Nation.</p>

MORELL

Jan 17, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
Danny Kelly	<p>Danny Kelly is an active volunteer in Kings County, PE. Danny is the chair of a regional committee responsible for fundraising and renovating the local community rink. He is also the president of the local minor hockey association, coaches hockey and soccer, and is a member of the Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus. Before returning to his home province of PEI, Danny served Canada for 30 years both at home and abroad as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces.</p>
Bill Connolly	<p>Bill Connolly had a 40-year baseball career as a first baseman, left-handed pitcher, and hitter. He proudly represented Team PEI nearly 50 years ago in baseball at the 1973 Canada Games in New Westminster-Burnaby, BC. Other highlights of Bill's career include playing for Team PEI in the National Little League Baseball Championships in Toronto in 1967 and winning many Championship titles in the Kings County Baseball League, Intercounty Baseball League, and Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League. Bill also coached his son's team to the Atlantic PeeWee Baseball Championship in 1998. Bill is a lifelong sports enthusiast (Maple Leafs fan) and a lifelong resident of the Morell Area.</p>
George Morrison	<p>George Morrison spent 50 years of his life coaching, officiating, and organizing sports. George spent five years coaching the UPEI women's basketball team, seventeen years coaching the UPEI men's basketball team, and eight years coaching the Holland College men's basketball team. He also coached high school basketball at Morell High School. George also coached all levels of baseball, from Mosquito through Senior. He made two trips to the Canada Games as a coach: one for women's basketball, and one for men's baseball. In addition to coaching, George served as president of Baseball PEI for ten years and officiated basketball at the high school and university levels.</p>
Jean Eldershaw	<p>Jean Eldershaw has volunteered for many years at community, provincial and national events. Jean supported figure skating in several volunteer roles, including club president, provincial awards chair, provincial skater development chair, chair of the provincial Board of Directors, and member of the National Board of Directors. She served several years on the Board of Directors of Sport PEI. Jean was a member of the 2009 Winter Games Bid Committee and a volunteer at two Canada Games. As chair and Mayor of the municipality, she took on the treasurer position for theGo East Council to ensure the area had access to low-cost physical activity programs for all ages, from preschool to seniors. Jean believes an active lifestyle is important for all ages. She golfs, swims, bikes, walks, snowshoes, and participates in a</p>

	functional fitness class at a local gym.
David Dunn	David "DJ" Dunn is the son of the late Ken "Trixie" Dunn and Sharon Dunn from the village of Morell. DJ is a husband, father, and dedicated volunteer in his community. He gives back to his community by participating in various committees, advocating for community growth, and engaging youth in sports. DJ's community contributions include helping out through the Morell Lions Club. He is motivated to pave a legacy for his family and young people.
Aiden Dunn	Aiden Dunn is a young athlete from the community of Morell. Aiden shows empathy and compassion and is a team player in any sport he plays. He is always found helping out younger players, passing on his skill and knowledge. Aiden demonstrates strong leadership in his community and is a great role model for younger kids. He is always involved in community activities and doesn't mind helping out.
Nathan Clinton	Nathan Clinton is a Grade 9 student at Morell High School. Nathan is involved in many sports, including hockey, soccer, baseball, badminton, track and field, and cross-country running. Nathan was a member of the following Provincial Championship teams: Northside Cubs U13 AA baseball in 2020, Bantam Boys Cross Country in 2021, Bantam Boys Track and field in 2022, and Northside Cubs U15 AA baseball in 2022. Nathan is a leader both on and off the field, ice, or track. He was awarded the student and teacher's choice awards for the Grade 8 graduating class of 2022, and elected male student athlete of the year, among other academic awards. In the fall of 2022, Nathan participated in the Atlantic AA Baseball Championships and represented PEI at the Atlantic Challenge Cup Hockey Tournament.
Emilee Dunn	Emilee Dunn is involved in many school and community sports, including hockey, basketball and softball. Emilee works hard at her job at the co-op, and can often be found helping out, especially with younger kids in the community. She supports her peers in her roles on Morell Regional High's student council and leadership team.
Eva Gaudet	Eva Gaudet is a Morell-area youth who loves sports and being part of a team. Eva enjoys participating in soccer, hockey, ringette, cross-country running, football, badminton, and track and field. Sports are very important to Eva because of the new experiences they bring, the lessons you learn, and the people you meet. For Eva, the best thing about sports is the feeling of accomplishment when you overcome challenges. Eva is proud to be an Islander and part of the Morell community.
Craig Ono	Craig Ono is a sports enthusiast and loves all sports. He is a Junior

	Olympian in Judo and won first place in his division. He volunteered with the Para Pan Am Games, and the Canadian Football League Grey Cups. Craig is very active in this community and has extensively explored the waterways of Eastern PEI. Craig currently provides memorable learning experiences as a fly fishing guide on the Morell River.
Greg Dunn	Greg Dunn is a lifelong community member and a valuable asset to the community's growth and prosperity. Greg has been serving his community for the past 25 years. He sponsors events to help kids excel in their sports. As a member of the local Lion's Club, Greg also helps out families in need. Greg is one of the driving sources behind co-ed softball and hockey tournaments where proceeds are donated to charity.

SOURIS

Jan 20, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
Margo Robertson	Margo Robertson is an athlete, coach, and community volunteer in Souris, where she was born and raised. Margo is a former multi-sport athlete who has turned her love for playing sports into a love for coaching and volunteering. She has coached many sports over the years, including basketball, baseball, softball, and volleyball, which she still coaches today. Margo has also served on numerous sport and recreation boards, including the Eastern Kings Sport Council and Souris Minor Hockey. She is currently a member of the Souris Tug of War committee, and is serving as President of Volleyball PEI and Souris Minor Baseball.
JoAnne Dunphy	JoAnne Dunphy has served the Town of Souris for thirteen years as both Town Councillor and present Mayor. JoAnne has served on many boards and committees, including the Planning and Development Board for her community, and the PEI Rural Beautification Committee. JoAnne was a judge across Canada for the National Communities in Bloom Program. She is an advocate for supporting programs that attract participation.
Sarah MacDonald	Sarah MacDonald lives in Little Pond, PE. Sarah is an active participant with the Special Olympics. She enjoys participating in swimming, basketball, and soccer. She has represented PEI at the national games in 2014 and 2018 on the competitive soccer team. With her soccer team,

	<p>Sarah has traveled to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia and the Yukon. She was awarded the Dr. Frank Hayden Award for her commitment to training and determination to succeed.</p>
<p>Georgia Fraser</p>	<p>Georgia Fraser is a strong role model for young athletes and an excellent ringette player. Georgia gives back to the community by volunteering at ringette and Village Feast, and by coaching U5, U7, and U15 soccer. She has coached U14 Souris and provincial ringette teams. Georgia's excellence in ringette has won her recognition as the PEI goalie of the year, 2021 Female Athlete of the Year, and the first-line all-star at the ringette nationals in 2018 in Winnipeg. She will compete at the 2023 Canada Winter Games on the ringette team. It will be Georgia's second Canada Games, as she also competed at the 2019 Winter Games.</p>
<p>Sylvain Duguay</p>	<p>Sylvain Duguay was born in PEI and is now a teacher at École La-Belle-Cloche. Growing up, Sylvain played a variety of sports, including hockey and rugby. As an adult, he coached at les Jeux de l'Acadie and the Charlottetown Rural rugby program. Sylvain currently coaches multiple school sports in the Souris region. As athletic director and gym teacher at École La-Belle-Cloche, he loves to see kids participate in school sports and get involved in sports as much as possible.</p>
<p>Kim Outhouse</p>	<p>Kim Outhouse puts her whole self into making sports enjoyable, accessible and affordable for all. Kim often flies under the radar and does a lot of her good work behind the scenes. She is currently the vice president and co-chairman of the Souris Minor Hockey Association. She has managed various sports teams and organized fundraisers, free sports gear exchange lockers, and team events. Kim contributes to community spirit by leading Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL) theme nights, community parades, and national contests. She is a beloved member of the community by children and peers alike.</p>
<p>Zilla Leslie</p>	<p>Zilla Leslie has been a resident of Souris, PE her entire life. Community engagement has been a theme throughout Zilla's life, beginning with her involvement in the Royal Winter Fair as a 4H delegate in 1953. Her community engagement continued while she was a service worker at Souris Hospital and while she raised her family with her husband Jack on their farm. After Zilla's children left home to pursue careers and live of their own, she increased her participation in volunteer work and community events. She is currently an active member of Hospice PEI, Meals on Wheels, and Souris Hospital Help Office. Zilla likes to keep active with daily walks, and has also participated in the Bluenose Marathon, Fall Frolic, and Run for the Cure. Zilla has had many opportunities to cheer on her family in sports with her six children, ten</p>

	grandchildren, one great-grandchild, husband Joe, and Joe's family.
Sara Deveau	Sara Deveau hails from the bustling community of Souris. Sara is an avid outdoors enthusiast who enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, and bird-watching. She enjoys volunteering for many community events, including the Points East Lighthouse Run/Relay which has an all-female committee. The Points East Lighthouse Run/Relay is a 29 km course from East Point Lighthouse to Souris Lighthouse. The committee works together like a well-oiled machine and is constantly trying to improve each year.
Tori Jayne Chapman	Tori Jayne Chapman has spent many years training as a multi-sport athlete. Tori began playing ringette at the age of 6 and has competed on Team PEI for ringette since the age of 12. She helped claim PEI's first medal at the Canadian ringette championships and served as captain of PEI's first-ever women's box lacrosse team to attend Canada games. Tori serves as a role model for young girls in sports.
Philip MacIntyre	Philip MacIntyre spent many years as an athlete, coach, and referee in many sports in the Souris area. Philip was one of the individuals who helped in the development of the Souris Lamplighters Soccer program. He always wanted kids to have the opportunity to play sports and went above and beyond to be inclusive. In his role as a coach, Philip enjoyed seeing the kids develop as athletes, but more importantly, he enjoyed seeing the kids have fun and learn how to become part of a team.
JJ Chaisson	JJ Chaisson played multiple sports growing up in Souris. He was an all star soccer, basketball and football player at SRHS. He continued to play soccer well into his adulthood and when he and his wife Julie's kids came along, became a coach for both ringette and hockey. JJ continues to show his love for sports and community by giving back to the local rink and also sponsors many kids in the community who are playing on traveling provincial teams.
Sarah MacDonald	Sarah MacDonald lives in Little Pond, PEI. Sarah is an active participant with Special Olympics. She enjoys participating in swimming, basketball, and soccer. She has represented PEI at the national games in 2014 and 2018 on the competitive soccer team. With her soccer team, Sarah has travelled to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, BC and the Yukon. She was awarded the Dr. Frank Hayden Award for her commitment to training and determination to succeed.

MURRAY HARBOUR

Jan 24, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
Carol White	Carol White has participated in women's hockey and softball at provincial and national levels and has proudly worn the Canadian Flag on the international level. Carol is also a golfer and pickleball player and enjoys every sport she has tried. She has coached girls' hockey and softball at the Island championship level. Carol is a stand-out in the Murray Harbour community and is currently a member of the Murray Harbour council. She has also volunteered on the board of the Kings Country Memorial Hospital and has been a female representative at Hockey PEI.
Roland Penny	Roland Penny is a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, mentor, community volunteer, church leader, innovator, builder, and protector. Roland has supported many neighbours over the years with his construction expertise, and his opinion and advice are still sought by many. As a high school bus driver for 43 years, Roland provided transportation for many various teams to participate across our Island. His grandsons were hockey players and Roland always had an interest in how they did. Roland's great-granddaughter was picked to play for PEI in women's hockey a few years ago, and he always wanted to know how the team was doing.
Thomas Doucette	Thomas Doucette enjoys all types of sports, but he is especially passionate about hockey. Thomas is a fantastic team player who strives to get everyone involved. He motivates his teammates and ensures all players get a fair chance to demonstrate their skills. Thomas' love of hockey began at the age of 9 when he joined the Northumberland Bruins team. Through hard work and perseverance, he has become an outstanding goalie and currently "tends the net" for the Montague Norseman AA team who won the provincial championship in 2020. When not playing hockey, Thomas can frequently be found volunteering at the Murray Harbour Beach Point wharf and lending a helping hand to those who need it. Thomas often catches fish and digs clams and can be found sharing his bounty with members of the community (especially those who are no longer able to fish for themselves), free of charge. He is a dedicated and committed student at Montague Regional High School and a resident of Beach Point, PEI.
Abbey Gordon	Abbey Gordon has been involved in sports her entire life after starting

	<p>to play hockey at age three. Abbey has been involved in many other sports including basketball, field hockey, cross country, track and field, badminton, dance, and flag football. She spent many winters playing as a forward for Central Storm AAA Hockey, and a member of Hockey PEI's High-Performance teams. She was the recipient of Hockey PEI's Most Sportsmanlike Player in her final year in minor hockey. Abbey demonstrates that a person can play hard while also exemplifying fair play and sportsmanlike behaviour toward opponents, officials, and fans.</p>
Micah Pollard	<p>Micah Pollard is a 16-year-old goaltender from Murray Harbour who enjoys competing in many sports. Micah started playing elite hockey when he was seven years old until he suffered an injury and missed two seasons of hockey. After much hard work through physical therapy, he returned to the net in 2021 with the Kings County Kings on the U18 AAA Hockey team. Although he is still at risk for injury, Micah continues to compete in many sports and enjoys volunteering on the ice using his knowledge of goaltending to help young goalies.</p>
Royelle MacKay	<p>Royelle MacKay is a quintessential volunteer, who has made a significant impact in her community of Murray Harbour. Royelle has volunteered for a wide variety of community organizations, including hockey, baseball, and soccer teams. Royelle was a partner in the fishery for almost 30 years with her husband John, who was a Canada Games alumni and provincial dory champion. Since John's sudden death, Royelle has operated the family fleet as a full-time fisher. She is a proud mother of two daughters who have played with the Holland College Hurricanes Women's Hockey team. Rather than seeing obstacles in her path to achieving her goals, Royelle only sees opportunities. She believes it is imperative to give back to the community to ensure that the community thrives and grows.</p>
Alyssa Chapman	<p>Alyssa Chapman is a very competitive multi-sport Special Olympics athlete and has participated in figure skating, swimming, soccer, rhythmic gymnastics, basketball and community sport. Alyssa competed on the national stage for ten straight years from 2006 to 2016, which led her to travel to all ten provinces and one territory. She brought home gold from both summer and winter sports in Special Olympics competitions and was named the Special Olympics Canada's Female Athlete in 2011 and again in 2022. At the same time as excelling in multiple sports, Alyssa also operates her own business and volunteers with organizations in her home community of Murray Harbour.</p>
Charlene Belsher	<p>Charlene Belsher is recognized across PEI as a performer and as the former owner of The Old General Store in Murray River, a renowned handcraft boutique. Charlene had a father in the air force and lived in four provinces before settling in PEI in 1978. She has travelled in every</p>

	<p>province of Canada. She is proud of her Quebecois and Acadian heritage dating back to the 1600s. Currently, Charlene is Chair of Small Halls, Inc. and a board member of Hospice of Southern Kings. She has volunteered with the Confederation Centre of the Arts, the Tourism Industry Association of PEI (TIAPEI), and Island East. Charlene and her husband Gordon enjoy time with their two adult daughters and their partners.</p>
<p>Megan MacLeod</p>	<p>Megan MacLeod takes great pride in her community of Murray Harbour, and her role as the first woman appointed as president of the Beach Point Harbour Authority. Megan loves being part of a fishing family and enjoys building that legacy with her husband and soon-to-be four children under the age of four. She and her husband were fortunate enough to open their seafood and smokehouse business in 2019. They try to give back to the community in any way they can, including by giving discounts in exchange for local food bank donations and donating to charity organizations and local school fundraisers. Megan has been a competitive athlete most of her life. She played provincial rugby, coached, and most recently participated in the PEI marathon while unknowingly pregnant with her second baby. Megan deeply values team spirit and inclusivity.</p>
<p>David White</p>	<p>David White resides in Abney, PE with his wife Rebeccah and two sons Mason and Brycen. David began to work on his lifesaving skills when he was in high school. He spent his summers lifeguarding at the provincial beaches and signed up as a volunteer firefighter as soon as he turned of age. This led to David attending the Holland College Firefighting program, then the Primary and Advanced Paramedic Programs. Today, David works full time as an Advanced Care Paramedic with Island EMS and also owns a Mobile Axe Throwing business - Axes Eh?. His patience, compassion and understanding during difficult situations puts his patients and their families at ease and helps to ensure the best outcome for their circumstances.</p>
<p>Vernita (Faye) Fraser</p>	<p>Faye Fraser is a lifelong resident of Murray Harbour, where she has served her community as a former Mayor and City Counsellor for 30 years. Faye volunteered in a wide variety of capacities in her four children’s sports, music, and other activities. Faye was the former Post Master of Murray Harbour and Murray River Post Offices after a fulfilling career in the field of nursing. Faye has contributed to her community through her time on City Council and as a private citizen and is an integral part of the area. Faye's greatest accomplishment is being a mother of four, grandmother of nine, and great-grandmother of six.</p>



THREE RIVERS

Jan 27, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
Robyn MacDonald	Robyn MacDonald is a Team PEI alum as both an athlete and a coach. In 1991, Robyn was a member of Team PEI Women's Hockey Team and later returned as an Assistant Coach for the Women's Hockey Program in 2003 and 2007 and as Head Coach in 2011. Early in her career, Robyn was a Physical Education Teacher and enjoyed coaching many sports on the court, field, pool deck, ice, or whatever venue was in season! Currently, Robyn is the Principal at Montague Regional High School and fills her free time coaching the cross country and triathlon teams. She also continues to be an active athlete, participating in curling, running, and triathlon.
Jane King	Jane King is a long time resident of Three Rivers, and has been involved in local community councils for over thirty years as a councillor and chairperson. Jane has served as a volunteer for many organizations, including coaching synchronized swimming and volunteering for the 1991 Canada Winter Games.
Barb Mazerolle	Barb Mazerolle is a lifelong resident of Georgetown who is passionate about building her community and making life better for its residents. Barb shows her strong dedication to her community through her many volunteer and leadership roles for numerous non-profit organizations. She is Chairman of the Kings' Playhouse, Secretary and former Chair of the Georgetown and Area Development Corporation, member of the Georgetown Port Authority, member of the Georgetown Summer Day Committee, and member of the Georgetown Holiday Committee. Barb is passionate, visionary and deeply committed to building a strong, resilient community.
Ellen MacNearney	Ellen MacNearney has been a Special Olympic athlete since 2008. Ellen is a swimmer, cross-country skier, and resident of Montague, PE. She has been to five national games where she won many medals, and enjoyed swimming at multiple Canada Games. Ellen won many awards in the Special Olympics, including two female national athlete of the year awards for all of PEI. During the Covid-19 pandemic, she took the province's Health Messenger leadership course. Ellen loves meeting new friends through sport and reconnecting with old friends from previous competitions.
Wayne Spin	Wayne Spin is always willing to help anyone in a time of need. An avid fundraiser, Wayne is keen to support any organization looking for help.

	<p>He has been told that he is nothing but a machine when it comes to selling tickets in quantity and quality. Wayne was the Heart and Stroke Foundation’s ambassador for PEI during a record-setting year for fundraising. He spent many of his years on the baseball field coaching kids, and ran the Kings County Pizza Delight for fifteen years. Wayne was told by a few people over the years that if you looked in the dictionary under the word volunteer, you would find his name. Wayne isn't sure what's in store next; but he knows if anyone needs a little help, he'll be there helping.</p>
Kathleen Ryan	<p>Kathleen Ryan has fully integrated all kinds of sports through the different stages of her life. Sports have allowed Kathleen to meet new people, and form deeper connections within her community. She loves to volunteer and give back to the people who did so much for her, particularly with the women's high school basketball team and the Skills and Drills instructional ice hockey program.</p>
Benji Stevens	<p>Benji Stevens has volunteered with numerous sports over the past 40 years, including baseball, football, and hockey. Benji worked as rink manager at Iceland Arena, Cavendish Farms Wellness Centre, and is presently employed at the Three Rivers Sportsplex in Georgetown. He also served on the parish council at St. Mary’s Church in Montague for many years. Along with his wife, Marie, Benji volunteers monthly with Meals on Wheels in the Montague area.</p>
Charley MacIntyre	<p>Charley MacIntyre was honoured to represent her province in softball and hockey at the Canada Games, as well as, at national and eastern competitions. Athletics have been a very important part of Charley’s life from childhood all the way through adulthood. Charley currently runs in races, and does early morning workouts at home. She hopes to pass on her love for sport and exercise onto her two children, and that one day she’ll be able to watch them excel and succeed in something they love as well.</p>
Grace Blackette	<p>Grace Blackette is a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Grace is very involved with several organizations and is the leader of the very active Three Rivers 50+ Seniors Group in central Kings County. Both Grace and her group have received the Covid Warrior Award. Grace has also received the Senior Islander of the Year Award as a community leader. She has coached women's hockey, coordinated many tip-to-tip cycling events on the Confederation Trail, and led many hiking and winter snowshoeing treks.</p>
Gail Greene	<p>Gail Greene recently retired after 35 years as an educational assistant at Montague Regional High School. Gail was excellent with her students; you could always find her smiling and laughing with them. She is an avid</p>

	<p>curler and represented PEI at the national level. She has coached ringette and soccer and assisted at Junior Curling and Special Olympics. Gail has run a full marathon and numerous half marathons and competed in super sprint triathlons. She was fortunate to be a torchbearer for the PEI 2009 Canada Games. Gail has served on several boards of directors in the community.</p>
Marie Stevens	<p>Marie Stevens has been a volunteer in her community for many years. Marie was the first president of Ringette PEI, and also coached and officiated the sport at various levels. She was athletic director at Montague Intermediate School and was also involved in various sports as a coach and scorekeeper. Marie was involved with the Montague Special Olympics Softball Program and has previously coached women's and men's hockey at various competitive levels. Marie is also faithfully involved in her local church in various capacities.</p>
Ava VanDyke	<p>Ava VanDyke has been a high achiever in academics and athletics for many years. Ava plays all sports, including soccer, cross country, hockey, and track and field. Her hard work and leadership have led to her being voted captain of her soccer and hockey teams. This past year, Ava was a member of a provincial champion soccer team. She participates in the provincial soccer program and is constantly looking to develop her skills.</p>

STRATFORD

Feb 3, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
Kara Grant	<p>Kara Grant is a two-time Olympian and Pan American Games Bronze medalist in the sport of modern pentathlon. Kara spent many years as a coach and volunteer administrator for Triathlon PEI and continues to volunteer with Horse Trials PEI. She has a deep love for sport, recreation, and the outdoors. Kara remains active by running, cycling, and hiking with her family and friends.</p>
Adele Marchbank Gillis	<p>Adele Marchbank Gillis was born in Summerside, PE. Adele is a former Canadian track and field champion, specializing in discus and shot put. She has served on the executive of the PEI Track and Field Association, and has coached PEI's track and field team. She was inducted into the PEI Sports Hall of Fame and the Sport Page Wall of Fame in</p>

	<p>Charlottetown. This recognition is well deserved not only due to Adele's records, but also her role in breaking gender barriers on PEI by achieving national champion status in what had previously been a male-dominated sport.</p>
<p>Jordan Koughan</p>	<p>Jordan Koughan is a 28-year-old who has been active in Special Olympic sports since a young age. Born with Down's Syndrome, Jordan never let his intellectual disability get in the way of what he wanted to achieve. As the oldest of five, Jordan showed his younger siblings that the best way to overcome obstacles is to keep a positive attitude and give your best at everything you do. He exemplifies this everyday through family, friends, work, and sport. Jordan competes in numerous winter and summer sports. He has been PEI's athlete of the year, and was nominated for Canadian Male Athlete of the Year in 2022. All his hard work paid off when he made Team Canada as a speed skater for the 2022 Special Olympics World Games in Russia. Jordan trained hard for two years with Team Canada before the decision was made to cancel the Games. Jordan didn't miss a beat, and he continues to take his great attitude and love of life and sports to make friends, stay healthy, and be the best person he can be.</p>
<p>Shirley Berry</p>	<p>Shirley Berry is a curling athlete and volunteer. Sports have always been an important part of Shirley's life, and has played multiple sports from an early age. She won seven Provincial Seniors and five Provincial Master Curling events and participated in national curling events. Shirley has supported the sports community by assisting Little Rock's curlers at the Charlottetown Curling Club, running the Club Championship at Cornwall Curling Club, and representing the Cornwall Curling Club at the PEI Curling Association. Shirley has also volunteered at the National Stick curling event, the Scott Tournament of Hearts and the Tankard. She enjoys playing golf with her husband and has won the Female Senior Club Championship title at the Country View Golf Course. Shirley was recently selected to represent Canada at the 2024 Canadian Scottish Curling Tour in Scotland. Her greatest achievement was running a full marathon in Dublin, Ireland with her daughter.</p>
<p>Marion Dowling</p>	<p>Marion Dowling has been an active participant in sport on PEI as an athlete, coach, and parent volunteer. Marion was a ringette athlete when it was first introduced to the Canada Games when PEI hosted in 1991. She went on to be a member of the Canadian Ringette Team from 1999-2002 and also represented PEI as a member of the Senior Women's Hockey team for many years at regional and national championships. Marion coached Team PEI's ringette squad at the 2003 and 2007 Canada Winter Games and was the assistant coach for the Canadian National team from 2005-2007. She continues to volunteer her time to sport in her local community association and at the</p>

	provincial level.
Sandra Jamieson	Sandra Jamieson has been involved in sports for many years. Her four sons are also involved in sports, which keeps her busy. She has been a volunteer with Hockey PEI since 2006 and has held many other volunteer positions. She is currently the U15 director of the Hockey PEI Minor Council, coordinator of the Major U15 AAA League, and a volunteer for the 2023 PEI Canada Games as a hockey results representative. Sandra was recently recognized by Hockey Canada as a Community Champion due to her many contributions to minor hockey. Sandra has worked in the public service for almost 30 years as a Geographic Information System (GIS) Technician, providing an essential service to the sustainable management of Forestry, Fish and Wildlife, and Agriculture on PEI. Sandra always puts her best foot forward and brings her dedication, passion, and willingness to her work and volunteer roles. She believes that together, everyone achieves more.
Kris McKinnon	Kris McKinnon has a strong passion for coaching and sharing his love of sports. Kris coached youth soccer for 20 years and was a board member of the Stratford Soccer Club and the PEI Soccer Association. As head coach of the Holland College women's soccer team for nine years, Kris led the Hurricanes to three conference titles and was named the ACAA Coach of the year. Kris is a Sport PEI VIP Coach in soccer and cycling, and coaches the Cycling PEI Junior Rigid Riders Mountain Bike Club. Kris was also an assistant coach of his daughter's U15 hockey team in 2021/2022. He is proud to contribute to the McKinnon family history with the Canada Games, as he, his brother, father, and son have all participated in the Games.
Sandra MacDonald	Sandra MacDonald demonstrates the Canada Games spirit while serving as a Judo athlete, coach, instructor, referee, and fundraiser. Sandra is also an executive board member for Judo PEI and the longest sitting Referee Chairperson for the sport of Judo on PEI. She was the first female President of Judo PEI. Sandra opens her Dojo doors to many PEI associations, including Immigrant and Refugee Services Association PEI, Parasport PEI, Kidsport PEI, and École François-Buote. Sandra is proud to be a Judoka, proud of her family, and proud to be from PEI, Canada.
Ted Lawlor	Ted Lawlor has spent most of his life in sports and recreation as an athlete, coach, official, volunteer, and administrator. Since his first Canada Games experience in 1971, Ted has had the fortune of being part of numerous Canada Games as chef de mission, mission staff, and a host volunteer with his father-in-law in 2009. The opportunity to work alongside many dedicated PEI mission staff, team officials, athletes, games volunteers and government staff has been a great honour for

	Ted.
Bruce Fitchett	Bruce Fitchett retired from Ontario's Ministry of Correctional Services and Justice in 2012 after 32 years of service. Bruce moved to PEI with his family to care for his mother-in-law. He became an active member of the Mayflower Seniors' Club, and now represents the club on the PEI Senior Citizens' Federation board of directors. In 2014, the sport of pickleball was introduced to PEI. Bruce is very active with his local pickleball club in Stratford, and enjoys both playing the game and sharing his knowledge with those who are interested in learning. Recently, the PEI Pickleball Association was formed, and Bruce was elected as a board director. Bruce also attends Trinity Clifton United Church and sits on the church council as the Clifton representative. Bruce enjoys biking, walking, and working out.

CHARLOTTETOWN

Feb 10, 2022

TORCHBEARER	BIOGRAPHY
Najam Chishti	Najam Chishti has promoted the sport of table tennis on the Island for 40 years. Najam has served as a president, coach, administrator, and international umpire. This will be his 10th Canada Games. Najam has been locally, provincially, and nationally recognized for his dedication and commitment to the sport of table tennis. His philosophy is to give back to the community through volunteerism.
Diana Cox	Diana Cox is a softball player and coach. Diana had two Canada Games experiences in 1973 and 1977. Softball gave her the opportunity to do her best in her sport while representing the Island as a team player. She is grateful that softball gave her the privilege of forming friendships, experiencing tremendous hospitality, and traveling to parts of Canada she would never have otherwise seen. Diana has also been involved in coordinating various sporting events on PEI, including being on the host committee of the Senior Mens' Softball Championships in West Royalty in 1992. Diana shared her sports knowledge with younger players through coaching minor girls' softball and youth bowling for six years. Diana's coaching joys included watching kids progress each year, and teaching the values of learning from mistakes and turning them into positives.
Roberta (Robbie) Larter	Robbie Larter is an Islander who has always been active in her community. In her early years, Robbie played softball, hockey and

	<p>ringette. More recently, she coached hockey, worked with youth and volunteered with numerous committees. Robbie speaks fondly of the many volunteer committees and events she has been part of with the City of Charlottetown. Her favourites include Hockey Day in Canada, a number of national and international events with both Hockey Canada and Golf Canada, and of course, the Canada Games. Whether it is organizing a sporting event, a music festival, a fundraiser, or helping out friends and neighbours, Robbie loves being part of the team.</p>
Nick Robertson	<p>Nick Robertson is a full-time student-athlete hailing from Charlottetown, PE. Nick competed in triathlon at the Winnipeg 2017 Canada Games, and athletics at the Niagara 2022 Canada Games. He is also a varsity athlete at Dalhousie University. Nick spent his summers and free time volunteering in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and various healthcare clinics, where he fuelled his dreams of becoming a physiotherapist. He is now in the 2024 Dalhousie class of physiotherapy.</p>
Willow Reddin	<p>Willow Reddin is a student-athlete from Charlottetown, PEI. At school, Willow has been involved in many leadership and volunteer activities, as well as band and drama. As an athlete, she brings enthusiasm, coachability, and team spirit to her two main passions: equestrianism and ringette. These two exciting sports have afforded Willow fantastic opportunities to represent her stable, hometown, and province at a competitive level. She hopes to compete for Team PEI at Canada Games in the future.</p>
Cameron Gordon	<p>Cameron Gordon is an inspirational twenty-two-year-old man, who has accomplished a great deal as an athlete, dancer, model and aspiring actor. As a Special Olympics powerlifter, Cameron won gold at the 2022 Canadian Powerlifting Championships. He is also a gold medal winning snowshoe racer and track and field athlete. Cameron is a leader who loves to raise funds and awareness for the Special Olympics and other organizations. In 2021, Cameron raised \$10,000 for Hospice PEI and won their Dancing With the Stars competition! Cameron lives his life to the fullest and his dream is to inspire others to do the same.</p>
Lexis Francis	<p>Lexis Francis is a thirteen-year-old proud Mi'kmaq from PEI. For the past two summers, Lexis has performed at locations all over the Island with the Mi'kmaq Heritage Actors, which is Atlantic Canada's only Indigenous theatre company. She emits light when she's dancing on stage, especially when it comes to sharing her family culture and history. Lexis shows kindness to everyone, and is the first to volunteer to help on any project. She has also shown great determination and perseverance anytime she has been faced with a challenge. Lexis represents everything Canada is; kind, loving, joyful, inclusive, determined, and forever honouring and respecting the hurts of the past while being the</p>

	change for the future.
Kristen Cameron	Kristen Cameron is an athlete from Charlottetown PEI. Kristen participated in the 2003 Bathurst Winter Games for ice hockey and then furthered her hockey career in the United States. She decided she wanted to coach hockey professionally, but was shortly after struck by a drunk driver while cycling. She was left quadriplegic and had to undergo surgery. Kristen’s resilience is astounding. She directed her love for sports in another direction and pursued a wheelchair rugby career, representing Canada on the international stage. Kristen now lives in her home province and is getting back into coaching hockey.
Adam Brazier	Adam Brazier is a celebrated theatre creator. Adam has worked on Broadway, London’s West End, and throughout North America. His dedication to new musicals and celebrating Canadian culture has been demonstrated throughout his eight years as Artistic Director of the Performing Arts at the Confederation Centre of the Arts. Adam lives in Charlottetown with his wife, actress Melissa Kramer, and their two children, Grayson and Charlie.
Tamara Steele	Tamara Steele is the Executive Director of the Black Cultural Society of PEI (BCSPEI). Born and raised in Nova Scotia, Tamara moved to PEI in 1999 and has spent over two decades watching the population of the Island grow. In that time, she has developed a passion for building up and advocating for PEI’s Black community. She does this through the various activities and projects offered by BCSPEI in direct support of PEI’s Black communities. She expands on this work through her participation on many local boards as well as regional and national committees.