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PNE AWARDS SEPTEMBER'S MIRACLE MILE ATHLETE BURSARY TO KAMPLOOPS GYMNAST

VANCOUVER, B.C. – The Pacific National Exhibition has named Kamloops gymnast, Emily Schultz, the winner of the Pacific National Exhibition's Miracle Mile Athlete Bursary for the month of September.

Emily has made gymnastics her life over the past 13 years and continues to pursue excellence in the sport with countless hours of training each week. After a rocky start in the competitive arena, Emily has shown her ability to persevere through the tough times and come out shining. In 2005 Emily received an all-round bronze medal for the B.C. Championships and qualified for the Western Championships, finishing ninth overall and sixth in the balance beam competition.

"Emily's devotion to the sport is a rarity," says Yikiko Takshashi, head coach for the KATTS gymnastics club competitive program. *"She trains with great keenness and enthusiasm and truly is an inspiration to all other young athletes."*

Between training and school it is amazing that Emily finds the time to volunteer her time to community causes – but she does. Her charitable work includes helping out at community track and gymnastic meets, assisting neighbours with lawn work and taking part in her local youth group activities.

"The Pacific National Exhibition is happy to offer assistance to athletes like Emily," says Michael McDaniel, President and CEO of the Pacific National Exhibition. *"She has demonstrated both a dedication to gymnastics and a commitment to her community. The Miracle Mile bursary was created to recognize and reward qualities like these."*

For more information on the PNE's Miracle Mile Bursary visit www.pne.ca or call 604-251-7708.

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Owned by the City of Vancouver, the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) is a healthy and vibrant non-profit charity organization dedicated to providing over three million visitors a year with first-class cultural, sporting and family entertainment events. Founded in 1910, the PNE operates from a 114-acre site at Hastings Park, a multi-facility venue in Vancouver where the organization operates four activity streams: an annual 17-day Fair, Playland Amusement Park, maintenance and care of the Hastings Park site and management of the site's year-round facilities. These facilities are utilized to celebrate a variety of hockey, amateur sporting, music, community, social, cultural and commercial events throughout the year.

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