



## Pacific National Exhibition

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### **PNE AWARDS AUGUST'S MIRACLE MILE ATHLETE BURSARY TO VICTORIA WRESTLER STACIE ANAKA**

**VANCOUVER, BC** – The Pacific National Exhibition is proud to award August's Miracle Mile Athlete Bursary for the month of August to Stacie Anaka.

Determination, confidence, spirit and compassion are just a few qualities that this young woman possesses and undoubtedly brings with her onto the mat each and every time she competes. Moving to the Lower Mainland from Victoria was a strategic move that has allowed Stacie to excel in her wrestling career while attending Simon Fraser University.

Not only a leader in sport, Stacie also serves as a mentor and inspiration to other First Nations young people and has had the honour of being featured in the Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Association's campaign encouraging participation in sport. In addition to acting as a mentor to young athletes in her community, Stacie joins fellow teammates from the SFU Varsity wrestling team to teach and coach elementary school students about the sport and the benefit of physical activity.

*"Stacie is an outstanding representative of the concept of a student athlete,"* explains Mike R. Jones, SFU and National Wrestling Centre Head Coach. *"She is an outstanding role model for young men and women in regards to following one's dreams and working hard to achieve at the highest possible level. She leads by example and has an outgoing and pleasant personality, which make her a pleasure to work with."*

Stacie's commitment to excellence can be seen through her unbelievable achievements in the wrestling community. Winning five National Championships in her respective age category as well as taking the top honour at the Junior Nationals for two years running, there is no doubt that Stacie has the commitment, drive and talent to continue to stay on top of the Canadian wrestling scene.

Stacie is focused not only on her short-term goals but also looks to the future with great enthusiasm. *"I am going to continue to work hard throughout the school year to improve all aspects of my training and competition,"* she says. *"I hope to win senior nationals, secure a spot on the senior national team and eventually qualify and win at the Olympics."*

*"The Pacific National Exhibition is proud to award Stacie with August's Miracle Mile Bursary,"* says Michael McDaniel, President and CEO of the Pacific National Exhibition. *"She has demonstrated true passion and dedication to athleticism, while also contributing to community organizations both inside and outside the sport. She is an excellent role model who inspires athletes throughout the Lower Mainland."*

For more information on the PNE's Miracle Mile Bursary visit [www.pne.ca](http://www.pne.ca) or call 604-251-7708.

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