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Suncor increases funding for 2014 'Fuelling Athletes and Coaching Excellence' program

\$500,000 program benefits 50 athlete and coach pairings

Calgary, Alberta (Sept. 9, 2014) – Petro-Canada, a Suncor Energy business, today announced the 2014 Fuelling Athletes and Coaching Excellence (FACE) recipients along with a major increase in funding for the program. The 2014 FACE recipients from across Canada represent both summer and winter sports, and athletes competing in individual or team events.

This year, Suncor, the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC), and the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) increased the funding amount for each athlete and coach pairing from \$8,000 to \$10,000. In total, this increases Suncor's annual financial commitment to the program from \$400,000 to \$500,000.

"The FACE program is the cornerstone of our Olympic and Paralympic legacy and we are excited to increase the funding for both coaches and athletes, fuelling their dreams to compete on the international stage," said Louis Côté, director, loyalty and strategic partnerships, Suncor. "The drive and discipline of the athletes and coaches chosen is astounding. Congratulations on becoming this year's FACE recipients."

The COC, CPC, and their National Sport partners work together each year to run the FACE program, which provides developing, pre-carded Canadian athlete and coach pairings with funding to help fuel their dreams. Coaches are selected along with the athletes they directly coach, which highlights Petro-Canada's long-term support and recognition of the value of coaches to the development and performance of athletes. These coaches incur their own costs on the road to developing the Canadian Olympic and Paralympic stars of tomorrow.

"It's wonderful to see renewed and strengthened support from Petro-Canada, who has supported Canadian athletes for more than 25 years," said Marcel Aubut, COC president. "We look forward to cheering on the athletes as they continue to gear up for success on the world stage."

"On behalf of our athletes and coaches, we would like to thank Petro-Canada for helping build a strong passport system in Canada and investing in tomorrow's champions," added Gaétan Tardif, president, CPC. "These grants will provide vital funding for athletes looking to compete against world-class competition."

Beginning with the Petro-Canada Torch Scholarship Fund in 1988 and continuing through its re-launch as the FACE Program in 2007, the program has provided more than 2,600 Canadian athletes and coaches with almost \$9 million in direct financial support. These resources help athletes achieve national carded status and coaches improve their skills.

This year's group of recipients includes five previous recipients (Donna Vakalis, Jazmyne Denhollander, Julia Ransom, Virginie Chénier, Zachary Burt), along with Dylan French, the Canadian flagbearer at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China.

The 2014 FACE program recipients are:

Athlete	Sport	Home Town	Coach
Alex Cairns	Para-Alpine Skiing	Richmond, BC	Nick Brush
Alex Tougas	BMX	Pitt Meadows, BC	Ken Cools
Alexander Elliot	Para-Swimming	Kitchener, ON	
Alexandre Corriveau	Diving	Quebec City, QC	Stephane Lapointe
Audrey Vaillancourt	Biathlon	Quebec City, QC	Martin Tremblay
Britt Mayer	Wheelchair Rugby	Prince Albert, SK	Kevin Kirkup
Carle Brenneman	Snowboardcross	Richmond, BC	Marcel Mathieu
Catrine Lavallée	Aerials	Montreal, QC	Caroline Franc
Catherine Dubois	Ice Hockey	Charlesbourg, QC	Pascal Dufresne
Daniel Dubreuil	Long Track Speed Skating	Lévis, QC	Gregor Jelonek
Donna Vakalis	Modern Pentathlon	Toronto, ON	John Hawes
Dusan Boskovic	Water Polo	Ottawa, ON	Michel Roy
Dylan French	Fencing	Richmond, BC	Victor Gantsevich
Erin Rafuse	Sailing	Toronto, ON	Mark Asquith
Evan Neufeldt	Skeleton	Saskatoon, SK	
Faith Zacharias	Diving	London, ON	Lioudmila Zakharenko
Filip Ilijevski	Table Tennis	Toronto, ON	Max Surprenant
Gamal Assaad	Swimming	London, ON	Paul Midgley
Halle Pratt	Synchronized Swimming	Edmonton, AB	Jennifer Tregale
Jack Kosterman	Wheelchair Basketball	New Westminister, BC	Marni Abbott-Peter
Jazmyne Denhollander	Slalom Canoe	Chilliwack, BC	Michal Staniszewski
Jenny Zhao	Fencing	Etobicoke, ON	Paul ApSimon
Jérémie Briand	Triathlon	Montreal, QC	Luc Morin
Jessica Furlan	Athletics	Winnipeg, MB	Wynn Gmitroski
Julia Ransom	Biathlon	Penticton, BC	Richard Boruta
Kayla Mack	Rugby	Saskatoon, SK	Francois Ratier
Keven Saint Jean	Taekwondo	Montreal, QC	Alexandre Villeneuve
Kevin Macdonald	Ski Cross	Mississauga, ON	Stanley Hayer
Kyle Reyes	Judo	Brampton, ON	Hiroshi Nakamura
Laura Bietola	Mountain Biking	Greenwood, ON	Dan Proulx
Liam Hickey	Wheelchair Basketball	St. John's, NL	Todd Hickey
Lucas Rumball	Rugby	Scarborough, ON	Chris Silverthorn
Marissa Papaconstantinou	Para-Athletics	Markham, ON	Bill Stephens
Martin Duif	Wheelchair Rugby	Dorchester, ON	Garett Hickling
Mathea Stevens	Modern Pentathlon	Rockland, ON	John Hawes
Megan Lane	Equestrian	Collingwood, ON	Volker Moritz
Mirela Rahneva	Skeleton	Ottawa, ON	
Olivia Bouffard-Nesbitt	Cross Country Skiing	Morin-Heights, QC	John Jaques
Rachel Honderich	Badminton	Toronto, ON	Jennifer Lee

Rachel Klassen	Luge	Saskatoon, SK	Guntis Rekis
Roman Sadovsky	Figure Skating	Toronto, ON	Tracey Wainman
Rowan (RJ) Barrett Jr.	Basketball	Mississauga, ON	Mark Wharton
Ryan Van Praet	Paratriathlon	London, ON	Carolyn Murray
Sebastien Beaulieu	Alpine Snowboard	Quebec City, QC	Patrik Haudet
Sebastien St-Germain	Trampoline	Montreal, QC	Karina Kosko
Sebastien Gagnon	Short Track Speed Skating	Laval, QC	Laurent Daignault
Tony Gil	Golf	Vaughan, ON	Robert Ratcliffe
Val Sweeting	Curling	Redvers, SK	Renee Sonnenberg
Virginie Chénier	Archery	Montreal, QC	Sylvain Cadieux
Zachary Burt	Judo	Ajax, ON	Dave Burt

For more information on the FACE program, visit facebook.com/dreambig.

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Canadian Olympic Committee

The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) leads the achievement of the Canadian Olympic Team's podium success and advances Olympic values in Canada. Independent and predominantly privately funded, the COC delivers resources that Canada's elite athletes need to perform at their best and give their everything every day. The backbone of Canada's Olympic movement, the COC works with National Sport Federations to prepare the Team for the Olympic, Youth Olympic and Pan American Games. By sharing our athletes' stories, we inspire all Canadians through the power of sport: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Canadian Paralympic Committee

The Canadian Paralympic Committee is a non-profit, private organization with 25 member sports organizations dedicated to strengthening the Paralympic Movement. The Canadian Paralympic Committee's vision is to be the world's leading Paralympic nation. Its mission is to lead the development of a sustainable Paralympic sport system in Canada to enable athletes to reach the podium at the Paralympic Games. By supporting Canadian high performance athletes with a disability and promoting their success, the Canadian Paralympic Committee inspires all Canadians with a disability to get involved in sport through programs delivered by its member organizations. For more information, visit paralympic.ca

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