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9 Outstanding Ontario Coaches Receive Recognition

Coaching Association of Canada hands out Petro-Canada Coaching Excellence Awards to deserving coaches

Toronto: The Coaches Association of Ontario would like to congratulate 9 outstanding Ontario Coaches who were recently selected to receive a Petro-Canada Coaching Excellence Award for 2009. These prestigious awards recognize Coaches whose athletes excelled at various world championships and at the Special Olympics World Winter Games.

"The Petro-Canada Coaching Excellence Awards are this country's most important forum for Coach recognition," says John Bales, Chief Executive Officer, Coaching Association of Canada. "Without these awards, the accomplishments of most of our great coaches could well go unnoticed."

"Ontario should be proud of our dedicated coaches and their positive impact on the sport community" says Barrie Shepley, CAO board member and former Olympic coach "I know first hand that their immense commitment helped create not just world-class athletes but also great citizens of our nation."

The 9 deserving Ontario Coaches are:

Shelley Barnett of Burlington, Ont., Coach of Canada's world champion synchro skating team.

Marty Calder of St. Catharines, Ont., Coach of freestyle wrestler Tonya Verbeek, bronze medallist in 55-kilograms.

Derrick Campbell of Cambridge, Ont., Coach of short track speed skater Charles Hamelin, the 500-metres world champion, and of the 500-metres bronze medallist, Olivier Jean.

Dennis Capicik of Richmond Hill, Ont., Coach of aerials bronze medallist Warren Shouldice.

Jonathon Cavar of Ottawa, coach of short track speed skater Jessica Gregg, the 500-metres bronze medallist.

Janet Collins of Wasaga Beach, Ont., Coach of singles figure skater Christine Koutras, gold medallist at the Special Olympics World Winter Games, and of bronze medallist Vicky Dupont.

Anthony McCleary of Pickering, Ont., Coach of Priscilla Lopes-Schliep, silver medallist in 100-metres hurdles.

Scott Oldershaw of Burlington, Ont., Coach of kayak bronze medallists Adam Van Koeverden in K-1 1000-metres and Team Canada, consisting of Kia Byers, Émilie Fournel, Genevieve Orton, and Karen Furneaux, in the 200-metres relay.

Charlie Stewart of Windsor, Ont., Coach of Mary Spencer, world boxing champion in the 66-kilogram class.

“When our Canadian athletes reach the podium, it is not without the support and dedication of a Coach.” says Steven Keith, Director of Olympic Activation, Petro-Canada. “We are proud to continue Petro-Canada’s tradition of honouring Canada’s Coaches for their dedication to sport.”

The awards will be presented during Petro-Canada Sport Leadership sportif 2009, scheduled to take place in Vancouver, November 12-15, 2009. The Sport Leadership Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday, November 13, 2009, at 6:30 pm at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Grand Ballroom. To view profiles of all 46 honoured coaches, visit www.coach.ca

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