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The Foundation for Athletic Excellence restructures its Collegiate and University Recruitment Programs

Montreal, June 7th, 2018- The Quebec Foundation for Athletic Excellence (FAEQ) announced this month, the restructuring of its collegiate and university recruitment program.

Seeking to create a more enticing offer as well as provide longitudinal services and support to university student-athletes, the Foundation announced it will award annually thirty individual \$10,000 bursaries, which will be distributed over a five year period. In addition, the FAEQ also announced the expansion of its collegiate recruitment program to include a third year of potential support for student-athletes competing in an RSEQ division 1 sport.

The university recruitment program, established in 1985, offers financial support to student-athletes wishing to pursue their academic and athletic careers in a Quebec institution. With this new structure, the Foundation is hoping to help college and university programs create an offer that is competitive with what exists outside of the province.

“The university program has no doubt had a positive effect on the development of university sport in Quebec. In 2018 however, the recruiting landscape is very different than 30 years ago. We’re losing our student-athletes earlier and earlier in their careers. The Foundation wants to do its part to promote academics and athletics here in Quebec” said Patricia Demers, Executive-Director of the FAEQ. “We believe, with this new structure we’ll be able to have a greater impact on the decision process and we’re excited to follow their academic and athletic progress for up to eight years.”

Combined, the Foundation will distribute \$375, 000 annually to the most deserving Quebec student-athletes at the collegiate and the university levels.

The FAEQ also took opportunity to unveil its incoming classes of recruits at both the collegiate and university levels. In only its second year of existence the collegiate program boasts a strong group of up and coming student-athletes lead notably by hockey player and Team Canada U-18 member Audrey-Anne Veillette. Veillette was a key member of the group that secured a bronze medal at 2018 Under-18 world

championships held in Dmitrov, Russia and hopes to have the same impact when she joins the Limoilou Titans this fall.

Joining Veillette are star basketball players Kenya Côté-Lysius and Donna Ntambue. Having helped Team Quebec win a gold medal at the Canada games in Winnipeg in 2017, Côté-Lysius will join the Cavaliers of Champlain College while Ntambue will wear the colours of the Montmorency College, Nomades this upcoming season.

Headlining the 2018 university recruitment class meanwhile is an outstanding cast of football standouts from across the province. Vincent Forbes-Mombleau who represented Campus-Notre-Dame-de-foy for the past three seasons will join fellow division 1 all-stars, Joanik Masse (running back) and Philippe Robitaille (Offensive line) as they try and crack a strong Rouge et Or lineup. At the University of Montreal, defensive back Bruno Lagacé will join linebacker Michael Brodrique as they try to maintain the tradition of stout defense for the Carabins.

On the hardwood, Alix Lochard joins the UQAM citadins. A two-time collegiate RSEQ division 1 MVP, Lochard helped the Montmorency Nomades earn back-to-back participations at the CCAA national championships in 2017 and 2018, bringing home the championship banner in 2017.

COLLEGE

First name	Name	Sport	College	Previous High School
Alexandra-Anne	Boyer	Hockey (F)	Dawson College	Heritage Regional High School
Andrianna	Calderone	Hockey (F)	John Abbott College	Collège Sainte-Anne de Lachine
Kelly	Cantin	Soccer (F)	Champlain College-Saint-Lambert	École secondaire de Mortagne
Christopher	Cléroux	Football	Cégep Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu	École secondaire du Mont-Bruno
Kenya	Coté-Lysius	Basketball (F)	Champlain College- Saint-Lambert	École secondaire Lucien-Pagé
Mégane	Darchen	Soccer (F)	Cégep Garneau	Collège Français
Élisa-Coumba	Diongue	Volleyball (F)	Cégep Édouard Montpetit	Collège Jean-Eudes
Emma	Doyon	Volleyball (F)	Cégep Édouard Montpetit	Collège Durocher
Gideon	Dwumfour	Basketball (M)	Collège Montmorency	École secondaire St-Laurent
Marc- André	Fournier	Volleyball (M)	Cégep Limoilou	École secondaire de Mortagne
Sidney	Gauthier	Basketball (M)	Collège Montmorency	Collège Laval
Chloé	Gendreau	Hockey (F)	Champlain College-Lennoxville	École secondaire du Triolet
Bruno Alessandro	Iacobo	Soccer (M)	Dawson College	Vincent Massey Collegiate
Étienne	Landry	Football	Cégep Garneau	Séminaire Saint-François
Émilie	Lavoie	Hockey (F)	Cégep Édouard Montpetit	École secondaire de Mortagne
Gabriel	Loiselle	Football	Campus Notre-Dame-de-Foy	Séminaire Saint-François
David	Marsillo	Soccer (M)	Dawson College	Lester B. Pearson High School
Alexandre	Masri-Fliss	Football	Campus Notre-Dame-de-Foy	Séminaire Saint-François

Joshua	Mein	Basketball (M)	Vanier College	École secondaire Des Sources
Donna	Ntambue	Basketball (F)	Collège Montmorency	École secondaire Lucien-Pagé
Jonathan	Portelance	Volleyball (M)	Cégep Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu	École secondaire de Mortagne
Samuel	Richard	Hockey (M)	Cégep Saint-Laurent	Polyvalent Arvida
Charles	St-Aubin	Volleyball (M)	Cégep Limoilou	École secondaire de Mortagne
William	Théberge	Hockey (M)	Cégep Saint-Laurent	École secondaire Masey-Vanier
Zoé	Thibault	Hockey (F)	Champlain College-Lennoxville	École secondaire du Triolet
Audrey-Anne	Veillette	Hockey (F)	Cégep Limoilou	Standstead College
Thomas	Vézina	Hockey (M)	Cégep Saint-Laurent	Collège Bourget

UNIVERSITY

First name	Name	Sport	University	Previous Cégep
Aly	Barghout	Wrestling (M)	Concordia	Vanier College
Catherine	Beauchemin	Track and Field (F)	Laval	Cégep de Sainte-Foy
Rosalie	Bégin-Cyr	Hockey (F)	Concordia	Cégep Limoilou
Samuel	Bélangier	Swimming (M)	Laval	Cégep à distance
Emma	Bergeron	Volleyball (F)	Sherbrooke	Cégep de Sherbrooke
Michael	Brodrique	Football	Montréal	Champlain College-Lennoxville
Louis	Brosseau	Track and Field (M)	Laval	Cégep de Sainte-Foy
Sarah	Cauchon	Badminton	Laval	Cégep de Sainte-Foy
Michael	Chatel	Soccer (M)	UQAM	Collège Laval
Vincent	Forbes-Mombleau	Football	Laval	Campus Notre-Dame-de-Foy
Bruno	Lagacé	Football	Montréal	Collège André-Grasset
Shayann-Mélessandre	Laguerre	Basketball (F)	McGill	Champlain College- Saint-Lambert
Pierre	Lamothe	Soccer (M)	Montréal	Collège Ahuntsic
Mathieu	Lassonde	Volleyball (M)	Montréal	Cégep Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu
Myriam	Leclerc	Basketball (F)	Concordia	Cégep de Sainte-Foy
Stéphanie	Lemelin	Hockey (F)	Concordia	Cégep Limoilou
Alix	Lochard	Basketball (M)	UQAM	Cégep Montmorency
Samuel	Makwanda	Football	Montréal	Collège André-Grasset
Ludovic	Martin	Volleyball (M)	Laval	Cégep Limoilou
Joanik	Masse	Football	Laval	Cégep de Lévis-Lauzon
Nelly	Owusu	Basketball (F)	Concordia	Dawson College
Nicolas	Poulin	Hockey (M)	McGill	Université de Sherbrooke
Aube	Racine	Hockey (F)	Montréal	John Abbott College
Philippe	Robitaille	Football	Laval	Cégep de Lévis-Lauzon
Ariane	Routhier	Soccer (F)	Laval	Cégep Garneau
Antoine	Samuel	Hockey (M)	McGill	Université Laval
Marianne	St-Aubin	Volleyball (F)	Laval	Cégep Édouard Montpetit
Tricia	Villedrouin	Basketball (F)	McGill	Champlain College- Saint-Lambert

About the Quebec Foundation for Athletic Excellence

The Foundation (faeq.com) has made a name for itself with a personalized approach, a rigorous

style of management and its influential role in the sports and education circles. In 2018, the FAEQ will award close to \$1,425,000 in bursaries to over 500 student-athletes and encourage the conciliation of school and high performance sports. The FAEQ teams up with former scholarship recipients and partners towards the success of all laureates in their academic and sports/personal advancement. **Please note that the 2nd edition of the Bonneville 808 Challenge will be held on September 22 and 23, 2018 at Mont-Tremblant. This major cycling event will benefit the FAEQ. To register log on to defi808bonneville.com.**

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