

Welcome to the 15th Annual

Breakfast of CHAMPIONS



Monday, December 7, 2015





Message from the President

Welcome to the 15th Annual Breakfast of Champions Homegrown Champions! On behalf of the SportHamilton Board of Directors I would like to congratulate all the athletes, teams, coaches and team staff for your effort and commitment you have given to your sport this past season.

2015 was declared the Year of Sport in Canada with the anticipation of it being a memorable sporting year. It certainly has been that both locally and internationally. Starting with the IIHF World Hockey Junior Championships hosted and won by Canada and our own Darnell Nurse being named as Championship Game All Star. Shortly after, the FIFA Women's World Cup Soccer Championship was held across the country starring our own Melissa Tancredi. The TO2015 Pan Am/Para Pan Games were hosted in Toronto, Hamilton and other cities in the Golden Horseshoe highlighted by the Canadian Women's Basketball Team winning the gold, again starring our own Kia Nurse. As well there were many great performances by other Canadian and local athletes at this successful games.

Special mention to our local organizing committees for the outstanding job in hosting the games and the many related events.

Added to all that international competition, are the outstanding accomplishments of those of you here today. Your success and achievements this year was due to the hard work and sometimes the sacrifices that you made in order to train, compete, perform and behave at your best. Nothing worthwhile is ever easy.

Behind every champion is a caring and knowledgeable coach, lots of challenging and fun training, supportive and loving parents and family members, great fun teammates, but most of all there is something deep inside each of you here today.... a desire... a dream... a vision. I truly hope all your dreams come true!

Enjoy the special guests and speakers today who have volunteered to share their stories with you and be here to celebrate your success. Be inspired and motivated by them and each other to be the best that you can be ...as an athlete, as a coach, as a parent, a sister, a brother, but most of all as a person and a valuable member of our Hamilton community and a proud Canadian.

Congratulations Homegrown Champions and wishing you health, happiness and a successful fun-filled 2016 season!

Proud to serve the Hamilton Community as your President,

Helen Downey



Homegrown Champions

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF HAMILTON

SportHamilton’s Annual Breakfast of Champions event celebrates the athletic achievements of outstanding athletes. Those who have won Provincial or Regional Championships or who have competed at National or International Championships are truly exceptional. As the Mayor of the City of Hamilton, I would like to congratulate all the teams and individual athletes who have represented both their sport organizations and the City of Hamilton in their pursuit of athletic excellence.

With so many Hamilton homegrown athletes, I am very proud of your accomplishments. More importantly than your athletic achievements, is your demonstration of fair play, unity, honesty, and integrity. You all represent the future of our great City and your participation in your respective sports as ambassadors of Hamilton is truly appreciated.

The Government of Canada declared 2015 as “The Year of Sport in Canada” and indeed it has been a wonderful year in sport within the City of Hamilton. On behalf of the City and members of Council, I would like to sincerely thank each of you for all of your efforts and dedication you have demonstrated in your sport.

The City of Hamilton is proud of your success and we wish you well in all the goals and dreams you set out to achieve.

Yours Sincerely,

Fred Eisenberger Mayor

We would like to recognize and thank the following sponsors who all contribute to the success of the 15th Annual Breakfast of Champions for 2015:

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Program

WELCOME

Master of Ceremonies
Al Craig

O Canada

PRESENTED BY: Bishop Ryan CSS Xpression Choir
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Greetings

City of Hamilton, Mayor Fred Eisenberger
SportHamilton President, Helen Downey

Presentation of Awards

R. A. RIDDELL – SPORT ACADEMY ATHLETIC AWARD

RECIPIENT: Myles Minser-Daly
PRESENTER: Tom Hornby, T. Litzen Sports

HWCDSB ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

MALE RECIPIENT: Matthew Babich
SCHOOL: St. Ann Elementary School
PRESENTERS: Tom Hornby, T. Litzen Sports
Corrado Ciapanna, Superintendent HWCDSB

FEMALE RECIPIENT: Angelina Maiolo
SCHOOL: St. Matthew Elementary School
PRESENTERS: Tom Hornby, T. Litzen Sports
Corrado Ciapanna, Superintendent HWCDSB

MARY KEYES LEADERSHIP AWARD

RECIPIENT: Jessica Magliocco
SCHOOL: Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
PRESENTERS: Peg Kelly
Helen Downey

RAY LEWIS YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

RECIPIENT: Isabel Ormond
SCHOOL: McMaster University
PRESENTER: Glen Grunwald,
Director of Athletics and Recreation of McMaster University

DR. GENE SUTTON EXCELLENCE AWARD

RECIPIENT: Alexis Skirrow
SCHOOL: Saltfleet Secondary School
PRESENTER: Stephanie Sutton

Prayer

PRESENTED BY: Bishop Ryan CSS Xpression Choir

Breakfast

Special Presentation

PRESENTED BY: Greg Maychak, Hamilton Pan Am Initiatives
Tribute Video to Hamilton Community Pan Am Athletes

Guest Speakers

ANNE MARIE THUSS

McMaster Women's Basketball Interim Head Coach
Pan Am 2015 Canadian Women's Basketball Team Staff

GINO MONTANI AND JESSE MONTANI

Amazing Race Canada Season 3 Champions

HAILEY MILLIGAN

OUA Women's Basketball
OUA Events and Marketing Assistant
Boys and Girls Clubs of Hamilton
Active Living Coordinator

Presentation to our Champions / Slide Show

Closing Remarks

Hamilton Homegrown Champions

ANCASTER AVALANCHE ATOM GIRLS HOCKEY

COACHES: Geraldine Heaney, Norm McDonald

Sydney Clark	Sophia Filice	Ava Pearson
Adrianna D'Amico	Cassandra Germana	Callie Laine Pitts
Harper Davis	Shannon McDonald	Martina Rossi
Jenna Duarte	Tyler McDonald	Rebecca Scobie
Jessica Ferguson	Emma Norris	Maeve Sutherland-Case

Ancaster Avalanche Major Peewee AE1 Boys

COACHES: Mike DiBenedetto, Rob Pace

Andrew Cain	Connor Lynch	Nathan Pace
Brent Cranston	Caelen Leizer- Romalis	Conner Pavao
Connor DiBenedetto	Joseph Mattei	Jacob Searles
Brenden Gerristen	Connor Milne	Joshua Stampfli
Eric Johnson	Matthew Misale	Michael Timmer
Colin Jormakka	Nathan Newport	

Ancaster Magic U16 Girls Basketball

COACHES: Rob Bowden, Mike Maycock

Fatima Bag	Jayne Goit	Alyssa Ramacieri
Paige Bell	Lauren McMannis	Rachel Shannon
Gagan Dhama	Brenna McPhee	Sydney Thomasen
Laura Duffy	Brooke Morelli	Ally Turkstra
Sam Garner	Hannah Navaro	

Ancaster Diamondbacks Rookie Ball Division

COACHES: Chris Dorrington, Jeff Knapp, Paul Varrasso

Darian Barnes	Easton Knapp	Patrick Short
Carter Dorrington	Quinten Lisle	Jack Smith
Ben Goodacre	Brady Murphy	Andrew Varrasso
Matthew Hlacar	London Prashad	Dublin Warren
Ben Hurley	Will Russell	Nathan Yates

Ancaster Minor Midget Boys Diamondbacks

COACHES: Bill Gallagher, Mike DuFour

Carter Copeland	Ayden Hannon	Mitch Novosad
Paul DuFour	Noah Hoffman	Calvin Pietron
Nolan Gallagher	Justin Jeffrey	Noah Riddles
Daniel Giordano	Alex Minos	David Wilson

Bishop Ryan CSS Wrestling Team OFSAA Gold Medalists

COACH: Sheldon Francis

Brad MaGarrey

Chedoke Bantam Boys Minor Hockey

COACHES: Jeff Kozak, Bryson Sherriff

Josiah Bailey	Brayden Gill	Zack Mostacci
Owen Botten	Spencer Godfry	Tyler Olechno
Colby Bryantton	Conrad Kozak	Jarod Rankin
Michael Chiaravalle	Jacob Lahaie	Nick Raposo
Christian Commisso	Michael Mazzetti	Sam Stephenson
Luke Delorenzis	Elijah Menna	Andrew Moniz
Isaac Gaffe		

Dundas Dynamo Novice Girls Basketball Division 3

COACHES: Steve Baker, Lisa Baker

Rachel Arnold	Charlotte Chiniborch	Jemma Klein
Payton Baker	Melanie Corsini	Erin Morris
Julia Boden	Olivia Dunn	Ava Patrick
Nina Boden	Samantha Goodes	Ayla White

Flamborough Fire Atom Girls Division 4

COACHES: Bernie Suriani, Maria Suriani

Katie Beckett	Hayley Hood	Maddie Scime
Ali Braine	Kayley Joslin	Holly Sittmann
Caroline Consoli	Sasha Kingsley	Moira Thorpe
Tijen Halil	Ailish Paterson	Ainslie Wilcox

Flamborough Sabres Bantam Boys AE1

COACHES: George Dunwoody, Bob Hall

Jack Foster	Stuart Marler	Matthew Watson
Justin Heary	Stefan Mielzynski	Callum Williams
Chase Kelly	Ryan Parker	Zachary Wood
Kyle Kitchen	Jakob Pleskina	Logan Zerebny
Shannon MacDonald	Andrew Power	

Hamilton Aquatic Club

COACHES: Carmen Thorburn, Priscilliana Escobar

Nolan Hunt

Hamilton Bantam Boys Lacrosse

COACH: Derek Searle, Angela Searle

Tyler Allen	Mitchell Dunham	Thomas Richadson-Bonor
Winston Bashford	Drew Fitzhenry	Jayden Smith
Colton Bieleke	Andrew Hamilton	Freddie Teattero
Duncan Carte	Parker Johnston	Kieran Uchida
Cooper Day-Allison	William McNally	Zachary Woods
Blake Dunford	Jacob Moir	

Hamilton Bengals Peewee Boys Lacrosse Division B

COACHES: Brent Love, Jim Jackson

Justin Brennecke	Greg Love	Jack Pantelei
Cooper Jackson	William MacLeod	Nathan Plummer
Ethan James	Zach McDonald	Max Reeves
Connor Johns	Aidan McVey	Brayden Stafford
Griffin Keaney	Aaron Montague	Robert Watkins

Hamilton Huskies Major Pee wee Red Boys**COACHES:** Phil Davis, Frank McKinney

Willie Balsillie	Cooper Davis	Tyler Nieslen
Marcello Biggs	Lukas Geske	Aaron Oliveria
Liam Bistoyoung	Riley Macleod	Dylan Reeves
Ethan Burchill	Ryan McKinney	Nathan Shedden
Marc D'Amico	Matthew Murphy	Louis Spanier

Hamilton Huskies Minor Bantam White MD Boys Hockey**COACHES:** Tarrant Waye, Kevin Velianou

Tyler Allen	Robert Faber	Kevin O'Grady
Matthew Campbell	Sebastian Gonzalez	Adam Phillips
Ethan Cleugh	Joseph Hansen	Brett Sennett
Cooper Day-Allison	Jesse Manzin	Cooper Waye
Blake Dunford	Graham Mercier	Nicholas Velianou
Mitchell Dunham	Matthew Newhouse	

Hamilton Novice Bengals Boys**COACHES:** Robert Allen, Steve Dunford

Owen Boschman	Nathan Mair	Jack Pocrnic
Jamie Chariot	Brandon McDonald	Mathew Powell
Gabe Deligeordis	Tyler McGilvery	Adam Ross
Dean Clannon	Hunter Monaghan	Adam Stewart
Jordan Dunford	James Tremblay	Will Tremblay
Clark Jones	Tyler Wainwright	Easton Wright
Nathan Lynch	Rogan Ormond	

Hamilton Olympic Club**COACHES:** Matt Hodgson, Luc Laroche, Pauline Smith, Patti Moore

Alec Purnell	Marissa DuBois	Chloe Hewitt
Brittany Stenekes	Rhona Trott	Jenna Smith

Hamilton Transway Juel Prep U16 Girls Division 1**COACHES:** Richard Nurse, Gill Valasori

Lauren Boers	Hanna Hall	Hailey Summers
Hailey Brown	Alaina McMillan	Maddy Trpcic
Maia Caruso	Mia Palango	Aerial Wilson
Emily Glendinning	Aiden Rainford	
Maddy Gojmerac	Julia Sangueza	

Hamilton Hammerheads Athletics Club**COACHES:** David Hopton, Liam Yoell

Jianping Xu

Hamilton Wrestling Club**COACH:** Rob Betz

Amy Bellavia

Hamilton School of Martial Arts**COACHES:** Mickey Dimic, Herc Veltri

Justin D'Amico Bradley Dimic

Hillfield Strathallan College Track and Field U11 Boys**COACHES:** Paul Masotti, Kristie King

Dino Bontis

Hillfield Strathallan College U13 boys Soccer Team**COACHES:** Martin Ward-Doran, Rhian Dodds

Daniel Ajani	Robert Doman	Ethan Mendes
Joel Asindi	Jude Hynes	Evan Miller
Charlie Bontis	Kishore Jaiswal	James Patterson
Dino Bontis	Troy Line	Jacob Rudolph
Sahib Dhanoa	Myles McArthur	Jack Scholes

Leander Boat Club U23 Rowing**COACHES:** Steffan Wagner, Brianne Della

Karl Zimmerman

McMaster Men's Volleyball**COACHES:** Dave Preston, Nathan Janzen

Ben Bahrami	Mo Ibrahim	Jayson McCarthy
Clep Campion	Pawel Jedrzejeski	Andrew Richards
Dany Demyaneko	Seyar Karimi	Dan Russell
Jeffery Driediger	Andrew Kocur	Ryan Sagermann
Cleo Duffy	Peter Kohdkeyvich	Connor Santoni
Dugassa Ebbasa	Brandon Koppers	Tyler Santoni
Alex Elliott	Calvin Lee	Austin Smith
Oriana Gismondi	Stephen Maar	
Shayne Herbert	Jori Mantha	

McMaster Women's Rugby**COACHES:** Shaun Allen, Tim Doucette, Ira Price

Stephanie Black	Colleen Irowa	Keyara Valencia-Hinds
Cassidy Calvert	Madi Jenkins	Christine van Beest
Rina Charalampis	Emily Ricketts	Rachel Van Fraassen
Megan Filgiano	Maddy Seatle	Lauren Walkden
Britni French	Selena Seguin	Saffara Whiteley-Hoffelner
Ashley Gordon	Sara Svoboda	Mackenzie Wiens
Heidi Henderson	Katie Svoboda	

McMaster Men's Wrestling**COACHES:** Nick Cipriano, Derm Tilley

Omar Ahmed	Jason Buckle	Ahmed Shaymia
Andrew Balach	Chris Garneau	Eric Steffler
Kevin Barrett	Joban Phulka	Ahmed Ramadan

R.A Riddell Track and Field

COACH: Lisa Henry

Myles Misner-Daly

Newman Youth Basketball U10 Girls Division 2

COACHES: Mario Mauricio, Andrew Guagliano, Jason Roarke

Maddison Bettencourt	Sofia Mauricio	Hannah Wade
Maya Cosby	Mia Persia	Lucy Whaling
Emily Gebel	Reanna Roarke	Maya Zuppa-Holleville
Gabby Genovese	Vanessa Scott	
Alissa Guagliano	Emilia Vlatkovic	

St. Mary CSS Girls Basketball Team OFSAA AAA Gold

COACH: Rich Wesolowski

Halle Bovell	Krysten Mullen	Mackenzie Trpcic
Sydney Graper	Mia Palango	Madison Trpcic
Hanna Hall	Taylor Randall	Aerial Wilson
Julia Hanaka	Felicia Spano	
Olivia Hughes	Hailey Summers	

St. Thomas More CSS Track and Field OFSAA Gold

COACHES: Ruth St. Pierre, Tiffany Shields

Robert Heppenstall

Special Olympics Figure Skating

COACHES: Betty Wainwright, Frank Sullivan, Lindsay Tarbutt

Madison Gay	Sara McKelvie	Nicole Vespa
Tim Goodacre	David Roberston	

Stoney Creek Athletics

COACHES: Val Sarjeant, Gary Reid

Jaden Mullings	Kristina Vinic
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Stoney Creek Sabres Bantam Girls

COACHES: Shawn McDonald, Ana Markwick

Sara Andrews	Cassie Grandmont	Kathleen McDonald
Paige Arnosti	Emma Greenhough	Brianne Minor
Zoe Bresolin	Kayleigh Ireland	Madison Morton
Danielle Crouse	Samantha Markwick	Olivia Sardine
Hillary Ford	Cam McConnochie	Julia Vignanello
Sophia Goffredo	Julia McDonald	

Transway U13 Bantam Girls Division 2

COACHES: Blaize DiSabatino, Joey Mataseje

Ryana Ciccarelli	Kirsten McGrath	Maryama Turkstra
Katie Dal Bello	Nicola Stephenson	Trudi Vaughan
Jayne Foreman	Alexis Stewart	Ilijana Vukovic
Deanna Mataseje	Amy Stinson	Emma Weber

Guest Speakers

ANNE MARIE THUSS



Anne Marie played her University Basketball with the York University Lions where she was Conference All Star from 1984–1986 and then continued her career as Assistant Coach from 1990–1997 at York University winning a CIS silver medal in 1997. For the past 14 years Anne Marie has been McMaster University, Women's Basketball assistant coach winning three OUA Championships and bronze at CIS nationals. Coach Thuss currently is the Interim Head Coach at McMaster University.

Anne Marie has also been a member of the Canadian Women's Basketball Senior National team as Manager from 2001 to present, participating in three FIBA championships, 2012 London Olympics, and winning 2015 Pan Am Gold and 2015 FIBA Americas Gold. Anne Marie is a guidance counselor at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School in Mississauga.

GINO MONTANI AND JESSE MONTANI



Gino and Jesse were born and raised in Hamilton. They both grew up playing almost every sport but Gino focused on football and hockey and Jesse focused on football and baseball. Gino played football for HMFA Tiger Cats, Hamilton Ironman AAA and for the St. Thomas More CSS Knights. He also played hockey for a variety of teams including Hamilton Huskies AAA.

Jesse played baseball for the East Mountain Cobras and Hamilton Cardinals and football for Hamilton

Ironman, St. Thomas More Knights (Winning OFSAA twice) and received a scholarship with McMaster University, where he was a member of the McMaster Football Team, OUA Champions. Jesse and Gino recently appeared on the Amazing Race Canada Season 3 and were the winners.

HAILEY MILLIGAN

Hailey was born and raised in Hamilton and later moved to Brantford attending Assumption High School where she played basketball, volleyball, rugby and track and field. She excelled in basketball and won CWOSSA and participated in OFSAA. Hailey won a full scholarship to Canisius College in Buffalo however in her second year transferred to McMaster University where she was later named team MVP and OUA All Star. Hailey has also garnered many prestigious awards including: OUA Joy Bellinger Award, CIS Sylvia Sweeney Award for athletics, academics and community service, and the YWCA young women of distinction award.

In 2014 her dream came true, becoming a professional basketball player as she signed with Strakonice in Czechoslovakia where she has been playing pro ball for the past two seasons. Now Hailey is back at home in Hamilton working with the Boys and Girls Club and the OUA.



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