

## **HEC GERVAIS ACADEMIC & CURLING SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

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The Board of Directors of the Hec Gervais Academic & Curling Scholarship Foundation announced the Alberta recipients of the 2010 Scholarships.

**Bryce Bucholz** from Edmonton is the defending Alberta Junior Men's Champion. He's also a champion at school, where this fall Bryce will be admitted to the Faculty of Science at the University of Alberta. What also impressed the electors committee was the fact that Bryce gives back by helping out with the Junior Curling program at the Derrick Golf & Winter Club.

**Landon Bucholz** from Edmonton is Bryce's twin brother and not surprisingly their application forms were almost identical! Landon is also the defending Alberta Junior Men's Champion and dedicates his time to the Junior Curling program at the Derrick. His ultimate goal is to become a Chartered Accountant and will be attending the Faculty of Arts program at the U of A this fall.

**Dianne Semeniuk** from Edmonton will be attending the University of Alberta this fall taking Honours Physiology. Her ultimate plans are to attend a Canadian Medical School. Though, what really impressed the electors committee was the fact that Dianne volunteers her time as the Assistant Curling Coach for Special Olympics.

**Danika Watt** from Carbon will be taking her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Lethbridge this fall. Danika's goal for curling is to represent our province at a national level. Living in a small community, Danika understands the value of giving back, and volunteers her time helping out new curlers in the Carbon area.

Each of these outstanding athletes and students will be receiving \$3000.00 from the Hec Gervais Scholarship Fund. Sponsored by Westcana Group of Companies and Enbridge Pipeline, since 1999 the foundation has awarded over \$80,000 to worthy recipients in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The foundation was established soon after the legendary Hec Gervais passed away in 1997 to ensure that future generations of curlers would know about “The Friendly Giant”. Hec loved the sport of curling, so enabling the youth of the sport to excel means a great future for the game he loved.

These scholarships are also awarded in the Province of Saskatchewan with the recipients being announced in May by the Saskatchewan Curling Association. The Alberta scholarships were awarded last weekend (April 23 to 25) at Kevin Martin’s annual Junior Bonspiel at the Saville Centre. Kevin is the Honouary Chair of the Hec Gervais Scholarship Foundation and is very involved with the selection process.

For more information about the Hec Gervais Academic & Curling Scholarship Foundation, you can visit our website [www.hecgervais scholarship.com](http://www.hecgervais scholarship.com) or contact Bill Tainsh or Jackie-Rae Greening who are on the Board of Directors of the foundation.

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