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**Canada Games Alumni Celebrated in London**

**(August 15, 2012) Ottawa** – Canada Games alumni achieved great success in London, contributing to 11 of the 18 medals won, representing 61% of medals won at the 2012 Olympic Summer Games.

47% of the 57 Team Canada athletes that stood on the podium at the London Olympics were Canada Games alumni. In total, of the 120 Canada Games alumni competing at the Olympic Games (representing 43% of the Olympic team), 27 returned from London with one or more medals around their necks.

“The Canada Games are proud of Canada’s Olympic team and their results in London,” says Tom Quinn, Chairman of the Canada Games Council. “We watched these Olympic Games with anticipation and cheered every athlete on, but we are especially proud of our alumni who graduated from the Canada Games and went on to achieve such great success.”

Brent Hayden was the first ever Canadian to stand on an Olympic podium for the 100 freestyle swim; the Women’s soccer team winning Bronze was Canada’s first medal in a traditional team sport at the Summer Olympics since 1936; Canada’s most decorated paddler, Adam van Koeverden, brought home his fourth Olympic Kayak medal and Richard Weinberger, at only 22, brought home Canada’s first Olympic open-water swim medal.

“We are thrilled that the Canada Games have played a part in the development of these house-hold names,” says Sue Hylland, President and CEO of the Canada Games Council. “As we continue to build champions at the upcoming 2013 Canada Summer Games in Sherbrooke, Quebec and the 2015 Canada Winter Games in Prince George, British Columbia, we look forward to tracking future Olympic success as well.”

The Canada Games congratulate and celebrate the achievements of the entire Canadian Olympic team and look forward to the Paralympic Games and the excitement that these Games will mean to Canadians across our nation.

Please find following a complete list of Canada Games alumni Olympic medalists:

Name	Medal	Olympic Sport	Canada Games Year
Jennifer Abel	Bronze	Diving	2005
Meaghan Benfeito	Bronze	Diving	2005
Antoine Valois-Fortier	Bronze	Judo	2007
Conlin McCabe	Silver	Rowing	2009
Doug Csimas	Silver	Rowing	2005
Brent Hayden	Bronze	Swimming	2001

Lauren Wilkinson	Silver	Rowing	2009
Natalie Mastracci	Silver	Rowing	2009
Andreanne Morin	Silver	Rowing	1997
Janine Hanson	Silver	Rowing	2001
Lesley Thompson-Willie	Silver	Rowing	1989
Rachelle Viinberg née de Jong	Silver	Rowing	1997
Tara Whitten	Bronze	Cycling	1999,2003
Gillian Carleton	Bronze	Cycling	2009
Ryan Cochrane	Silver	Swimming	2005
Adam van Koeverden	Silver	Canoe/Kayak	1997
Diana Matheson	Bronze	Soccer	2001
Kaylyn Kyle	Bronze	Soccer	1997
Melanie Booth	Bronze	Soccer	2001
Robyn Gayle	Bronze	Soccer	1997
Karine LeBlanc	Bronze	Soccer	2001
Erin McLeod	Bronze	Soccer	2001
Carmelina Moscato	Bronze	Soccer	2001
Kelly Parker	Bronze	Soccer	1997, 2001
Desiree Scott	Bronze	Soccer	2005
Rhian Wilkinson	Bronze	Soccer	2001
Richard Weinberger	Bronze	Open-Water Swim	2009

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### **About the Canada Games**

*The Canada Games are Canada's largest multi-sport Games. Held once every two years, alternating between winter and summer Games, the Canada Games represent the highest level of national competition for up and coming Provincial and Territorial athletes. The Games have been hosted in every province at least once since their inception in Quebec City during Canada's Centennial in 1967. The Games are proud of their contribution to Canada's sport development system in addition to their lasting legacy of sport facilities, community pride and national unity.*

*The organization of the Canada Games is made possible thanks to the contribution and support of the Government of Canada, provincial/territory governments, the Host Societies, host municipalities and the Canada Games Council.*

*The 2013 Canada Summer Games will take place between August 2nd and August 17th in Sherbrooke, Quebec while Prince George, British Columbia will host the Canada Winter Games between February 12th and March 1st, 2015.*