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Sport



Sports Bursary Programme 2015-16 Athlete Profiles

Sports Bursary Programme

Introduction:

Each academic year Glasgow University Sport selects a number of talented athletes for support through the Sports Bursary programme. These athletes act as ambassadors for the University in National and International competitions. Students benefit from complimentary access to the now world-class University Sports facilities, some financial support and a commitment from the University to allow flexible study where appropriate so that academia and sporting careers can progress simultaneously.

Athletes who have previously benefited from the scheme include World Curling Champion Claire Hamilton and Lauren Gray, London 2012 GB Hockey star Emily McGuire, as well as Olympic Gold & Silver medalist and 6-time World Champion Katherine Grainger.

Funding:

The programme relies heavily on the generosity of donors to the University who have previously setup endowment funds for supporting student athletes and on Alumni who continue to make regular donations through the Development and Alumni Office. This year a contribution from the Chancellor's Fund has helped to increase the number of students with access to the programme.

Residential Services Accommodating Sporting Excellence Award:

In partnership with Residential Services, Glasgow University Sport has selected 5 student athletes who will this year benefit from reduced accommodation fees and who will also act as ambassadors to promote University accommodation:

- **Adam Nicol**
- **Sandy Wilson**
- **Annabel Simpson**
- **Graham Malley**
- **Elizabeth Priddle**

Supporting the Programme:

If you would like to support the Sports Bursary Programme please contact the Development and Alumni Office Kate.Richardson@Glasgow.ac.uk or visit: www.alumni.glasgow.ac.uk/netcommunity/SportsBursaryFund1

Further Information:

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Sports Bursar 2015/16

Laura Muir

**Sport:**

Athletics, 1500m

Subject:

Veterinary Medicine

Sporting Background:

I always enjoyed running when I was younger, competing in local cross country races at school. I then joined an athletics club and started to compete over 800m and 1500m on the track.

When moving to university I joined the Glasgow University Athletics Club and with thanks to the coaching of Andy Young earned my first GB vest just 3 months later, competing at the European Cross Country Championships where we won team Gold.

Recent Achievements:

IAAF World Championships Beijing 2015 – 1500m 5th

British Outdoor Championships 2015 – 1500m 1st

British Indoor Championships 2015 – 1500m 1st

Oslo Diamond League 2015 – 1500m 1st place

Monaco Diamond League 2015 – 1500m 5th place: New Scottish 1500m record of 3.58.66 and second UK All Time behind Kelly Holmes

European Indoor Championships 2015 – 3000m 4th

Sporting Hero:

Paula Radcliffe

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Fanni Gyurko



Sport:

Marathon running, Orienteering running

Subject:

PhD in Central and East European Studies

Sporting Background:

I started competing quite late when I was 18. After 3 years training I was selected to run the Junior World Championship in orienteering for Hungary, and I achieved the qualification time on 10,000m for the U23 European Athletic Champs. In the following years I represented Hungary in numerous international orienteering events, including European Championships, World Championships and World Games. In athletics I competed in many different disciplines (3000m, 5000m, cross-country running, 10,000m, half marathon and marathon) and I won national championships medal in Hungary and in Scotland as well. I like to do hard training sessions and push myself to my limits. I find marathon running challenging in that sense, because I always have to be on the border between getting injured and being in very good shape in order to achieve a good result in the target races. I like orienteering because it challenges the mind as well.

Recent Achievements:

Scottish 10000m Championship: 2nd place

Scottish 10K road running Championship: 2nd place

Wilmslow Half Marathon: 6th place

British Marathon Championship (London Marathon): 13th place

At London Marathon I ran the IAAF qualification time for the World Championships (2:43:13), and I was only 73 seconds from the qualification time for the Olympics in Rio 2016.

Sporting Hero:

Paula Radcliffe

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Nikki Manson

**Sport:**

Athletics- High Jump

Subject:

Biomedical Engineering

Sporting Background:

From a very young age, I have participated in a range of sports with there being few I have not tried and enjoyed over the years but perhaps this is unsurprising given both my parents are P.E teachers. Although a strong swimmer and a competitive games player, it was inevitably athletics that became my focus. From my Dad timing me around the block, to success at the Primary school Cross country I soon joined my local athletics club, Giffnock North. As I grew older, I developed into a strong allrounder competing internationally in pentathlon but showing the most promise in the jumps. At seventeen, after much deliberation I made the decision to commit my time to being a full time high jumper with my current coach. I have had many successes both as a junior and a senior high jumper, most recently at BUCS and the British Under 23 Championships.

Recent Achievements:

British U23 Champion 2015

BUCS Indoor Champion 2015

BUCS Outdoor 2015- 2nd

Sainsbury's Indoor British Chamionships-5th

Sainsbury's British Championships- 5th

Scottish Universities Indoor and Outdoor Champion 2015

Belfast Universities International champion 2015

Sporting Hero:

Jessica Ennis-Hill

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Alasdair Ireland



Sport:
Sailing

Subject:
Economics & Business Management

Sporting Background:

I started sailing when I was 12 years old. At 13 I won my first national championship and was representing Great Britain and Scotland around the world by 14. From then I progressed through the Olympic pathway program training with the Scottish and British Youth sailing team. I am currently the captain of the university sailing team in conjunction with campaigning to win my first world championship.

Recent Achievements:

2015- 1st British National Championship Flying Fifteen Class
2015- 1st Scottish National Championship Flying Fifteen Class
2015- 1st Scottish Universities Fleet racing
2011- 2014 -British Sailing Team
2010- 2014 Scottish Youth Sailing Team

Sporting Hero:

Luke Patience

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Frances Lonergan



Sport:
Field Hockey

Subject:
Physiology

Sporting Background:

I have played hockey for over ten years. I play for the 1st team at Clydesdale Western Hockey club. I have competed in two European Championships with my club and also won the Scottish cup. I have played for Scotland at u 16, u18, and u 21 level. I am currently training and playing for the u 21 national squad and have my eyes set on playing for the Scottish senior team.

Recent Achievements:

Won the Scottish cup 2014/2015 season
Played for the Clydesdale western In 2 European championships in Sicily and Vienna.
Captained u 18 national side 2013/2014
Selected to play series of matches with u 21 squad last summer.
Selected to train with u 21 squad again this year

Sporting Hero:

Derek Redmond

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Matthew Carder



Sport:
Badminton

Subject:
MSc Medical Visualisation and Human Anatomy

Sporting Background:

Started playing badminton when I was 4 years old and competitively when I was 7. I played for Scotland as a junior for the first time at U15 age group. I competed for Scotland throughout my junior career before moving to senior where I got my first senior Scotland cap in 2014 at the European Mens Team Championships which was a milestone in my career. I have competed and won both the Scottish University and British University Championships in the singles event. More recently I competed for Team GB in the World University Games in Gwangju, South Korea.

Recent Achievements:

World University Championships – Singles Last 16 2015
Scottish National Championships – Singles Runner-Up 2014, 2015
West of Scotland Championships – Singles Winner 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
East of Scotland Championships – Singles Winner 2013, 2014, 2015
BUCS Nationals – Single Winner 2015
Scottish University Championships – Singles Winner 2012
U21 National Championships – Singles, Doubles and Mixed Winner 2014

Sporting Hero:

Lin Dan

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Liz Priddle



Sport:

Cricket

Subject:

PGDE Primary Education

Sporting Background:

I started playing cricket at the age of 8 at school when I lived abroad and enjoyed it so much I decided to join my local cricket club when I moved back to the UK. From there I was selected to represent at regional boys level and Scotland Women's U17 level. In 2010 at the age of 16, after scoring my maiden century (103*), I achieved my first senior cap for Scotland Women against Wales. I have since gone on to achieve 43 senior caps to date, and played against teams such as Japan, Canada, Thailand, Ireland, Netherlands, England Dev XI, as well as competing in the ECB County Championships each summer.

Recent Achievements:

Scotland Women's Squad 2010 - Present.

Scotland Women U19 Development Squad - Abu Dhabi Tour 2013.

Royal London Women's One-Day Cup (ECB County Championships) Division 3
Winners 2014

Scotland Women's Most Improved Player award 2014

University of Dundee Full Blue award.

University of Dundee Sports Woman of the Year award 2015.

Scotland Women's Squad for T20 World Cup Qualifiers, November 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Sporting Hero:

Jessica Ennis-Hill

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Camilla Hattersley



Sport:
Swimming

Subject:
Aeronautical Engineering

Sporting Background:

I started learning to swim in Edinburgh and when I moved to Perth aged 6 I finished my swimming lessons and joined Perth City Swim Club. I trained there for nearly ten years before moving to City of Glasgow swim team and starting my studies at Glasgow University.

I now train 20 hours a week at Tollcross International Swimming Centre as well as up to five hours in the gym per week.

Recent Achievements:

Finalist (7th place) at Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Member of Scottish Senior Gold Squad.

Scottish Record Holder in 1500m freestyle.

2015 Scottish Champion in 100,200,400&800m freestyle.

1x Silver & 2x Bronze at 2015 BUCS

Sporting Hero:

Michael Phelps

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Andrew Murphy



Sport:
Athletics

Subject:
Genetics

Sporting Background:

I started athletics at the age of 8, attending my local club (Girvan AAC). I competed in everything I could from cross country to hill running to track and field. As I grew older I focused on track and field but instead of choosing an event I kept doing them all and naturally progressed to Decathlon. I did my first decathlon at the age of 15 and then went on to win the UK championships at under 17 level. In the under 20 category I represented team GB in an international match against France and Spain. I have now made 3 appearances in the Decathlon as a senior representing Scotland and am the current Scottish Senior champion.

Recent Achievements:

Scottish Senior Heptathlon Champion
Top 10 in UK Senior Championships (indoor and Out)
Scottish Team Captain at Celtic Universities International
6th at European AP International Athletics match
Scottish Universities Champion- Pole Vault (New Championship Record), High Jump

Sporting Hero:

Jesse Owens

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Brennen Taylor



Sport:

Rowing

Subject:

Civil Engineering

Sporting Background:

Previously a high performance swimmer before becoming a rower. Represented Canada at the Jr. level for open water swimming. After coming to university, I decided to switch to rowing to test my abilities in a new sport.

Recent Achievements:

Raced the men's 1st eight at the Scottish boat race
1st in the beginner 4, beginner 8, and novice 8 at Strathclyde Park Regatta

Sporting Hero:

Constantine Louloudis

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Sam O'Kane



Sport:
Athletics-Discus Throw

Subject:
MSc Biotechnology

Sporting Background:

Growing up in Scotland's northern most county of Caithness, my first experience of sport came at a young age doing Karate to improve my co-ordination and balance. Throughout High school I took part in a range of sports including Shinty, Rugby, Football and Athletics. However it wasn't until I began to grow that I found my strengths lay in the based power events. Choosing to specialise in throwing I found particular strength in Discus, and Heavy events from the Highland games. Returning home last year to save money for a masters I was able to build momentum over the winter and have a strong summer season, now back at university to continue my studies I have started working with Scotland's best throws coach and we believe I will be a strong contender for the gold Medal at the BUCS athletics championships in May next year.

Recent Achievements:

Last season saw a 5m improvement on my Discus Personal best to 43.05m and a 50cm shot put PB to 13.35m.

Early season saw me winning a silver at the SUCA championships for discus and Gold for shot put both of which earned me my third successive selection to represent the Scottish Universities at the Celtic Universities Match in Belfast. I then represented Glasgow City Athletics Club in the British Athletics Premier League gaining my first taste of top flight domestic Athletics.

Sporting Hero:
Robert Harting

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Gardner Moore



Sport:

Boxing

Subject:

PhD Classics

Sporting Background:

I began boxing in 2010. I have been competing since 2011, winning my first national title in 2013. In this time I have been able to compete in Scotland, England, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Germany, Cyprus, the United States, Italy and Ireland. I have been able to represent my boxing club as well as my university, and I have been selected to box for Scotland on multiple occasions.

Recent Achievements:

Scottish National Champion: 2013, 2014, 2015 (69kg)

British Three Nations Championships Bronze Medalist: 2015 (69kg)

Eastern District Champion: 2014 (75kg)

Selected for Boxing Scotland/Sport Scotland High Performance Program 2015/2016

Sporting Hero:

Claessa Shields

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Claire Aitken



Sport:
Rowing

Subject:
Physiology

Sporting Background:

I started rowing as a complete beginner in my first year of university. After getting to grips with the sport, I got the opportunity to race at different competitions throughout the year. My crew won a lot of beginner events in my first year, which made me want to progress and row at a senior level. I am now in my fourth year of the sport, and have managed to compete and win at a higher level each year, rowing for Scotland for the first time this summer.

Recent Achievements:

Gold in the W2- at the Scottish University Championships 2015

Gold in the W2- at the British University Championships 2015

6th in the W2- at the European University Championships 2015

Two golds for Scotland at the Home International Regatta 2015, in the W4+ and W8+

Sporting Hero:

Helen Glover

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Ben Fowler



Sport:

Curling

Subject:

Mechanical Design Engineering

Sporting Background:

I started playing when a dedicated rink opened up near to my home when I was 10. I quickly became hooked on the Sport and started a junior Club. In 2010 at the age of 16 I won my first National Junior Championship and then Skipped the England Juniors for the next 5 years at European Level. Since then I have played several disciplines at European and World Level. I now captain the University first team.

Recent Achievements:

English Men's National Champion 2015

European Bronze medal 2014

Nation Mixed Champion 2014

British University league champion 2013-14 and 2014-15

Sporting Hero:

Niklas Edin

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Gina Aitken



Sport:

Curling

Subject:

Film and Television with French

Sporting Background:

I got into curling when I was 7 because I watched my older sister doing it and I couldn't wait until I was old enough to get out on the ice. I enjoyed the social side to the sport making many friends from around the world and my competitive streak developed and got me into the training so I could get to where I am today.

Recent Achievements:

World Junior Curling Championships 2015 – Silver
Scottish Women's Curling Championships – Semi Finalist
Dumfries Curling Champions Tour - Second
Braehead European Junior Curling Tour - First

Sporting Hero:

Chris Hoy

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Emma McDonald



Sport:

Rowing

Subject:

Primary Teaching

Sporting Background:

I started rowing at age 12 at Castle Semple rowing club. At first it seemed like a good activity to do with friends before I realised that I was in fact very competitive. I trained to be selected for Scotland in the under 18 team at the Home International Regatta at age 15 and have been selected every year since. Growing up doing the sport has led to it shaping my life massively and becoming a big part of who I am. It has given me the opportunity to go places I would never have been able to go if it were not for rowing.

Recent Achievements:

This season I competed in the GB team at the under 23 world championships in the spare single. I also represented GB at international races in Essen (Germany) coming 2nd in the lightweight double and Rotterdam (Netherlands) coming 3rd in the lightweight quad. However competing at BUCS was a particular highlight of the year where I managed to achieve 3 gold medals in the championship lightweight single, lightweight pair (with Flora Wharton) and heavyweight pair (with Claire Aitken). Myself and Claire went on to compete at EUSA and come 6th in the women's pair.

Sporting Hero:

Katherine Grainger

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Annabel Simpson



Sport:

Athletics, Cross Country, Hill Running

Subject:

Dentistry

Sporting Background:

I first started running 3 years ago after being recruited from a local swimming club. I found the sport really friendly and easy to get involved with even if the training was really hard! I first represented Scotland on road, in the London Mini-Marathon and later in Italy and Wales for hill running and in Liverpool for cross country. I am now a member of the Glasgow University Hares and Hounds, training with the club when I can and in a variety of locations when I can't.

Recent Achievements:

1500m Scottish Indoor and Scottish Secondary Schools Champion

3000m Scottish Secondary Schools and U20 Outdoor Champion

5000m Top U20 in Scotland

Selected for Junior Home International for Hill Running in Wales but couldn't compete due to injury

Sporting Hero:

Laura Muir

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Sandy Wilson



Sport: Athletics

Subject:
Statistics

Sporting Background:

Having started playing Rugby at school level I was introduced to Athletics through a teacher in 2011 and haven't looked back since. That winter I joined Edinburgh AC in sprints and made my first appearance for Scotland in 2013, and won my first National schools title a year later. Last year I started my transition to 400m and look forward to continue my progression over the distance and competing for Glasgow University.

Recent Achievements:

2015 Scottish Schools 200m outdoor, 200m indoor and 400m indoor champion

2014 Scottish Schools 200m outdoor champion

7 time Internationalist for Scotland/Scottish schools

Ranked 1st for Scotland U20 400m in 2015

Top 10 in Scottish All-time lists for U17 200m outdoor and U20 200m indoor

Sporting Hero:

Usain Bolt

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Rachel Hannen



Sport:

Curling

Subject:

Psychology

Sporting Background:

I was influenced by a curling orientated family and started the sport when I was 8 years old at my local club in Hamilton. I started competing competitively at age 12 and was selected to be part of the Regional Academy squad at 14. I am now supported by the Scottish Institute of Sport and in my last year of juniors I hope to retain my Scottish Junior title in February and achieve a medal at the World Juniors in March.

Recent Achievements:

European Senior Womens Curling Silver Medalist 2015

World Junior Silver Medallist 2015

Represented GB at the first Winter Youth Olympics in 2012

Scottish Junior Curling Champion 2014

Scottish Junior Curling Champion 2015

Sporting Hero:

Jessica Ennis-Hill

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Callum Sinclair



Sport:

Rowing

Subject:

Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering

Sporting Background:

I began rowing as a freshman at the age of 17. Throughout my novice year I enjoyed the competitiveness and physical challenge that rowing provided. Despite my sporting background with rugby, I found rowing far more suited to my ability and therefore thoroughly welcomed the intense work ethic needed to improve in the sport. As I progressed through my novice year I was able to medal in Scottish champs for the novice 1km laying solid foundation for the following racing season.

Recent Achievements:

The commitment and drive to succeed allowed for rapid progression in our novice year leading us to competitive finishes in tideway and BUCs within the eight. This promising form continued to the Scottish boat race where we able to win the reserve race. As we moved through to the senior categories we were able to place well in the double and win the coxed four at the Inverness regatta earlier this year.

Sporting Hero:

Pete Reed

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Adam Nicol



Sport:

Rugby

Subject:

Earth Sciences

Sporting Background:

I first started playing rugby at the age of 6. When I turned 15, I was enrolled in the national age grade programme, as well as being selected to play for Scotland U16s. I have played for every age grade since then. I am now currently playing for Glasgow hawks.

Recent Achievements:

Scotland U18, Scotland U17, Scotland U16
Glasgow U20, Caledonia U16-18
Dunfermline youth player of the year 2012/13 and 2014/15

Sporting Hero:

Cian Healy

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Hannah Houlston



Sport:

Netball

Subject:

Mathematics and Physics

Sporting Background:

I started playing netball at High School, I also joined a local woman's team, and was selected for the U15 Highland District Squad.

When I moved to Glasgow for University, I joined Harmony Row Netball Club, which brought my game on a huge amount.

At the end of my first year, 2014, I trialed and was selected for the U23 Scotland Netball Squad, having always aspired to be a national athlete, it was a dream come true.

This season has been full on and I have worked very hard, it has been so rewarding to see the improvements I've made over the year.

Recent Achievements:

Represented the U21 Scotland Netball Squad at the European Championships, Oct 2015.

Earned my first cap at this competition, against England, also played in the match against Northern Ireland.

Selected for The Scottish Thistles (Woman's Scotland Netball Squad), Oct 2015.

Sporting Hero:

Geva Mentor

Seve Ballesteros

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Stuart Wilcox



Sport:
Cycling

Subject:
History

Sporting Background:

I began cycling at the age of ten with my twin brother and my dad. I started racing when I was 12 and by 16 I was a two time British Champion and 6 time Scottish Champion. This year I have been racing internationally and am currently ranked 8th in the world.

Recent Achievements:

2015 Enduro World Series Overall Ranking U21 – 8th
2015 Scottish Enduro Championship – 4th
2015 Scottish Enduro Series Rd 6 – 3rd

Sporting Hero:

Chris Hoy

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Ross Maxwell

**Sport:**

Athletics (60m, 100m, 200m)

Subject:

Mechanical Engineering with Aeronautics

Sporting Background:

After showing promising running ability at school and in other sports I took up athletics when I was 9 years old. I was soon winning Scottish titles in the shorter sprints. I have won various Scottish titles at age group level. I currently run for Victoria Park City of Glasgow Athletics Club and am part of the 4x100m relay squad for Scotland. I hope to also compete for the University Athletics Club in coming years.

Recent Achievements:

Scottish Senior Champion 2015- 100m
Scottish Age Group Silver Medallist- 100m
Scottish Senior Relay Champion 2015 4x100m
Scottish Senior Silver Medalist Indoor 2014- 60m

Sporting Hero:

Usain Bolt

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Timmothy Mottram



Sport:

Lacrosse

Subject:

Molecular Virology

Sporting Background:

I started playing Lacrosse at the University of Glasgow in my first year of undergraduate studies and instantly fell in love with the sport. After playing for 2 years I was selected to play for Scotland at the Lacrosse British National Championships and have been playing national and international matches since then. Now entering my 6th year of study, I have witnessed the growth of the men's lacrosse team from the bottom of the league, to winning the Scottish championship.

Recent Achievements:

Selected for the Scotland national team to play at the British National Championships
Selected for the Scotland national team to play a tour of Manchester
Selected for the Scotland national team training squad for the World Championships
Captained the Scotland "West Select" team vs the Scotland "East Select"
Selected for the Scotland "League Select" team to play at the British Championships
Selected for the Scotland national team to play an International tournament versus Wales/USA-AI touring team
Glasgow University win the Scotland Lacrosse Men's Championship (2014/2015)

Sporting Hero:

Lyle Thompson

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Hannah Lawler

**Sport:**

Athletics- Pole Vault

Subject:

Dentistry

Sporting Background:

I've been pole vaulting for just over 4 years after first becoming interested in pole vault after suffering a horrific double forearm fracture whilst at gymnastics. I've always been interested in athletics, beginning initially with sprinting and a few field events, so after a return to gymnastics was off the cards I looked into trying pole vault. I saw it as an opportunity to combine my sprinting ability and gymnastic background. I have since competed at both national and international level. I train regularly with my coach Kevin Maguire and compete for both Edinburgh AC and Glasgow University Athletics Club.

Recent Achievements:

Scottish Outdoor Senior Champion 2015

2nd Scottish Indoor Senior Championships 2015

Scottish Senior East District Champion 2015

6th European Champion Clubs Cup 2015, Mersin (TUR)

4th BUCS Indoor Nationals 2015

6th BUCS Outdoor Nationals 2015

Scottish Indoor Universities & Colleges Champion 2015 & Record Holder

Scottish Outdoor Universities & Colleges Champion 2015 & Record Holder

Sporting Hero:

Renaud Lavillenie

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Calum Nicol



Sport:

Basketball

Subject:

Computing Science and Economics

Sporting Background:

I've played basketball since the age of 7 and managed to grab a position in the Scotland National Team from the age of 13. I have played in the Scotland team ever since, working my way up through the age groups to now being part of the Senior Men National Team. Before I came to Glasgow University I spent 2 years training and playing for a professional team in England.

Recent Achievements:

European Championships for Small Countries 2014 - Bronze Medal

Scottish National League Playoffs 2014 - Gold Medal

Sporting Hero:

Robert Archibald

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Peter Anderson

**Sport:**

Cycling Track Endurance and Road

Subject:

Civil Engineering with Architecture

Sporting Background:

I have been competing in sport since a very young age - initially in swimming and athletics. I then moved into triathlon where I had some success including winning British youth Championships and a top 10 at European youth championships. In the past couple of years I have moved over exclusively to cycling and have already achieved some success and now ride as part of the Scottish national team.

Recent Achievements:

Scottish Scratch Race Champion 2015
2nd at British Team Pursuit Championships 2015
5th Scottish Individual Pursuit Championships 2015
7th British Points Race Championships 2015

Sporting Hero:

Mark Cavendish

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Flora Wharton



Sport:

Rowing

Subject:

Earth Sciences

Sporting Background:

I started rowing when I first came to Glasgow 2 years ago as an absolute beginner. Since then, I have competed for the university at many competitions around the UK and in the summer of 2015 I was selected to row for the Scotland Team at the Home International Regatta.

Recent Achievements:

My most recent achievement is winning gold at the 2015 Home International Regatta whilst representing Scotland. I also won gold at the 2015 BUCS regatta in May.

Sporting Hero:

Katherine Grainger

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Holly Kennedy



Sport:
Kitesurfung

Subject:
Geography and Earth Sciences

Sporting Background:

Competitive, yet fun and personable I have always pushed myself to excel in the areas that I enjoy most. I achieved early success as the Scottish Gymnastics Champion and Senior School Athletics Winner. But more extreme sports were already part of my family background with both dad and brother seriously into big wave windsurfing and ultimately enjoying the exhilarating challenge of kitesurfing. Upon finishing school I took on kitesurfing competitively and started training full time. From 2010 I began to compete as a professional Kitesurfer on the World, European and British Tour Championships.

Recent Achievements:

Over the last few years I have trained and travelled the world intensively competing and throughout have gained some fantastic results that I am very proud of. I set the Womens World record for the biggest Kitesurfing Jump hanging at 8.9m. I took 2nd place in the World Freestyle Kitesurfing Championships Tour stop in New Caledonia which was one of my big highlights throughout my career so far. I've been British Vice Champion twice and took 2nd place at the European Championships tour stop in France. In the last 6 months I took two 1st places and a 3rd in the Grassroots Tour Scottish Championships and a 3rd in the British Championships in Wales.

Sporting Hero:
Nick Davies

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Graham Malley



Sport:

Judo

Subject:

Aeronautical Engineering

Sporting Background:

I started judo when I was 7 years old. My Aunts, who were both judo fanatics, encouraged me to take up the sport. I started competing in Northern Ireland when I was 11 years old. I am currently a member of the Northern Irish Squad. I have recently started training with the university team.

Recent Achievements:

Bronze - North of England Open Seniors

Gold - Northern Irish Open Juniors

Bronze - Welsh Open Juniors

Selected for Northern Ireland Commonwealth Championship Squad

Sporting Hero:

Teddy Riner

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Stuart MacKenzie



Sport:

Volleyball

Subject:

Mathematics and Physics

Sporting Background:

I started playing volleyball at the age of 12 when I went to High School. I started by going to the lunchtime club and it spiralled from there. I competed in the 2011 International Children's Games in Lanarkshire. In the following season, I played at a competitive junior level with my current club 'Su Ragazzi'. At the age of 13 I started training with the men's section of my club but I wasn't old enough to compete in the men's second league competitions at the start of the season. I had to wait till I turned 14 in the October. I played with this team for 4 years before moving up to the clubs top league side this year.

Recent Achievements:

- Bronze medalist and 'Best Libero' award at the Men's CEV Small Countries Division 2015 playing for the Scotland National Team
- Silver Medalist at the Sainsbury's School Games 2015 and received a Golden Ball as part of the 'Super Six'
- Gold medalist at the U18 Junior Super Cup 2015 and Junior National League 2015
- Gold Medalist and 'Best Libero' award at the U20 Men's CEV Small Countries Division 2014 playing for the Scotland National Team

Sporting Hero:

Steven Gerrard

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Millie Brown



Sport:
Hockey

Subject:
Geography

Sporting Background:

I loved all sports at primary school and did Scottish Rounders at U14 level. I began to just focus on Athletics and cross country for school and Edinburgh along with hockey but then fully committed to just concentrating on hockey in 6TH Year at school to be able to progress fully. I started at U14 mixed regional level all the way up to U18, whilst also starting at U16 level for Scottish and moved up the age groups to the current Scottish Senior squad now.

Recent Achievements:

Scottish Hockey U18 Team- European Championships 2013

Scottish Hockey U21 Team- European Championships 2014

Part of the Senior Squad as of October 2014- Have 6 caps up to date.

Trained full time for 3 months with the senior team this summer of 2015 and during this period have received Scottish Hockey Institute funding. Was selected as a non-travelling reserve for the Senior Euros taking place in London atm.

Just been selected to be part of the U21 Great Britain Training Squad as of August 2015

Sporting Hero:

Sophie Bray

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Mhairi Agnew



Sport:

Volleyball

Subject:

Accountancy and Economics

Sporting Background:

Started volleyball in 2009 at school after being encouraged by a teacher who also played. Soon after I joined a club and progressed up through the Scotland ranks, earning my first full senior caps on June 2014.

Recent Achievements:

Junior Scotland Captain at the 2014 euros. Top scorer and Best blocker at the 2014 junior European championships. Golden ball at the 2013 UKSG. Earning my first cap in front of a home crowd at the 2014 European championship qualifiers.

Sporting Hero:

Paula Radcliffe

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Carla-Marina Gardiner



Sport: Ski Racing

Subject:
Stratified Medicine & Pharmaological Innovation

Sporting Background:

Having started at 14 after having to last minute fill in for the School ski team at the Scottish Schools championship, Carla then went on to win that Scottish schools championships a year later.

Within a year of starting ski racing Carla won The English Alpine Championships in Puy St Vincent, France. From there she then qualified for my FIS licence and have been racing on the FIS circuit ever since. Skiing has taken her all round the world, racing everywhere from Bosnia, to Chile, to Australia to Slovenia. Now that she has finished my undergrad she now intends to go back to racing and represent Glasgow University much more on the university circuit.

Recent Achievements:

Four time British University Champion
Four time Scottish University Champion
2nd Scottish Championships 2014 +2015

Sporting Hero:

Michael Schumacher and Lindsey Vonn

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Matthew Hill



Sport:

Lacrosse

Subject:

Mathematics

Sporting Background:

Started playing 6 years ago, teacher in high school playing for the Scottish senior national team. He started up a club and began coaching us and I soon caught a love for the sport and have been playing non-stop since.

Member of the following squads:

- Scotland U19 World Championship (Captain)
- Scotland Senior European championships
- Glasgow University (Captain)
- Glasgow City

Recent Achievements:

With Championships happening ever 4 years or so the only recent achievement would be selected for the British national championships and continuing to be a part of team Scotland.

Sporting Hero:

Mark Matthews

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Michael Fenton

**Sport:**

Trampoline Gymnastics

Subject:

Phd Experimental Particle Physics

Sporting Background:

I started trampolining at the age of 8 and competed for around 5 years, before leaving the sport at the age of 13. When I came to university in 2010, I rediscovered the sport with the university club and have been competing again ever since, both for the university, Glasgow TC and as part of the Scotland squad. In 2014, I suffered a serious back injury during a British competition which I am still recovering from.

Recent Achievements:

SSS Elite Champion 2013/14
Scotland 19+ Champion 2013
British Synchronised Bronze Medal 2012&2013
Senior Scotland Squad 2013
BUCS 1 Finalist 2014

Sporting Hero:

Jason Burnett

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Corrie Bruce



Sport:

Lacrosse

Subject:

Medicine

Sporting Background:

I took up lacrosse at age 14, having previously been a keen tennis player. I played mixed lacrosse for 2 years, before transitioning into the men's game. At age 16 I was selected to play for the Scotland Team at the British National Championships. The following year I played for the Scotland U22 Team at World Championships in Finland. In 2012 I joined Glasgow University Lacrosse Club. I was voted Men's Captain for the 2014/2015 season and have retained this position for the 2015/2016

Recent Achievements:

Scotland selection for British National Championships 2015

GULC offensive MVP 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015

Captaining GULC to 1st place in both the BUCS and Scottish League at the half way point of the 2015-2016 season

Sporting Hero:

Roger Federer

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Callum Hunter-Hill



Sport:

Rugby

Subject:

Geography with Archaeology and Classics

Sporting Background:

I started playing rugby at the age of 7 for the North Berwick Mini's side, and played a number of different positions, from hooker to winger, and found I loved every aspect of the game, especially the physicality. When I moved to Stewart's Melville College, the sport started to get more competitive, and with my now locked position of second row I found I became a key member of the team. Eventually, while playing for "stew mel" I was spotted and asked to train with the national skills set up, which led to my involvement in the Scottish age grade teams. I have now moved to Glasgow to be involved with the Glasgow Warriors.

Recent Achievements:

Captain of the Scotland u18 team during the 2015 international season and European Championship. We played Ireland, England, France and Portugal, and although we did have a mixed set of results, we won against a talented Irish side and were the first Scotland U18 side to do so. I found being captain a hugely honouring experience, and enjoyed the many responsibilities that came with being so. My other greatest achievement was being selected for the John MacPhail Scholarship to New Zealand. This scholarship is where they take 2 up and coming players in Scotland to New Zealand for 3 months every year, to improve physical and skillful attributes, and be immersed in a different country with a massive rugby culture.

Sporting Hero:

Bakkie Botha

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Zoe Sinclair



Sport:
Hockey

Subject:
Chemistry

Sporting Background:

Former county tennis player and ranked 3rd in Scotland. Represented Scotland for hockey at U16, U18 and U21 level with 30 caps in total. Player for Western Wildcats Hockey Club in National Division 1, who reached the European Play Offs last season. Has travelled to Poland, Germany, France, Ireland, Holland, England with Scotland squad.

Recent Achievements:

Selected to play for Scotland U21 in France during summer and in Ulster at the beginning of the year.

Sporting Hero:

Dana Linn Bailey

Sports Bursar 2015/16

Steven Docherty



Sport:
Basketball

Subject:
Mechanical Engineering

Sporting Background:

Started to play basketball when I was 12 years old as it was something different! From then I have represented the Scotland National Squad from U14 to U18. Competing in European Championships in both Spain and Bosnia & Herzegovina. At these competitions I played against players who are now playing in the NBA. Also attended Great Britain National training camps from U16-18.

In 6th year of school I went to Mattawan High School in America to sample both academic and sporting life. We were also able to travel around and visit different Universities and watch the likes of Michigan State basketball team train.

Recent Achievements:

Made the Scottish Universities team and played in a home nation tournament in Ireland. Won the Scottish Senior Men Playoffs 2014 which is one of the biggest competitions in Scotland. Finished 2nd in BUCS with the aim to get promoted and playing again in Premier North. Been selected for Half-Blues by the University.

Sporting Hero:

Tony Parker

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