

Lacrosse: Awards night

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Maple Ridge resident Mateo Le Van was recognized for his lacrosse skills at a recent awards dinner. **Photograph by:** Scott Weighton, for the TIMES

Two local residents were honoured for their lacrosse skills at the Maple Leaf Awards dinner.

Maple Ridge student Mateo Le Van was named team MVP for the Burnaby Mountain Selets (BMS), elite touring teams, for the 2010 fall season in the U12 category.

Pitt Meadows Secondary student Riley Glemnitz was named to the 2010 tournament All-Stars for the Adrenaline Challenge held in San Diego, and was the offensive MVP for the 2010 fall season, sophomore elite team.

Burnaby Mountain Selects Lacrosse called the evening “a resounding success,” and it celebrated Canada’s national summer sport by honoring youth and collegiate field lacrosse in British Columbia.

The sold-out event acknowledged the 2010 BMS Scholar Athlete Award recipients and individual player award winners for the 2010 summer and fall rosters of the Burnaby Mountain Selects Elite Touring Teams that competed in California, Colorado, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon and Washington.

The semi-formal evening also kicked-off the upcoming collegiate season by recognizing the SFU 2010 graduating seniors, introducing the incoming 2011 freshmen class, and recognizing the SFU lacrosse 2010 team award winners, PNCLL All-Conference and MCLA All-America league honors recipients.

There was also a presentation of the inaugural SFU Chris Friesen Memorial Award, a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to provide a student playing lacrosse at SFU with a chance to work harder on their studies, work harder on lacrosse and change the world as a result.

Friesen’s parents Ingrid and Randy, along with his brother Max, presented the inaugural Chris Friesen Memorial Award to Luke Genereux, a senior captain on the SFU men’s lacrosse team, who also worked with Chris since 2008 as a coach with the BMS program.

Raising over \$30,000 to date, the award will continue to be presented annually from an endowment that was established at SFU earlier this year to help honour Friesen’s memory.

Proceeds from all five Maple Leaf Award Dinners have gone to benefit the SFU Lacrosse Endowment Fund and youth and collegiate field lacrosse in BC.