

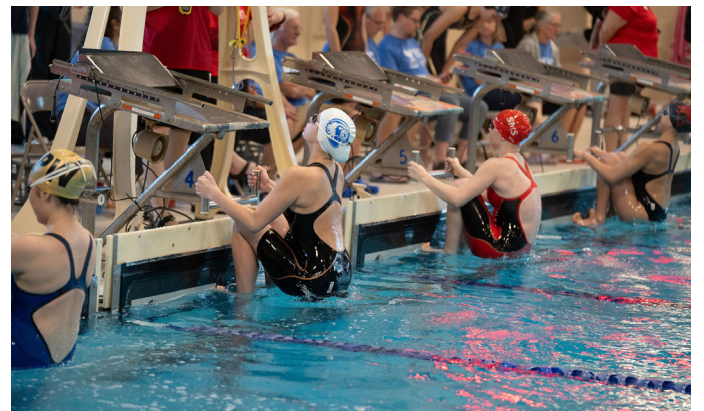
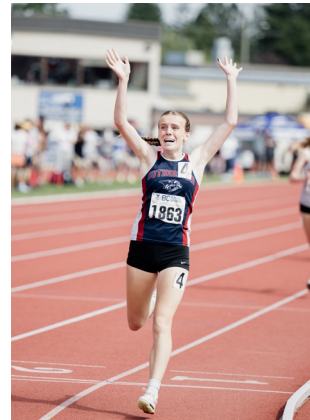


2023-2024

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THE ORGANIZATION

BC School Sports was originally organized in 1965 as the British Columbia Federation of School Athletic Associations (BCFSAA) by a group of interested teachers and administrators. A constitution was adopted in 1966 and officially registered with the government in February 1971. Financial support was received from the provincial government in 1970 which assisted the association in opening an office in January. Operational funding from government remained in place from 1970 until 2009. The name was changed to BC School Sports in 1980-81. BCSS saw significant changes in the mid-80's, and again in the early 90's adapting to the changing dynamics of education, and school sport. It wasn't until 1994 when the eligibility rules all became standardized under BCSS policy for all sports.

More recently, in 2017 BCSS undertook a significant strategic planning process to assess organizational strengths and weaknesses, and to develop a long-term vision for the organization. After a lengthy review, a new governance structure, one which would allow enhanced geographical diversity, gender diversity and administrative presence was recommended with the goal of a more stable legislative process, with an engaged and educated legislative body. The new governance structure was adopted at the 2021 AGM.

Today, BC School Sports has on average about 460 member schools each year throughout the province, with over 123,000 student athletes registering in 62 provincial championships in 18 recognized sports.

PRESIDENTS

Brent Sweeney	2022 - 2024
Rick Thiessen	2020 - 2022
Mike Allina	2016 - 2020
Deb Whitten	2012 - 2016
Raj Puri	2006 - 2012
Philip Cizmic	2005 - 2006
Brian Lynch	2003 - 2005
Jeanine Stannard	1999 - 2003
Jo Ann Ward	1996 - 1999
Bob Lindsay	1995 - 1996
Dave Bingham	1993 - 1995
Jill Philipchuk	1992 - 1993
Ken Bartel	1991 - 1992
Dave Derpak	1990 - 1991
Collin York	1988 - 1990
Bob Ferguson	1987 - 1988
Marty Cross	1986 - 1987
Robert Jackson	1985 - 1986
Keith Lamphear	1984 - 1985
Bob Price	1982 - 1984
Barry Wright	1981 - 1982
Terry Cotton	1980 - 1981
Rick Mark	1979 - 1980
Bob Stebbings	1978 - 1979
Ray Towers	1976 - 1978
David Lynn	1975 - 1976
Jack Armour	1974 - 1975
Court Brousson	1973 - 1974
Neal Henderson	1972 - 1973
Dan Doyle	1971 - 1972
Ed Carlin	1970 - 1971
Jim Stewart	1969 - 1970

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Jordan Abney	2016 - Present
Christine Bradstock	2012 - 2016
Sue Keenan	2003 - 2012
Marilyn Payne	1991 - 2003
Gay Gayle	1987 - 1991
Don Steen	1970 - 1986

EVOLUTION OF BCSS LOGOS



DIRECTORS & STAFF

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a true honor to serve my second and final year as President of BC School Sports. Together, we have achieved much, and our student-athletes from across the province have risen to every challenge.

I extend my gratitude to the Board of Directors, who generously contribute their time to help set our direction, and to our hardworking staff, who accomplish so much with limited resources. I'm consistently inspired by their dedication. A special thanks as well to the many volunteers who make school sports possible—athletic directors, coaches, and event volunteers. School sport remains the largest youth sports organization in the province, driven largely by volunteers. This year, over 500 athletic directors and nearly 15,000 coaches gave countless hours to help nurture our youth, both on and off the court. A particular note of appreciation goes to the teachers who take on these roles alongside their other responsibilities.

Attending our provincial championships is always a privilege. This year, I had the pleasure of witnessing our student-athletes in soccer, volleyball, and football in the fall, followed by the remarkable basketball championships in the winter. Spring continued with some of our most challenging events, including rugby and track and field. Thank you to everyone who contributes to making these events happen, providing a memorable experience for the over 16,206 students who competed at BCSS Provincial Championships this year.

The resilience of school sport is inspiring. While some have questioned its relevance and sustainability, the post-pandemic resurgence has been extraordinary. This year, we achieved a new record of over 123,000 student-athlete registrations, underscoring the enduring demand from our young people.

We introduced the Static Site Travel Subsidy this year, providing additional support for member schools required to travel to static-site championships. Feedback has been incredibly positive as we work to balance travel costs across our vast province. In addition to distributing over \$117,000 through this subsidy, BCSS staff secured an additional \$147,000 through Sport on the Move Grants, directly benefiting our member schools and teams.

This year also saw the passage of the Sustained Excellence Adjustment by our Legislative Assembly, set to take effect in Fall 2025. After years of rigorous, data-driven work by our Competitive Fairness Committee exploring various models, it's exciting to see BCSS lead the way in Canada by driving fairness and equity in school sports. My thanks to everyone involved in creating this innovative solution.

It was a memorable year, filled with displays of sportsmanship, athletic excellence, and fierce competition. Beyond the field of play, we continue working toward a strong, sustainable, and resilient organization that fully supports our schools and student-athletes. Thank you for the trust and honor of serving as President. I wish our incoming President, Lindsay Brooke, the very best and look forward to supporting her in my final year on the Board as Past-President.



Brent Sweeney
President, BC School Sports

2023-2024 BCSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Brent Sweeney
South Delta Secondary



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Director at Large: Section 2
Rachel Romero
Fernie Secondary



Director at Large: Section 3
Deanna Schaper-Kotter
Notre Dame Regional Secondary



Director at Large:
Bal Ranu
Semiahmoo Secondary

2023-2024 BCSS STAFF



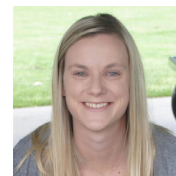
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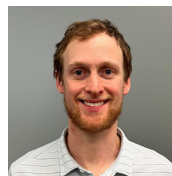
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Danielle Starkman



Eligibility & Administrative Coordinator
Prabh Jauhal



Manager of Sport
Julie Stevens



Manager of Sport
Mike Apps



Graphic Design & Content Coordinator
Josephine Delisa

THE BREAKERS' LEGACY



School District No. 50
Haida Gwaii



In a small community nestled among the pristine shores and ancient forests of Haida Gwaii, basketball isn't just a sport—it is a heartbeat, resonating with tradition and unity for the Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Breakers. Their journey to the provincial championship this year symbolized not just a sporting achievement but also a tribute to their ancestors.

Their head coach, Desi Collinson, a revered figure in the community, emphasized the deep significance of representing Haida Gwaii, viewing it as a testament to their identity and resilience beyond basketball. Basketball on Haida Gwaii serves as more than a game—it is a cultural resurgence, passed down through generations marked by historical hardships. Coach Collinson underscored its role as a vital link during dark times, providing solace and community amidst adversity.

For 17-year-old Levi Burton, stepping onto the provincial stage was a surreal moment that spoke volumes about the team's dedication and perseverance. He expressed profound pride, feeling they had already carved their place in history. Temo Laughlin, influenced by his basketball-playing parents, saw their journey as a testament to the strength of small communities and indigenous pride, proving that even with limited resources, they could achieve greatness.

Throughout the tournament, the Breakers defied expectations and secured victories that echoed far beyond the courts of Langley. They were embraced by fans, highlighted by a moving moment when they stood together for the Haida Gwaii anthem prior to the championship game. During that game against the Unity Christian Flames, players from teams near and far joined the crowd in cheering them on, demonstrating support for the underdog team.

Their journey was not without heartbreak—their narrow defeat, as a last second shot rattled out in the championship game against Unity Christian left them emotional yet unwavering in spirit. "I'm immensely proud of my teammates," Temo affirmed, reflecting on their hard-fought battles and the overwhelming support from their community. Leaving the 2024 BCSS Basketball Provincial Championship with silver medals around their necks, the Breakers cherished memories of camaraderie, challenging practices, and steadfast community support.

Jordan Abney, Executive Director at BC School Sports, encapsulated their journey: "What an incredible accomplishment for Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay. Earning the silver medal at the BCSS Basketball Provincials is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and the strength of their community. Their performance and resilience on the court captivated all of BC, proving that even from the most remote corners of our province, excellence in sport has no limits."

Their story, now part of Haida Gwaii's sporting lore, embodies courage, resilience, and the unbreakable bond of a team united by their love for the game. Their season marked not just an endpoint but the beginning of a legacy inspiring future generations to believe in dreams, community, and the enduring spirit of basketball on Haida Gwaii.

2023-2024 BY THE NUMBERS



460

**MEMBER
SCHOOLS**



123,313

**STUDENT-ATHLETE
REGISTRATIONS**



7,742

**TEAM
REGISTRATIONS**



14,827

COACHES



27,835

MULTI-SPORT ATHLETES



54%
**MALE
ATHLETES**

46%
**FEMALE
ATHLETES**



16,206

**STUDENT-ATHLETES
ATTENDED PROVINCIALS**

18K

**INSTAGRAM
FOLLOWERS**

507,404

**STREAMING
VIEWS**

3,792

**FOLLOWERS
ON X**

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

UBER TO BE THE OFFICIAL RIDESHARE AND FOOD DELIVERY PARTNER OF BC SCHOOL SPORTS



OCTOBER 2023 — BC School Sports proudly announced an exciting new partnership with Uber, a global leader in rideshare, ecommerce and delivery technology. As part of this collaboration, Uber served as the Presenting Sponsor for the BCSS Girls and Boys Basketball Provincial Championships, the largest BCSS event of the year. Uber served as the official rideshare and food delivery partner for BCSS through its newest product in the Greater Vancouver Area—teen accounts.

THE FIRST YEAR OF TIERED CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



NOVEMBER 2023 — The 2023 Provincial Championship marked the first year of cross country being organized as a tiered sport. Individual races were held for both girls and boys in the 1A, 2A, and 3A tiers, with banners awarded for each category. The primary goal was to increase participation, especially at the 1A level.

The results were promising, with an 11% increase in overall cross-country participation compared to 2022, and 125 additional student-athletes competing at provincials compared to the previous year's championship.

STATIC SITE TRAVEL SUBSIDY INTRODUCED

A static site travel subsidy was introduced as part of the annual membership fees for all schools with senior enrollment for the 2023-24 year. BCSS collected \$117,000 through these fees, which was then fully distributed back to schools to help offset travel expenses for attending one of the nine static site championships.

In total, 46 schools and 62 teams received funding across the following sports: 2A & 3A Boys Soccer, 2A, 3A & 4A Girls Basketball, and 1A-4A Boys Basketball.

1A GIRLS BASKETBALL MOVED TO LANGLEY EVENTS CENTRE (LEC)

FEBRUARY 2024 — The 1A girls basketball provincial championship moved to LEC alongside the 2A, 3A & 4A classifications, meaning all eight championships were held at the LEC for the first time.



2023-24 BCSS AWARD WINNERS

CITATION OF EXCELLENCE - COACH

AL CARMICHAEL - OAK BAY SECONDARY

Al Carmichael, a titan in the world of high school volleyball, is the recipient of the Citation of Excellence for his unrivalled dedication to coaching. With over 30 years of coaching experience, primarily in boys' volleyball, Al has left an unforgettable mark on the sport and the lives of countless student-athletes. Al's coaching journey began at Parkland Secondary, where he excelled as a student-athlete and discovered his passion for coaching. After graduating, he returned to Parkland to coach the senior boys' volleyball team, taking the first steps in what would grow to become a remarkable coaching career. Al spent seven years at Mt. Douglas where he made both his first BCSS Provincial Championship appearance and BCSS Championship Title. In 1995, Al embarked on a new chapter at Oak Bay High School where he took on the challenge of building a Senior Boys Volleyball program. Through his tireless efforts and unwavering commitment, Al transformed Oak Bay into a volleyball powerhouse, leading the team to 4 Provincial Championships in 2006, 2011, 2012, and 2015, making him a 5-time provincial champion.



Beyond his coaching accomplishments, Al has been instrumental in the growth and development of volleyball in BC. Serving as the Lower Vancouver Island Athletic Association Senior Boys Volleyball Commissioner for over 25 years, he has played a pivotal role in expanding participation and promoting the sports values of fair play and sportsmanship. Al's dedication to volleyball and his student-athletes have earned him widespread appreciation and he is widely respected by his coaching colleagues across the province. His legacy as a coach and mentor will continue to inspire future generations of athletes and coaches, leaving an enduring imprint on the world of high school sports.

ROB GUNNING - PENTICTON SECONDARY

Rob Gunning's distinguished coaching career spanning three decades has earned him the BCSS Citation of Excellence, a reflection of his unwavering dedication to his athletes and upholding the values of fair play and sportsmanship. As a coach at Penticton Secondary, Rob has left a long-lasting mark on the school's athletic program, guiding student-athletes to success. Rob's coaching journey began as a graduate of South Delta Secondary, where he excelled as a multi-sport athlete. Inspired by his experiences as a player, Rob transitioned seamlessly into coaching, eventually settling in Penticton in 1996. Since then, Rob has coached teams in various sports such as boys' and girls' volleyball, girls' soccer, and golf. Rob and his teams have had a lot of success including his teams winning the BCSS AAA Senior Boys Volleyball Provincial Championship in 2000, 2002, and 2007.



Throughout his coaching career, Rob's philosophy has always centred around the individual growth and development of his student-athletes. He conscientiously establishes a positive and supportive environment where each young man or woman under his watch can thrive both on and off the field of play. While provincial championships and competitive successes are certainly cherished, Rob's biggest point of pride is knowing the lasting impact school sports has on kids and the role he has played as coach in each of their journeys.

In receiving the BCSS Citation of Excellence, Rob humbly expresses gratitude to his family, colleagues, and administrators for their unwavering support. His legacy as a coach extends far beyond the wins and losses, leaving a lasting impression on the countless student-athletes that he has mentored over the past 30 years.

CITATION OF EXCELLENCE - COACH

ADELE RENZULLO - ST. PATRICK REGIONAL SECONDARY



Adele Renzullo's remarkable coaching journey has earned her the Citation of Excellence - Coach, a testament to her enduring commitment and exceptional contributions to girls' volleyball. Adele's coaching career began in 1985, fueled by her passion for sports and a desire to empower young athletes. Inspired by her coach at SFU, Adele transitioned from player to coach, igniting a successful coaching career that has spanned nearly four decades. For 39 years, Adele has dedicated herself to coaching the senior girls' volleyball team at St. Patrick Regional Secondary. Becoming her second family, they share a cheer called "Harumbi" which means together in Japanese. She has instilled in her players the values of hard work, resilience, and teamwork. Under her guidance, the team has achieved considerable success, winning four BCSS 'AA' Girls Volleyball Provincial Championships in 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2008 while qualifying for the BCSS Provincial Championships in 33 of her 39 years.

Adele's coaching philosophy revolves around being a friend to her student-athletes and fostering a positive environment where every player feels valued and supported. As a recipient of the Citation of Excellence, Adele hopes to inspire her student-athletes and fellow coaches to believe in themselves and emphasize the power of teamwork. Her dedication to her players and the sport of volleyball is truly admirable, making her recognition a well-deserved honour. Adele's legacy extends far beyond the court, touching the lives of innumerable athletes and leaving behind a lasting mark on the St. Patrick community.

SHON RYAN - CLAREMONT SECONDARY

Shon Ryan's remarkable coaching career, more than 3 decades long, has resulted in deserving recognition with the BCSS Citation of Excellence. We celebrate and recognize his outstanding contributions to school sports, his school, and the lives of his student-athletes. As coach at Claremont Secondary, Shon has left a lasting mark on the school's athletic program in volleyball and golf.



As an educator, driven by his passion for volleyball and a desire to mentor young athletes Shon launched his career at Claremont Secondary in the mid-1990s. They found immediate success building quickly to a powerhouse and an undefeated 66-0 season in 1998-1999 winning the BCSS AAA Boys Provincial Championship. Shon's coaching style is characterized by attention to detail, player development, and creating a positive environment where athletes can develop and thrive. Claremont Secondary has achieved tremendous success in both volleyball and golf under Shon's guidance. The golf program, along with numerous island championships, won the BCSS Provincial Championship in 2019.

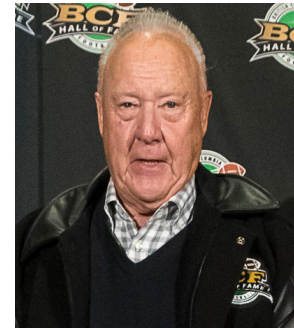
Shon's ability to develop student-athletes has seen Claremont produce numerous national team players, athletes, and collegiate recruits, including renowned athletes like Fred Winters, Matt Carere, and Colin Lundeen. Beyond his coaching accolades, Shon is celebrated for his commitment to his athletes' development and mentorship. He has dedicated himself to the growth of the sport through initiatives like the Big Dig Volleyball Camps, where he mentored young coaches and inspired many athletes.

As a recipient of the Citation of Excellence, Shon Ryan has firmly established his legacy as a revered coach and mentor, leaving a 3-decade impact on the lives of countless student-athletes. Shon wishes to thank his wife Jacquie, son Ayden, daughter Brooklyn (who is now a coach herself), and his parents for supporting him throughout his journey.

CITATION OF EXCELLENCE - OFFICIAL

WAYNE STEELE - FOOTBALL

Wayne Steele's unparalleled dedication to officiating school sports has earned him the Citation of Excellence for an official. Widely recognized as a premier football official in BC and beyond, Wayne's distinguished career spans over 55 years, leaving an indelible mark on the game.



Wayne was an elementary school teacher for 35 years with the Vancouver School board and began his officiating journey in 1968, drawn by his passion for sports and a desire to contribute to fair play. Throughout his illustrious career, he has embodied the principles of fairness, safety, and equal opportunity for all players. Wayne's commitment to providing a safe and supportive environment for student-athletes has ensured that each game is conducted with professionalism and integrity. As a mentor and leader in the football officiating community, Wayne has assumed a pivotal role in nurturing the next generation of officials, holding the highest seniority in the BCFOA. He generously shares his wealth of knowledge and experience, guiding officials to uphold the highest standards of officiating.

Wayne's achievements as an official are numerous and significant. He has officiated at multiple levels, from grade 8 games, Provincial Championship All-Star Games, and the over 25 Archbishop's Trophy game between Vancouver College and Notre Dame. Wayne's impact on the sport of football is profound. Receiving the Citation of Excellence is a testament to Wayne's remarkable contributions to officiating and his enduring legacy in school sports. His dedication to the game serves as an inspiration and a reminder of the vital role officiating plays in shaping the student-athlete experience.

JOHN MILL - BASKETBALL

John Mill's exceptional commitment to officiating school sports has earned him the Citation of Excellence as an official. This well-deserved recognition is a testament of his enduring dedication and contributions to the sport of basketball. John's officiating journey began in 1978 as a high school at Gladstone Secondary. Over the past five decades, he has become a revered figure in the officiating community, setting the highest standards of excellence on and off the court.



Throughout his officiating career, John has exemplified the guiding principles of fairness, professionalism, and sportsmanship. He was a recipient of the 1995 Wink Willox Award for all-around contributions to officiating in BC, as well as a recipient of the 2008 Bob Ferguson Outstanding Educator Honour Award presented by the East Kootenay Secondary Schools Athletic Association. John has mentored countless officials and coaches, instilling in them a deep understanding of the rules and mechanics of the game.

A true leader in the Kootenay region, John's impact extends beyond the court. He has been instrumental in organizing clinics, running mentorship programs for young officials, and fostering a culture of respect and sportsmanship among players, coaches, and fellow officials. John's commitment to fairness is evident in his approach to assigning officials, always striving to create balanced and equitable officiating crews.

As a recipient of the Citation of Excellence for an official, John's commitment to the sport of basketball is an example of the positive impact officiating can have on young student-athletes. A highlight of his career has been the opportunity to referee the children of athletes he has coached and refereed in the past.

CITATION OF EXCELLENCE - ADMINISTRATOR

MIKE FINCH - SENTINEL SECONDARY

Mike Finch's dedication to enhancing athletic programs and student-athlete experiences at Sentinel Secondary has earned him the well-deserved Citation of Excellence as an Administrator. With 15 years of service at Sentinel, Mike's unwavering commitment to the athletic program has demonstrated exemplary leadership and support.

unwavering commitment to the athletic program has demonstrated exemplary leadership and support. Mike ensures consistent communication with his Athletic Director, prioritizing the needs of the student-athletes and coaches. He exemplifies servant leadership, offering steadfast support. Mike's dedication extends beyond administrative duties; he attends many of Sentinel's games and encourages every team, fostering connections both on and off the field of play. For 36 years, Mike has assumed numerous roles within school sports, such as coach, official, athletic director and administrator all of which have shaped his passion for supporting athletic programs as a school principal.

Mike has also served outside of his school's walls, as the President of Vancouver Secondary School's Athletic Association and the West Vancouver Administrators Association Athletic Rep. His leadership style is characterized by building trust and empowering others, reinforcing a positive environment through personalized recognition. Mike remains focused on strengthening athletic programs, emphasizing the importance of having the right people in key roles. Some of his most rewarding moments include witnessing student achievements as a coach, alongside the opportunity to coach his own children.

Mike would like to thank the collective effort of the Sentinel school community, and his wife Kathy; who has also coached BCSS sports for over 30 years, winning Provincial Championships along the way (most recently the 2023 'AAA' Girls Volleyball Championships). Mike Finch's presence and legacy will continue to enhance the athletic programs and student-athlete experiences at Sentinel Secondary.



CITATION OF EXCELLENCE - ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

RHONDA TRUNKFIELD - TERRY FOX SECONDARY

Rhonda Trunkfield stands as a pillar of excellence and dedication in high school athletics, earning her the Citation of Excellence for an Athletic Director. With 25 years of experience, Rhonda's journey into athletics began as a student-athlete herself, participating in a diverse array of sports including field hockey, basketball, tennis, and softball. Her passion for athletics coupled with a background as a coach and educator laid the foundation for her remarkable career.



Immersing herself into the role of Athletic Director at Terry Fox Secondary, Rhonda embarked on a mission to foster a positive environment for student-athletes and coaches alike. At the heart of her philosophy lies unwavering support for coaches and student-athletes, evident in her hands-on approach and commitment to attending numerous games and events. Rhonda's leadership extends beyond the field of play. She has developed the Character in Action program, aimed at instilling values of perseverance, integrity, leadership, and kindness for all student-athletes, focusing on athletics. Under Rhonda's guidance, Terry Fox's athletic programs have flourished, enriched by her mentorship, professional development opportunities for coaches, and innovative programs for student-athletes.

Rhonda's impending retirement marks the end of an era, leaving behind a legacy of excellence and a significant impact on her school community. Rhonda's dedication, leadership by example, and commitment to student-athletes make her a deserving recipient of the Citation of Excellence.

COREY YAMAOKA - SOUTH KAMLOOPS SECONDARY

With over three decades of experience in education, Corey's journey to becoming an athletic director began with a passion for sports cultivated during his school years. Beginning with basketball in elementary school, before playing rugby and basketball in his secondary years, Corey's diverse athletic background laid the foundation for his career, and in turn, has led him to become a recipient of this year's Citation of Excellence.



Assuming the role of Athletic Director at South Kamloops Secondary, Corey embarked on a mission to foster a positive environment for student-athletes and coaches. Corey worked tirelessly to uphold traditions while championing inclusivity. His open communication with the school community and his commitment to providing opportunities for student-athletes have left a lasting mark at South Kamloops.

Corey's leadership style is defined by leading by example, working hard, and modelling the values he holds dear. Under his guidance, South Kamloops has achieved remarkable success, boasting 13 provincial championships, most notably the Girls and Boys basketball teams winning a provincial championship in the same year. Beyond his role as Athletic Director, Corey's coaching accolades and contributions to the broader athletic community are a testament to his commitment to excellence. He has served on the BCSS Thompson Okanagan Zone leadership, the Kamloops Sports Council, BC High School Girls Basketball Board, and School District #73 Athletic Council.

Corey's dedication to development, open communication, and community involvement has strengthened the athletic program, earning him respect and admiration from his colleagues, students, and the broader community. For Corey Yamaoka, this recognition symbolizes not only the hard work he puts in but also a reflection of the collective effort of his student-athletes, staff, and the school community.

WOMEN IN SPORTS & LEADERSHIP AWARD

BREANNE QUIST NANAIMO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Breanne Quist's remarkable journey in school sports exemplifies dedication, passion, and servant leadership. As the deserving recipient of the Women in Sports and Leadership award, Breanne is continuing to leave an incredible impact on her school.

Since 2007, Breanne's coaching journey has been one of empowerment and inclusivity. In 2016, she assumed the position of Athletic Director at Nanaimo Christian School, and began shaping the school's athletic program with a student-first approach. Breanne's dedication to promoting girls' participation in sports is evident in her efforts to provide opportunities and support for female student-athletes. Whether coaching basketball or volleyball, Breanne goes above and beyond to empower her players, instilling in them a sense of confidence, resilience, and sportsmanship. Her desire to find new ways to inspire female athletes to participate in sports leads to her learning about their interests and developing opportunities to participate has led to the establishment of new teams and initiatives, including the inaugural girls' soccer team at Nanaimo Christian School in 2024.

Breanne's reach and impact have extended beyond the walls of Nanaimo Christian. She has willingly taken on the role of tournament director for three BCSS Provincial Championships (Volleyball, Basketball, and Golf) with NCS hosting a BCSS Championship each of the past 3 years (more than any other member school in that timeframe). Breanne is always going the extra mile to ensure that student-athletes from across the province have an exceptional experience.

As a leader, Breanne's empathy and commitment have created a supportive environment for student-athletes to thrive. Making her an ideal role model for girls and young women. The impact she has made transcends sports, curating a culture of excellence and respect across the school and broader community.



MEDIA PERSON OF THE YEAR

MARK BOOTH DELTA OPTIMIST



Mark Booth is being recognized for his 36 years of exceptional contributions to highlighting and celebrating school sports through his reporting. For the past 3.5 decades, Mark has had a constant presence in our gyms and around our fields, particularly in Richmond and Delta.

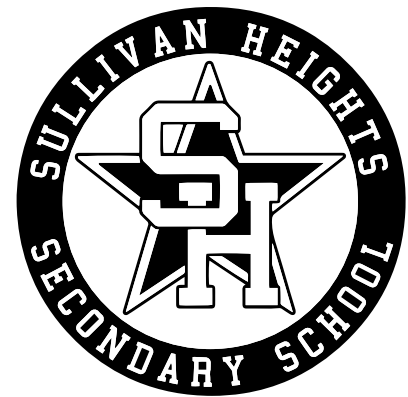
Mark's impact on high school sports coverage is reflected in the countless memorable stories he has shared over the years. Throughout his career with the Delta Optimist and Richmond News, Mark has penned over 20,000 sport stories, spanning from BCSS Provincial Championships to breaking down the latest local rivalry. His commitment to providing comprehensive coverage of school sporting events has garnered admiration and respect within the community. Mark's passion for sports journalism was ignited during his high school years at Queen Elizabeth Secondary, where he began writing for the school newspaper. This early experience taught him an understanding of the significance of school sports in fostering a sense of community and school spirit. As a reporter, Mark has been able to capture the excitement and emotion of games while featuring student-athlete achievements. His dedication to fair and accurate reporting has earned him the trust and admiration of readers, coaches, and student-athletes.

In accepting this award, Mark expresses his gratitude and reflects on the meaningful connections he has made with coaches, student-athletes, and fellow journalists. He emphasizes the importance of school sports in providing students with valuable memories and experiences that transcend the game. Mark Booth's dedication to covering the best of school sport in BC has made him a deserving recipient of the BCSS Media Person of the Year Award. His passion and commitment to storytelling serve as an inspiration.



INSPIRATIONAL SCHOOL

SULLIVAN HEIGHTS SECONDARY



Sullivan Heights is the 2023-2024 Inspirational School, a testament to their dedication to student-athletes and staff. They have emerged as a beacon of leadership and public service, enriching the lives of their community through athletics programs and meaningful engagement initiatives.

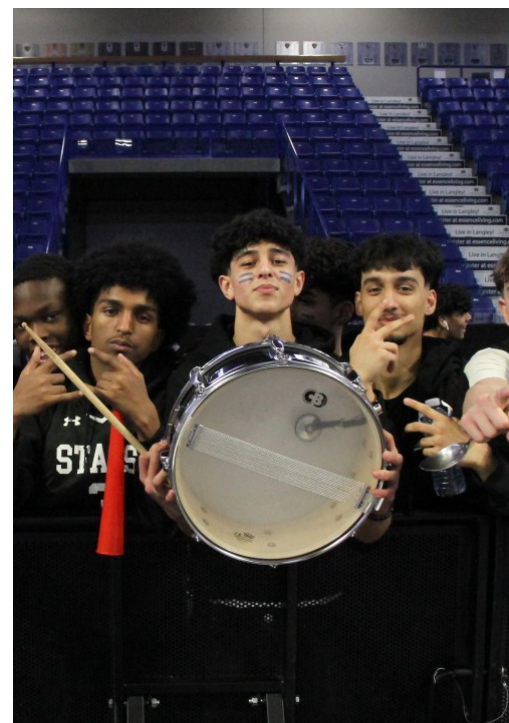
Offering a diverse range of BCSS sports, from football to track and field, Sullivan Heights provides opportunities for students to excel both on and off the field of play. With numerous teams winning invitational events and qualifying for BCSS Provincial Championships, the school has built a tradition of athletic excellence.

Sullivan Heights boasts extensive extracurricular programs, with more than 40 teams and over 400 student-athletes involved each school year. Leadership students play a pivotal role, volunteering countless hours to ensure the success of athletic events and fostering a culture that includes the entire school population in the success of their athletic teams.

Staff involvement at the school has been essential in enhancing the athletic experience. Through teachers and administrators serving as coaches as well as community outreach and feeder school engagement, Sullivan Heights has established a culture of belonging and a mindset of service that has brought students, staff, and alumni together in support of its athletic program.

At Sullivan Heights, the focus extends beyond wins and losses to prioritize the development of student-athletes. By promoting girls' sports, fostering leadership, and maintaining a balance between sports and academics, the school empowered students to excel in all aspects of their lives.

Recognition as the BCSS Inspirational School serves as a testament to years of hard work and dedication, Sullivan Heights remains committed to growth and impact, aspiring to engage more students and create a safe, inclusive space for all.



HONOUR AWARD

PAUL THIESSEN

OKANAGAN MISSION SECONDARY



The Honour Award, the highest distinction BCSS can bestow in recognition of a lifetime of service, is presented this year to Paul Thiessen, celebrating his impact as a coach, athletic director, and school sport leader. A multi-sport athlete in his youth, Paul's talent and passion earned him recognition as a Finalist for High School Athlete of the Year from Sport BC in both 1978 and 1979. His exceptional athleticism paved the way for success at the Canada Winter Games, where he and his Team BC teammates secured a gold medal in volleyball in 1979. A standout player for the UBC Thunderbirds, Paul garnered multiple Canada West All-Star and All-Canadian honours, before being recognized as the MVP in UBC's CIAU National Championship in 1983. After University Paul joined the Men's National Team team leading up to the Seoul Olympics in 1988. Following that quadrennial, Paul retired soon after to get married and begin his teaching career and coaching assignments. Paul's coaching journey began in 1983 as an assistant coach for the BC Canada Games team, marking his transition from player to coach and administrator. Over the years, he honed his coaching at various levels, from middle school to college, achieving remarkable success along the way.

In 1990, Paul's journey led him to Kelowna, where he assumed the role of Athletic Director at Okanagan Mission Secondary (OKM). His impact as both coach and Athletic Director at OKM has been profound, leaving a mark on the school's athletic program and the broader BCSS community. As the head of OKM's athletic department for over three decades, Paul's leadership and dedication have transformed the school's sports culture and propelled countless student-athletes to success. During his tenure as Athletic Director, Paul implemented numerous initiatives to enhance the student-athlete experience and foster a culture of excellence.

Paul prioritized inclusivity and participation, promoting a supportive sports culture and ensuring that all students had access to athletic opportunities. Paul created the volleyball program which now sees over 120 students playing on one of the teams annually. Paul's coaching achievements at OKM are equally noteworthy, with his senior boys' volleyball teams qualifying for the BC Provincial Championships 17 times from 1996 to 2023. Paul's coaching philosophy emphasized skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship, instilling in his players a deep appreciation for the game and a commitment to excellence.

Beyond his contributions to OKM, Paul has played a pivotal role in the broader BCSS community, serving in various leadership capacities, and advocating for the advancement of school sports. Paul's leadership roles included serving as president of both the Central Okanagan Athletic Association and BCSS Thompson-Okanagan Zone, advocating for integrity and fairness in school sport governance. He was one of the key organizers in the hosting of 20 consecutive boys' volleyball championships in Kelowna, ensuring that student-athletes across the province had the opportunity to compete and excel. His tireless efforts to uphold the values of BC School Sports and promote the welfare of student-athletes exemplify his commitment to the betterment of school sports in British Columbia.

Paul's unwavering dedication to the advancement of school sports has earned him widespread respect and admiration from colleagues, coaches, and student-athletes alike. His legacy as a coach, athletic director, and advocate for school sport will continue to inspire future generations to strive for excellence both on and off the court. Paul Thiessen's contributions are truly deserving of recognition, embodying the spirit of the Honour Award and serving as an example of service and leadership in school sports.

HISTORY OF THE HONOUR AWARD

2024	PAUL THIESSEN	1998	JACK MAY MARION MCNEILL
2023	ANNEMARIE WATTS		DARLENE CURRIE
2022	KERRY TAYLOR	1997	STAN GILL ROGER KRONQUIST
2021	SUE THORNE		GARY HAENSGEN
2020	TOM DINSDALE		EARL HENDERSON
2019	WENDY HYER	1996	ED PEDERSEN MIKE SMITH BOB STEBBINGS
2018	JILL VOROS		BILL MCNULTY
2012	RANDY SEMENOFF RAJ PURI	1995	CLIVE HUGHES
2011	JO-ANNE LOADER	1994	MARTY CROSS
2010	BOB MATLOCK		ED CARLIN
2009	BRIAN LAVIOLETTE BRIAN LYNCH	1993	STAN LAWSON JIM STEWART
2008	PHILIP CIZMIC		DAVE GIFFORD
2007	JOE MOREIRA JO ANN WARD	1992	BOB JACKSON VERA WILLIAMSON
2006	WALTER BECKER	1991	BOB FERGUSON
2005	BRIAN OLTHUIS		JACK BUCKHAM
2004	DAVID BINGHAM	1990	BARRY CALLAGHAN MATT PHILLIPS DOUG HARSHBARGER
2003	MIKE CHARLTON		JACK ARMOUR
2002	NEIL MURRAY ROD VANCE	1989	VERNA CHERNOFF BOB GAIR CHANDRA MADHOSINGH
2001	VIC BIFANO MOE WILLIAMS	1988	DON HARTWIG
2000	LEN CORBEN BARRY KINGSLEY		DAN DOYLE
	GAYLE GUEST	1987	HUGH MARSHALL RON VAN DOLAH RUTH WILSON
1999	BARRY STEWART DOUG STURROCK JACK TASAKA	1986	DON MCINTYRE VAN MORRISON

2023-24 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

DAVE GIFFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	
Maia Lawrence	Oak Bay Secondary
August Portal	Handsworth Secondary

BCSS ZONE SCHOLARSHIP		
EASTERN VALLEY	Kelsie Kampman	Unity Christian School
	Carter Van Der Waarde	Langley Christian
FRASER NORTH	Avery Sussex	Riverside Secondary
	Kobe Li	Port Moody Secondary
KOOTENAY	Megan Bonikowski	L.V. Rogers Secondary
	Mitchell Erickson	L.V. Rogers Secondary
NORTH CENTRAL	Temi Bankole	College Heights Secondary
	Grayson Turgeon	Nechako Valley Secondary
NORTHWEST	Michelle Vanderwart	Bulkley Valley Christian School
	David Loki	Bulkley Valley Christian School
SOUTH FRASER	Punum Grewal	Panorama Ridge Secondary
	Sartaj Rattanpal	Queen Elizabeth Secondary
THOMPSON-OKANAGAN	Maggie Pearce	St Ann's Academy
	Eli Dodds	Sa-Hali Secondary
VANCOUVER ISLAND	Madeleine Albert	St Michaels University School
	Rhondé Lyle	John Barsby Community School
VANCOUVER SEA-TO-SKY	Madeleine Wardle	York House School
	Samuel Ruby	Collingwood School

BERT & GRETA QUARTERMAINE BADMINTON SCHOLARSHIP	
Eldrick Chand	Windermere Secondary
Justine Warkentin	Prince George Secondary
Breanne Chan	Little Flower Academy
Samantha Cham	J.N. Burnett Secondary
Jasmine Zheng	Fleetwood Park Secodnary
Huan Zhang	Parkland Secondary

BC DAIRY SCHOLARSHIP		BCSS INDIGENOUS STUDENT-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP	
Evelie Colclough	W.L. Seaton Secondary	Summer Musschoot	Fernie Secondary
Raymond Nguyen	Gladstone Secondary	Arrow Goodpipe	Garibaldi Secondary

2023-24 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL
Board of Directors	
Brent Sweeney	South Delta Secondary
Lindsay Brooke	St. Michaels University School
Arnar Bernhardsson	Kelowna Secondary
Bal Ranu	Semiahmoo Secondary
Rick Lopez	Vancouver School Board
Jim Lamond	School District 62
Deanna Schaper-Kotter	Notre Dame Regional Secondary
Rachel Romero	Fernie Secondary
Gian Cavaliere	Merritt Secondary
Kootenay Zone Representatives	
Sean Sinclair	Mount Baker Secondary
Joe Moreira	Mount Sentinel Secondary
Riley Friesen	Grand Forks Secondary
Thompson-Okanagan Zone Representatives	
Brian Tommasini	Sa-Hali Secondary
Mary Bartucci	Sa-Hali Secondary
Jody Vosper	Sa-Hali Secondary
North Central Zone Representatives	
Louise Holmes	Duchess Park Secondary
Keith Wood	Prince George Secondary
Jay Guillet	College Heights Secondary
North West Zone Representatives	
Debi Laughlin	Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary
James Horner	Bulkley Valley Christian School
David Rodrigues	Mount Elizabeth Secondary
Vancouver Island Zone Representatives	
Darren Reisig	Claremont Secondary
Nicole McRae	Wellington Secondary
Phil Ohl	Spectrum Community School
Eastern Valley Zone Representatives	
Sean Wicker	Chilliwack School District
Colleen Sullivan	Chief Dan George School
Jake Mouritzen	G.W. Graham Secondary

South Fraser Zone Representatives	
Bill Richards	North Delta Secondary
Courtney O'Brien	Clayton Heights Secondary
Nik Nashlund	Steveston-London Secondary
Fraser North Zone Representatives	
Allen Tsang	Cariboo Hill Secondary
Craig Percevault	Dr. Charles Best Secondary
Amber Norris	Alpha Secondary
Vancouver Sea-to-Sky Zone Representatives	
Pat Lee	John Oliver Secondary
Claude Leduc	Mulgrave School
Shauna Underwood	Killarney Secondary

NAME	POSITION
Committee Chairs	
Mike Thompson	Sport Medicine and Athlete Safety Committee (SMASC)
Peter Westhaver	Eligibility Appeals Committee (EAC)
Jackie Snell	Competitive Fairness Committee (CFC)
Gary Atwal	Fall Sports Rules Committee (FRC)
Zoel Thibault	Winter Sports Rules Committee (WRC)
Chris Ellett	Spring Sports Rules Committee (SRC)
Mark Fenn	Individual Sports Championship Committee (ICC)
Mike Campbell	Team Sports Championship Committee (TCC)
Stakeholder Organizations	
Andrew Holland	BC Schools Superintendents' Association (BCSSA)
Tracy Loffler	BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA)
Gladys Fraser	BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)
Sid Jawanda	BC Principals and Vice Principals Association (BCPVPA)
VACANT	Ministry of Education
VACANT	Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture (Sport Branch)
Josh Ogilvie	BC Teachers Federation (BCTF)
Shawn Chisolm	Federation of Independent Schools (FISA)
Louise Ormerod	Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council (ISPARC)

2023-24 FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATIONS

INCOME

MEMBER SCHOOL DUES, FINES, AND ELIGIBILITY	\$947,574
BCSS EVENTS	\$1,079,958
SPONSORSHIP/PARTNERSHIP	\$280,606
GRANTS/DONATIONS	\$274,241
OTHER INCOME	\$39,167

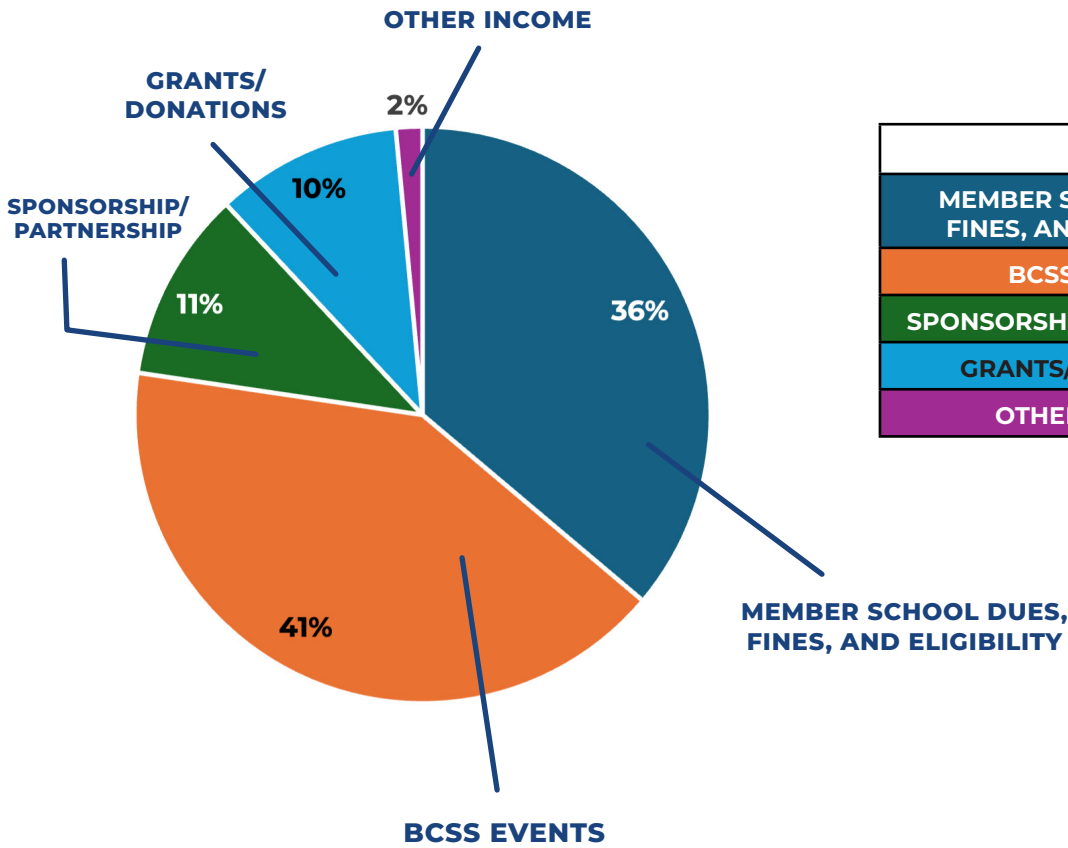
TOTAL INCOME: \$ 2,621,546

EXPENSES

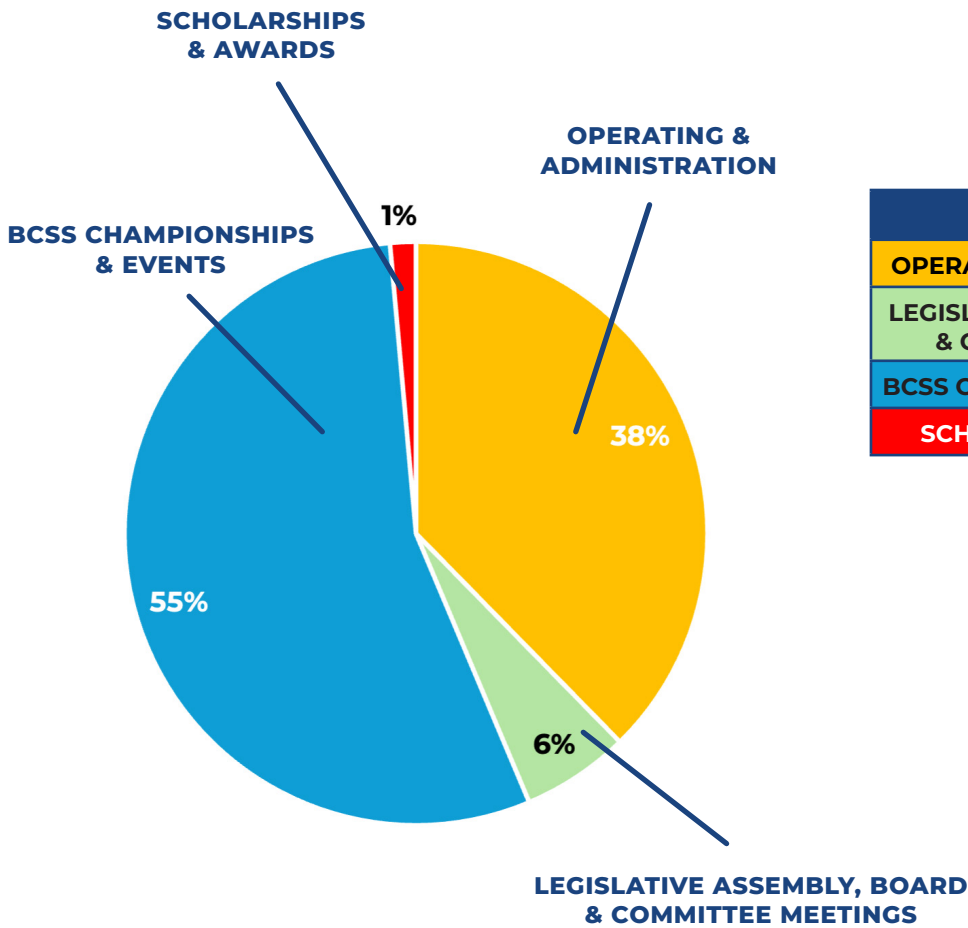
OPERATING & ADMINISTRATION	\$950,963
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS	\$151,085
BCSS CHAMPIONSHIPS & EVENTS	\$1,386,568
SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS	\$36,145

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 2,524,761

NET PROFIT/(LOSS): \$ 96,785



REVENUE	
MEMBER SCHOOL DUES, FINES, AND ELIGIBILITY	36%
BCSS EVENTS	41%
SPONSORSHIP/PARTNERSHIP	11%
GRANTS/DONATIONS	10%
OTHER INCOME	2%



EXPENSES	
OPERATING & ADMINISTRATION	38%
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS	6%
BCSS CHAMPIONSHIPS & EVENTS	55%
SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS	1%

