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Local Swimmer Gabor Receives Victor Davis Memorial Award

WHITEHORSE - At the recent Canada Cup swimming championships in Toronto, Swimming Canada announced that Alexandra Gabor, of the Whitehorse Glacier Bear Swim Club, was the recipient of the Victor Davis Memorial Award.

Although many of the top swimmers in Canada applied to receive this grant, only four were selected based on recent performances and future potential.

The 15-year-old had this to say about this important award, "I am very honoured to have been selected to receive this funding and I was quite surprised and happy when I found out. I am always appreciative of any financial assistance that can help with the on-going costs of travelling to national and international competitions."

Gabor is one of the top "freestyle" swimmers in Canada and lists her performance in the 200 Freestyle at the Euro meet in Luxembourg last January as the highlight of her swimming career thus far.

Gabor has been part of Swimming Canada Junior, Youth and Development teams for the past four years, and has represented Canada, BC and Yukon at many competitions throughout Canada and the United States, as well as at the European Tour last January, the Junior World Championships in Mexico last July and the Tri-Nations Meet in Québec City last August. Gabor will be leaving at the end of December for the island of Guam, where she will compete in the Junior Pan Pacific Championships as part of Team Canada. This meet hosts the best 18 & under swimmers from the U.S., Australia, Canada, China as well as the rest of the Pacific Rim nations.

Victor Davis was an Olympic gold medalist for Canada in 1984, and each year, awards are made from the Victor Davis Memorial Fund to assist young Canadian swimmers to continue their training, education, and pursuit of excellence at the international level of competition. This award is adjudicated by Mel Davis, the father of Victor Davis, along with Clifford Barry, his former coach.

Since its inception, the Victor Davis Memorial Fund has awarded 86 athletes with \$1000 bursaries to aid in their training costs. Thirteen of these athletes were on the Olympic Team this year in Beijing, including Olympic bronze medalist Ryan Cochrane.

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