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## 2012 Maple Leaf Awards

*In Support of Youth and Collegiate Field Lacrosse in British Columbia*

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

**BURNABY, BC** (January 20, 2012) The Simon Fraser University (SFU) men's lacrosse program, in partnership with Burnaby Mountain Selects Lacrosse, will be hosting the sixth annual Maple Leaf Awards Dinner next Saturday, January 28, 2012.

Each year, the Maple Leaf Awards celebrate Canada's national sport by supporting youth and collegiate field lacrosse in British Columbia (BC). The first event of its kind in Canada, the awards dinner and silent auction will usher in the upcoming collegiate season by recognizing SFU 2011 graduating seniors, introducing the incoming 2011 freshman class, and celebrating SFU lacrosse 2011 team award winners, PNCLL All-Conference and MCLA All-American league honors recipients.

The Maple Leaf Awards will also acknowledge the 2011 BMS Scholar Athlete Award recipients and individual player award winners for the 2011 summer and fall rosters of the Burnaby Mountain Selects Boy's and Girl's Elite Touring Teams that competed in California, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Oregon and Washington. The SFU Lacrosse Endowment Award and Chris Friesen Memorial Award will also be presented on this special evening.

Scott Rintoul, host of the "Scotty & Company" morning show on Vancouver's all-sports station, the TEAM 1040, returns by popular demand for his fifth stint as the evening's Master of Ceremonies, while special guest Travis Lulay, a professional football player and starting quarterback for the Canadian Football League's (CFL) 2011 Grey Cup Champion, BC Lions will lead this year's keynote address.



In 2011, his first full season as the Lions starter, Lulay won the CFL's Most Outstanding Player Award and was named Most Valuable Player of the 99th Grey Cup, in addition to being named both a CFL All-Star and CFL West All-Star. A consummate "team player," the individual awards capped off a spectacular season, where Lulay led the Lions back from a 0-5 start, on a run to the Western Conference title and Grey Cup Championship.

Lulay played his collegiate football at Montana State University (NCAA Division I) from 2002-2005, where he became the architect of three Big Sky Championships (2002, 2003, 2005) for the Bobcats and school record holder for career passing yards, single season total offense and total

offense in a career. His career passing yards of 10,746, currently place Lulay 11th all-time in NCAA Division I-AA history, while achieving a quarterback rating of 123.7 in his senior year. As impressive as his statistics were athletically, Lulay exemplified the true meaning of student-athlete, graduating from MSU with a Grade Point Average of 3.91.

Prior to his playing career in the CFL, Lulay was a member of the National Football League's (NFL) Seattle Seahawks (2006, 2008) and New Orleans Saints (2008), while also playing for the Berlin Thunder of NFL Europa in 2007.

In addition to the event's silent auction, Cathay Pacific will be giving away "Airfare for two (2) to New York" to one lucky winner in the evening's "Balloon Pop."

The event will be held at the Westwood Plateau Golf & Country Club in Coquitlam, BC starting at 6:00pm. Tickets (\$75.00 tax included) for this highly anticipated event are sold out for the second consecutive year.

For further information on the Maple Leaf Awards, including a complete archive of the event, please visit [www.selectslacrosse.com/maple-leaf-awards.html](http://www.selectslacrosse.com/maple-leaf-awards.html).



#### **ABOUT SIMON FRASER MEN'S LACROSSE**

Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse will compete in its seventeenth season in 2012 and is a Division I member of the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association (MCLA). The Clan have captured a record eight PNCLL Conference Titles (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2008 and 2009) and rank sixth all-time with ten MCLA National Championship tournament appearances, placing 2nd in 1999 and playing in the 2010 MCLA Semi-Finals after reaching the Quarterfinals in 2008 and 2009.

For further information on Simon Fraser men's lacrosse please visit [www.sfulacrosse.com](http://www.sfulacrosse.com) or follow the Clan on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/fraserlacrosse>.

#### **ABOUT BURNABY MOUNTAIN SELECTS LACROSSE**

Established in 2006 and now widely recognized as one of Canada's top field lacrosse development programs, the Burnaby Mountain Selects Field Lacrosse Program is an amateur sports organization designed to train players in a high performance environment to best prepare them for a collegiate field lacrosse career. Selection and consideration into the program is reserved for a select group of elite student-athletes, who possess the desire to work hard and learn in a competitive team environment, while demonstrating the ability to prioritize their academic goals in the highest regard. More than 365 athletes in grades 5-12 have participated in the Selects program from over 35 communities across British Columbia's Lower Mainland, BC Coast, BC Interior, Washington State and Idaho. The Selects travel to compete in top college recruiting tournaments throughout North America, winning several international events and helping to place over 40% of graduating players in collegiate field lacrosse programs.

For further information on Burnaby Mountain Lacrosse please visit [www.selectslacrosse.com](http://www.selectslacrosse.com), follow the Selects LIVE on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/selectslacrosse> or watch the SelectsTV channel on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/user/selectslacrosse](http://www.youtube.com/user/selectslacrosse).

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