

University Games – An Alberta Success Story in Rhythmic Gymnastics - May 25, 2015

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Team Alberta aces qualification to University Games in Rhythmic Gymnastics at the Korean Games - Three of the Four team members are Albertan.

What happens when you reach for the stars and are a top Canadian rhythmic gymnast? You get accepted into Astrophysics at U of A and qualify for the University Games in Gwangju, South Korea in the same month.

Gymnast Hannah Parry of Edmonton, Alberta qualified on May 24th at the Canadian Championships in Rhythmic Gymnastics to represent Canada with Lisa Huh of Vancouver at the South Korea University Games. Judy Martens, from Edmonton, Alberta, will be the team coach, and Judit Berecz of St. Albert has been assigned by the international federation as the Canadian judge. Six years ago, at the age of twelve, Hannah Parry was the “Face of the Future University Games Athletes” when Edmonton’s bid committee presented to FISU in 2009 in Belgium. While Edmonton lost their bid to host the 2015 Games to Korea, Hannah always hoped that her Universiade dream would come true.



Seen here - Hannah Parry in 2009, representing Edmonton at FISU meetings in Belgium & In 2015, with coaches Judit Berecz and Judy Martens after qualifying to the Gwangju University Games

This weekend, after qualifying at Canadian Championships, not only is she attending the University Games in Korea, but so too are the mother/daughter team of Judy Martens (Gymnastics Canada Team coach) and Judit Berecz (internationally assigned judge and coach of Hannah). Both Judit and Judy were past world championships competitors representing Hungary and Canada.

Hannah has been on the national team since 2009, and this year focused her efforts on both scholastic and gymnastics goals. She was recently accepted into the Astrophysics program at the University of Alberta. Acceptance in, or current enrollment in University education is a requirement, along with sports excellence, to qualify to these games.

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