



Subject: Balmoral Hall Blazers Hockey - 2010 Graduates

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WINNIPEG - Each year the Balmoral Hall Blazers hockey program aims to provide student-athletes with a high-performance hockey experience that will help ensure a smooth transition to post-secondary athletics. The BH Blazers hockey program supports a skills development program and two competitive teams at the Junior Varsity and Varsity Prep level.

Ten members of the Varsity Prep hockey team graduated this year as part of Balmoral Hall's Class of 2010. This is the largest group of student-athletes to date moving on from the program to post-secondary academics and athletics. Each received numerous offers to pursue post-secondary athletics on academic and/or athletics scholarships.

Three-year veterans of the Varsity Prep team **Tess Dusik** (Oak Bluff, MB), **Michelle Pawluk** (Petersfield, MB), and **Tatiana Rafter** (Winnipeg, MB) – who is also a four year student at BH – will play for Bemidji State University, University of Manitoba, and the University of British Columbia, respectively. **Michelle Rebeck** (Winnipeg, MB), a four-year student at BH with two years on the Varsity Prep team, will suit up for the College of St. Scholastica. **Erika Thunder** (Buffalo Point, MB) will be moving to London, Ontario to play for the London Devilettes in the highly competitive PWHL intermediate AA league while attending the University of Western Ontario. **Emily McKnight** (Carman, MB), a three-year student at BH and two-year member of the Varsity Prep team will join fellow BH alumna, Dusik, at Bemidji State University to play for the Beavers. **Ashley Rowe** (Winnipeg, MB), a two-year member of the Varsity Prep team will pursue her studies at the University of Manitoba along with teammate **Lesley St. Godard** (Winnipeg, MB), a one-year member of the Varsity Prep team, who will attend the University of Manitoba and skate with the Bisons. **Sydney Burghardt** (Medicine Hat, AB), a two-year contributor to the Varsity Prep squad will move on to play for the Huskies at St. Cloud State University, while **Jasmine Levesque** (Winnipeg, MB), another two-year veteran will head east to Carlton University in Ottawa, Ontario and skate for the Ravens.

As the 2010 graduates transition to their post-secondary careers, the BH Blazers hockey program wishes them all the best in their academic and athletic endeavours.

For more information about the Balmoral Hall School Blazers Hockey Program and its graduates visit: http://www.balmoralhall.com/home/bh_experience/athletics

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