

COLLEGE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

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CAMERON GAY (Vancouver Island University) – Basketball

Completed his final season with the Mariners by leading VIU to an 81-78 victory over Capilano in the BC Championships and earned tournament MVP honours. Gay led the PacWest in assists (76), percentages for three-point (46.4) and free throws (88.1) to earn a spot on the PacWest all-star team as his team took first place in the conference standings with an unblemished 17-0 record. He closed out 2022 and his college career being honoured as Vancouver Island University Male Athlete of the Year.



YEVGENIYA (JANE) LYTVYENKO (Vancouver Island University) – Volleyball

Racked up several awards in an outstanding season for the Mariners despite enduring anxious times for family in her native Ukraine. Jane led VIU to a fourth-consecutive CCAA women's volleyball championship and was recognized as the tournament's MVP and the CCAA women's volleyball Player of the Year. She was also chosen as Vancouver Island's Female Athlete of the Year for 2022.



VITOR PEREIRA (Camosun College) – Volleyball

Completed his final year in the college ranks by leading his Chargers to the PacWest championship and on to a perfect 9-0 record at the CCAA championships. Brazilian-born Pereira capped his final season by winning a bevy of laurels – two-time Athlete of the Week; PacWest 1st Team All-Star; Team MVP; PacWest MVP; and CCAA championship MVP.



THOMAS VENOS (University of Alabama) – Wheelchair Tennis

In 2022 Venos, from Anmore, B.C., won his third consecutive USTA Collegiate Wheelchair National Championship singles title to close out his senior season. The kinesiology major also helped the Crimson Tide win a third team title in four years. He ended 2022 as the top-ranked men's open wheelchair tennis player in both B.C. and Canada after winning his third Canadian singles title in Montreal.



CLAIRE YE (Capilano University) – Soccer

Acknowledged as a consistent force on the pitch, Ye helped her Capilano Blues to win the PacWest women's championship with a 2-1 overtime win over Douglas College. She won the tournament's top-midfielder award and 2021-22 Capilano Blues Athlete of the Year. Ye also earned PacWest Player of the Year for 2021 and was named CCAA Academic All-Canadian for 2021-22.

