

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Recognizing Excellence in Saskatchewan's Parks and Recreation Sector**

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) paid tribute to exceptional individuals and community groups for their outstanding contributions to Saskatchewan's growing parks and recreation sector, at a special Awards Banquet on October 24, 2014 at the Humboldt Uniplex in Humboldt, SK.

#### **2014 SPRA Awards Winners**

Jason Chorneyko – Volunteer of the Year Award  
Leeta Harms – Fitness Leadership Award  
Lawrence Dunne – Facility Operations Award  
Darrell Lessmeister – President's Award of Distinction  
Radville-Laurier Swimming Pool Committee – Community Achievement Award  
Ituna's Community Fruit Orchard – Parks and Open Space Award  
Warman Legends Centre – Cecil Nobes Facility Award of Excellence

#### **Randy Kinnee – Canadian Parks and Recreation Association Award of Merit**

This Award is presented by the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) to an individual or organization for significant and distinct contributions to the advancement of parks and recreation, not only at a regional level but also nationally.

#### **2014 Scholarship Recipients**

SPRA supports individuals pursuing careers in recreation by awarding scholarships to students enrolled in Recreation and Leisure programs across Saskatchewan. This year's scholarship winners include:

Nadia Philipenko (Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Saskatchewan)  
Stacey Rude (Recreation and Tourism Management, Saskatchewan Polytechnic)

To learn more about these exceptional individuals and groups, please refer to the [2014 Awards Banquet brochure](#). The 2014 SPRA Awards also included the presentation of the Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals (S.A.R.P.) Awards and the announcement of the winners of the 2014 Provincial *Communities in Bloom* initiative.

**For more about the SPRA Awards please contact Christian Bates-Hardy, SPRA Communications Consultant, at (306) 780-9370.**

SPRA is a non-profit member organization dedicated to enhancing quality of life in the Province. SPRA provides parks and recreation services and support to Saskatchewan communities. SPRA is the voice for the recreation and parks field at the local, provincial and national level. SPRA is funded by the Saskatchewan Lotteries.

