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CANADA GAMES ALUMNI SHINE AT BEIJING OLYMPICS

The Canada Games Council wishes to extend its congratulations to Alumni Jonathan Beare, Iain Brambell, David Calder, Ryan Cochrane, Alexandre Despatie, Thomas Hall, Kyle Hamilton, Dominic Seiterle, Adam van Koeverden & Jacob Wetzel who brought home medals representing Canada at the Beijing Olympics. We thank them for their continued commitment to pursue excellence in sport. By setting their goals high and not stopping once they have reached them, these athletes continue to be an inspiration and a source of pride for Canada. They are proof that the path to International excellence can begin at home with the Canada Games.

Canada Games Alumni represented 43% of the athletes that competed on the Canadian team at the Olympic Games in Beijing China, in sports that are on the Canada Games program.

The fact that close to half of the athletes who competed in the Olympic Games in the sports on the Canada Games program have been to our Canadian multi-sport event indicates how important the Canada Games are in the development of Canada's next generation of national, international and Olympic champions. Overall, 112 Canada Games athlete Alumni travelled to Beijing to compete.

"Every second year, the Canada Games are well represented at the Olympics, generally accounting for close to a third of the total number of athletes on the Canadian team," says Sue Hylland, President and CEO of the Canada Games Council. "We were extremely proud of our Alumni's performance in 2008 and in the role the Canada Games played in helping these athletes reach this point."

For the complete list of Canada Games Alumni who competed at the 2008 Canadian Olympic Team, please visit www.canadagames.ca.