

Most Exciting Week for Boarders So Far

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Jade Boucetta Commits to Queen's Gaels Football



On October 15, Seaton's very own Varsity Football quarterback – Jade Boucetta – signed his contract with the Queen's University Gaels where he'll be studying Commerce at the Smith School of Business. Jade has been in contact with the team for over a year now, so it is no surprise they would be keen on having

CISAA's leader in passing yards join their roster. He will be playing alongside many familiar faces he has recognized from his global football endeavors.

Although his eyes are set on becoming a part of the historic football program at Queen's, Jade says "I'll miss playing on the Oval with the best fans in the league alongside my brothers and an amazing coaching staff." In the absence of A-Day 2020, it is unfortunate the fans and players could not say their goodbyes, but we are sending him all the luck on his way to becoming an impact player for the Gaels.

After college, Jade's dream is to find success in the financial industry as he looks forward to the education paved for him at one of the nation's top programs. He leaves us with a message for those in his shoes: "I would tell younger athletes to never give up, I was always told how hard it is to play sports in college and that just motivated me to keep going and make it happen." Lastly, Jade shows his gratitude for our community: "I want to shout out everyone in the boarding community at UCC, all my teachers and coaches for helping me get to where I am today and leading me to success on and off the field."

With a career in athletics and finance ahead of him, we wish him luck in his next chapter, which begins at training camp 2021 in Kingston.

Michael Goralski Awarded the Lorne McKenzie Medal

Awarded for outstanding leadership in athletics, academics, and overall contribution to life at the college is none other than Wedd's Year 12 – Michael Goralski. From his time at the college since Y10, Michael has captained the Varsity Volleyball team, played on the Varsity Basketball



and Rugby Teams. In the classroom, he is on the Principal's list and has received the Lang Scholar Award – both a testament to his academic achievement.

Michael recounts one of his most memorable experiences at OFSAA Volleyball where he says, “We had an awesome squad this year; we won the CISAA championship and qualified for OFSAA where we won a few big games against highly-ranked teams. The tournament was a really nice way to close off a successful season.” He credits his achievements to “a combination of athletic and academic effort, as well as overall engagement in all that UCC has to offer”.

As for those in his shoes, Michael recommends, “Just go for it; try out for teams, start new clubs, run for leadership positions, and take every opportunity you're offered—because at the end of the day you won't remember the times you failed, but instead the little things you may have missed out on.” Some strong quotes to leave us with, and to finish it off he thanks “every UCC coach, teacher, and faculty member I've built a relationship with—thank you for such a transformational few years.”

As Michael goes on to study business, we are sure to believe he has a bright future ahead.

Boarders Find Success at Annual Prize Day

Seaton's Prize Winners

General Proficiency Award: Nicholas de Chazal, Amir Modaressanavi, Arman Narzibekov

Patrick Szente (Y11): Moderns Prize in Spanish

Nicholas de Chazal (Y12): Lang Scholar

Amir Modaressanavi (Y12): Principal's List, Academic Tie, Moderns Prize in ab initio Spanish

Guclu Can (Y12): Moderns Prize in Spanish

Jack Gao (Y12): Moderns Prize in Mandarin A

Wedd's Prize Winners

General Proficiency: Bojie Fan, Marshall Wong, Matthew Wong, Kene Ochuba, Jad Okanly

Michael Goralski (Y12): Lang Scholar

Jeremy Bello (Y12): Lang Scholar

Toni Agbaje-Ojo (Y12): Service Award

Henry Yan (Y11): Moderns Prize in Mandarin B

**Note that prizes are won for the previous year level (i.e. one lower than current, which is listed)*

A Remote Learner's Perspective: Arman from Russia

Responses from Arman Narzibekov (Y12 Seaton's – Prefect)

What's the first thing you'd do if you came on campus?

Enjoy Aramark's signature Sunday Steak™. But to be honest, I'm not sure. It depends on how the world will look like when I finally come back. If all of the restrictions get lifted, the first thing I would do is give a big hug to all of the boys in Seaton's. Being a remote learner, I really miss interacting with the guys. I regularly attend advisings, club meetings, and online house meetings. But still, it is not the same as physically being in the same space and, for example, doing a project together or just chatting about something. But if the situation doesn't change, I will be satisfied by seeing the clock tower one more time.

What's the biggest challenge of being a remote learner?

For me personally, it is the time difference. To get the full learning experience, the student must be present in the classroom and actively participating. To do that, I have to go to sleep at ~ 4 am my time and wake up at ~ 2 pm my time, due to the 7 (soon to be 8) hour time difference. The result is that during the week, I don't see my family as much, and I can't go outside and hang out with my friends.

What's been keeping you busy instead?

As an IB2 student, there are only 2 things that could keep me busy, schoolwork, and sleeping. The infinite IAs, EEs, TOK essays, projects, and other fun stuff take most of my time. But during my free time, I usually watch movies, TV shows, play my PS4, or read a book (very rare). I also began exercising every morning (morning = 2 pm), attempting to get in shape by the time I come back.

What are you looking forward to in the (near or distant) future?

Short term, start working on my TOK Essay. Midterm, pass the exams. Long term, attend the house meeting in person.

What's one message you'd share with the boarding community?

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend. Being in boarding for three years allowed me to make many life-long friends, do awesome things as part of weekend activities, grow and mature, all thanks to sharing my living space with 88 more guys. I know that it sounds like something out of a UCC advertisement brochure, but that is my genuine opinion of boarding. And although now it is much more difficult than ever before, go out and get involved!

In The Meantime...



Rao Cup Tennis

Written by Jad Oklany

On Saturday afternoon, Wedd's and Seaton's went head to head in the second round of Rao Cup: Rao Cup Tennis. Two members from each house took part in a fierce, best-of-7 matchup. The four competitors - Finn McDermott and Ludo

Tardiff from Wedd's and Jade Boucetta and Anthony Dicriscio from Seaton's - were the winners of their respective house tennis tournaments a couple of weekends ago and were now facing off for ultimate house supremacy. It was a fierce game, with Seaton's pulling themselves out of a 2-1 deficit to win 4-2. Obviously, with the COVID 19 restrictions, there aren't too many sports that we are able to play right now but that was quickly forgotten as the two houses cheered for their representatives. Big thanks go to Ms. Haley Dinel for umpiring the game and making sure that although there were many health and safety restrictions that we needed to follow, everyone had a great time. Wedd's won Rao Cup Cricket, Seaton's won Rao Cup Tennis: let the games commence...



What's keeping us busy?

Amid a pandemic, boarders regularly have access to four facilities: the soccer bubble, tennis bubble, hockey rink, and basketball courts. Though the weather is getting colder, boys are still making their last efforts to enjoy the sun at the outdoor basketball and tennis courts as we prepare for the long winter ahead. After-school sports are available two days a week, and those in clubs participate virtually during school time. Otherwise, other organized co-curriculars aren't taking place, which means boys are finding their own sources of entertainment. Outdoor movie nights, intra-house tournaments, and trivia are all fan favourites, however, activities for the grueling winter are in the hands of the boys' creativity.