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Vikings Women's Curling qualifies for back-to-back Canadian University/College National Championships

Camrose, Alberta - The Vikings Women's Curling Team has qualified to compete in the Canadian University/College Curling National Championship in back-to-back years. The Team, skipped by second year Physical Education student, Hannah Terry, finished first in ACAC Regional competition. The Top 4 ACAC finish has earned them the right to compete in the 5-day Canadian Collegiate Championship from March 11-15, 2020 staged at both Stride Place and the Portage Curling Club in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. The event is hosted by Curling Canada and broadcast on CBC Sports online. Sandra Murray-MacDonell, Chief Executive Officer of the CCAA is excited for this year's event, "There is no doubt that Portage la Prairie will offer a unique experience to the student-athletes and spectators that will be attending." The Championship will feature eight men's and eight women's teams.

The Vikings are excited to represent Augustana Campus, the University of Alberta and the Rose City Curling Club at the national level. "Making it to Nationals is a goal we made as a team at the start of the season, which for myself it means getting to compete at an elite level against athletes from across Canada," explains third, Nikki Smith. The fourth year Physical Education Student from Ponoka, Alberta adds, "this is my last season playing for the Vikings and I have my sights set on bringing home another medal, so personally this year's National means a lot to me."

"This is an extremely talented, experienced and dedicated squad," says Head Coach, Roger Galenza. In 2019 the same rink finished 4th after Regional playdowns, were ACAC silver medalists and went on to win a Bronze medal at the CCAA National Championship in Fredericton, NB. Coach Galenza has been impressed by their dedication to practices, weekly volunteer commitments to the local youth Little Rockers and Curling Academy programs, and their ACAC competitions - all while maintaining a Team GPA of over 3.6.



To help make participation in this national event possible, the Vikings Women's Curling Team is seeking philanthropic support. The cost to travel and compete, with coaching staff, is approximately \$7,500 and with the curling program being self-funded, student athletes on the Vikings Curling Team are responsible for these costs. If you'd like to help send this Team to the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association/Curling Canada Championships in Portage la Prairie, MB in March by supporting the "Adopt-a-Team Program", please visit the Vikings' giving website at http://www.govikings.ca/community/adopt_a_viking, or call the Augustana Development Office at 780-679-1558.

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Earn a world-class degree from one of the Top 5 Universities in Canada while studying in a welcoming, close-knit campus community that includes students, staff and professors from across Alberta and around the world. On campus you'll find a strong community spirit and global reach. The Augustana Vikings are a member of the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) and Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA), with eleven varsity teams, an active Nordic Sports Club, and 200 student-athletes.



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