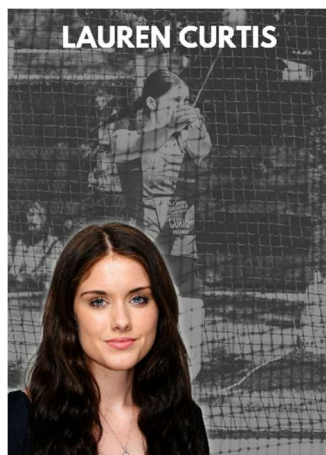


# HARRY JEROME SCHOLARSHIP

## 2024 RECIPIENTS

BC Athletics is pleased to announce Lauren Curtis of Maple Ridge Secondary School (Hammer Throw) and Pishon Haughton of Okanagan Mission Secondary School (Sprints) as this year's recipients of the Harry Jerome Scholarship.

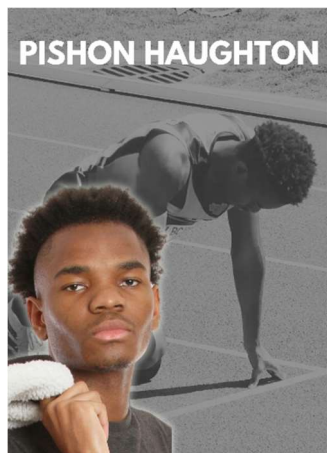


### LAUREN CURTS | Hammer Throw

**COACH: Garrett Collier**

As a member of the Maple Ridge Secondary School Track & Field Team and the Kajaks Track & Field Club, Lauren has excelled both in the ring and in the classroom. On the field of play, Curtis is the 2023 National U18 Champion and 2024 BC High School Track & Field Champion in the women's hammer. This year, Lauren was named to her fourth Provincial team as a member of the BC U20 Track & Field Team where she competed in Montreal, QC at the 2024 Canadian U20 Track & Field Championships. She finishes the 2024 season with a personal best throw of 50.31m and ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the country.

Of her experience in Track & Field, Curtis says, "I have been blessed with amazing coaches, mentors and parents who have given of themselves to help me grow. Track and field has given me so much; new friends, insane opportunities, chances to better myself and the ability to beat the odds. For this and all my coaches and family have done, I am profoundly grateful." Lauren continues her studies at University of British Columbia on an athletics scholarship in pursuit of a degree in Economics and strong career in the NAIA.



### PISHON HAUGHTON | 100m, 200m, 400m

**Coach: Pat Sima-Ledding**

A 2024 graduating senior at Okanagan Mission Secondary School and a member of the Okanagan Athletics Club in Kelowna, BC, Haughton finished his 2024 season in spectacular form. As the BC High School Track & Field Champion in the 400m and silver medallist in the 100m and 200m, Pishon was an outstanding performer on and off the track.

After his amazing performances during the high school season, Haughton went on to records a best time of 46.97s in the 400m ranking him 1<sup>st</sup> in Canada. He qualified for his third Provincial team as a member of the 2024 BC U20 Track & Field Team competing in Montreal, QC. Additionally, Haughton also qualified for his second national team competing at the 2024 World Athletics U20 Track & Field Championships in Lima Peru as a member of the 2024 U20 Canadian National Team. Speaking on the impact of our sport on his life, Haughton notes, "The impact on sports inside of my life has been profound. I have been a participant in sports from the young age of 5, and I started track and field when I was 6 years old. It has been one of the key factors in molding me into the man I am today. It has taught me leadership, community, friendship, hard work, and assertiveness." Pishon looks to continue his career in the NCAA in 2025!

The Harry Jerome Scholarship is named after the late great Harry Jerome. This scholarship is administered through BC Athletics and financed by the Vancouver Foundation.

