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# Saputo encourages excellence by presenting \$120,000 in bursaries to 37 student-athletes

for the 12th edition of its bursary program, through the Quebec Foundation for Athletic Excellence

**Montreal, October 6, 2011** - Saputo Inc. revealed today the names of the 37 student-athletes who will be granted a total of \$120,000 in bursaries through the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Saputo Bursary Program—within the Quebec Foundation for Athletic Excellence.

Last year, Saputo announced it was renewing its partnership with the Foundation by donating one million dollars over five years—a \$200,000 per year investment.

Saputo would like to salute the Quebec Foundation for Athletic Excellence for its exceptional work on behalf of student-athletes, and for the solid partnerships it has built with Quebec businesses that support the development of today's high performance athletes. These young men and women, who represent our society, highly deserve our support in their quest for success—both for their dedication to their sport and for the example they set.

Mr. Claude Chagnon, President of the Quebec Foundation for Athletic Excellence, said, "We are very proud to be associated with such a prestigious and world famous Quebec-based company. Our common values regarding healthy lifestyle choices and the importance of education allow our partnership to strengthen year after year. Saputo demonstrates initiative, leadership and passion in its support of today's Olympians and young student-athletes representing tomorrow's Olympians."

Among this year's bursary recipients, several have excelled on the international scene. They include Olympic wrestler **Martine Dugrenier**, recipient of a seventh Saputo bursary. She was named World Champion three times and is aiming for a medal at the next Olympic Games in London. And in freestyle skiing-moguls, the three sisters **Maxime**, **Justine** and Olympian **Chloé Dufour-Lapointe** are now all on the National team with an eye on the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi. And in weightlifting, **Marilou Dozois-Prévost**, who finished 10<sup>th</sup> at the Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, is aiming for a podium at her 2<sup>nd</sup> Olympic Games in London next summer.

### 2011 SAPUTO BURSARY RECIPIENTS

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