



## Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation

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### TWO TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (TDSB) HIGH-SCHOOL RUGBY COACHES ANNOUNCED AS THE INAUGURAL RECIPIENTS OF THE DONCASTER MENTORSHIP AWARD.

**Toronto, Ont. Sept 2018.** The Doncaster Foundation announced Victoria Park Collegiate Institute rugby coach and teacher, Stephen Larratt-Smith, and Malvern Collegiate Institute's volunteer rugby coach, Paul Myers, as the inaugural recipients of the **Doncaster Mentorship Award**.

Inspired by the touching stories shared by the 2018 Doncaster Scholarship applicants, the Doncaster Mentorship Award looks to recognize all of the invisible kilometers that Toronto's rugby coaches run to grow the game, build character, and nurture self-confidence in young people.

This year's **Doncaster Mentorship Award** recipients embrace their roles as mentors, sponsors, and advocates of young people. Through their informal mentoring roles, these coaches protect, prepare, and challenge students to reach new heights in their athletic careers while emphasizing the need for academics or academic support. Their mentor/mentee relationships start because of rugby, and continue because of their steadfast commitment to helping young people both on-and-off the pitch.

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#### ABOUT THE DONCASTER MENTORSHIP AWARD

The Doncaster Mentorship Award celebrates the work of rugby's community champions. These community champions work tirelessly in support of Toronto's student athletes. Award recipients are the embodiment of selflessness, dedication, and immense passion, values that are at the core of coaching and leadership.

#### ABOUT THE DONCASTER FOUNDATION

The Doncaster Foundation is a family-managed foundation focused on improving the lives of Canadian children and youth by providing financial support for medical, sport, and educational purposes. The foundation has been active for over 20-years supporting a select group of Canada's leading charities and not-for-profit organizations.

For more information, visit: [www.DoncasterFoundation.com](http://www.DoncasterFoundation.com)

#### ABOUT TORONTO INNER-CITY RUGBY FOUNDATION

The Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation (TIRF) is a rugby-centred community development organization that uses rugby as a tool for social good. TIRF, a registered non-profit founded in 2011, builds community through rugby in 31 of Toronto's underserved, low-income and priority neighbourhoods. Sanctioned by Rugby Canada; Rugby Ontario, and working in partnership with eight Toronto rugby clubs; school boards and community service providers, TIRF reduces the financial, geographical, and cultural barriers that prevent children and youth from participating in the sport.

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