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**Love of sports helps student battle cystic fibrosis**

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Christopher Beausoleil has just started classes at the University of Windsor yet, but he isn't new to campus. Although the 18-year-old Tilbury native began his studies in kinesiology last week, he was a familiar face. He spoke at last year's Shine Day fundraiser for cystic fibrosis research — and addressed Welcoming Convocation the year before.

Beausoleil's work on the issue played a large part in earning him **over \$43,000 in scholarship offers**, including a 2004 **Top 20 Under 20** award, for young Canadians who have demonstrated a significant level of innovation, leadership and achievement, from Youth in Motion.~

And this is one youth who stays in motion. When he was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at the age of five, doctors suggested he would not be able to participate fully in many sports. But Beausoleil says his parents encouraged him to continue doing what he loves.

"I started playing hockey and soccer when I was four, then added volleyball, basketball, badminton, golf, swimming and cross country running — I love sports," he says. "I have battled my way back from pneumonia by playing sports. I want to tell everybody with CF about my personal experiences."

He has promoted the benefits of a "healthy active lifestyle" to parents of children with cystic fibrosis, and his example has shown the benefits of exercise. In addition, Beausoleil has raised funds for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation — over \$40,000 at last count.

His spirit of involvement is reflected in the range of scholarships he has earned, including awards from his high school, his church parish, and Junior Achievement, as well as a provincial millennium excellence award. Beausoleil says Windsor offered him more in scholarships than any other university:

- a renewable entrance award of \$6,000
- the \$5,000 Bill Eansor Award, presented on the basis of leadership ability, community and school involvement, and academic standing
- a \$500 Human Kinetics Alumni Scholarship
- a \$1,000 Community Scholars Entrance Award

The community scholars award is given annually to as many as 275 incoming students who have demonstrated leadership in student government, athletics, and community initiatives, as well as academic success. The award is aimed at attracting such students, which is paramount to ensuring that our campus community continues to thrive with new student initiatives and leadership.

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*Christopher Beausoleil, who begins studies in kinesiology at the University of Windsor this week, was named one of Canada's Top 20 Under 20 by Youth in Motion.*