

REMARKABLE WOMEN

Honouring Women From Our Vancouver Communities



Photo courtesy Deanna B. George

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Deanna B. George is a hard-working role model with an inspiring love of sport. Born and raised on the Burrard Reserve of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, Deanna is active in her community and has been very involved in sports since she was a child, when she played on her school volleyball teams.

Throughout the 1980s and '90s Deanna “pulled canoe” – Coast Salish style canoe racing. When Tsleil-Waututh Nation didn't have a canoe club, Deanna joined other clubs like Riccol Cree, Geronimo, and Sto:lo Princess. She raced in the singles, doubles, mixed doubles, six man and 11 man races, while at the same time a busy mom of three building a career.

Deanna has played women's soccer since 1990, for Tsleil-Waututh as well as teams for the Metro Women's Soccer League, and continues to play with her two daughters. She also enjoys hockey, played in Native tournaments and the Vancouver Western Ball Hockey League. In 2005, she was voted *Unsung Hero*, nominated by her team and the League presented her with a trophy.

Deanna has worked to ensure that the Tsleil-Waututh Nation had youth soccer teams in local Native soccer tournaments. If our teams couldn't travel to Mt. Currie and Sechelt, she would help players get on other teams, just so they could participate. Over the years, Deanna has helped her children's soccer teams in a variety of areas, including coaching, in both North Shore Leagues and Native tournaments. In 2002, Deanna helped coach Team BC to gold at the North American Indigenous Games in Winnipeg.

Deanna B. George is a strong and devoted athlete who inspires many with her love of sport and her true sportsmanship.