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DELOITTE SCHOLARSHIP MAY 2011

GRACE PRENDERGAST (ROWING)

Grace is an 18 year old who has been an invaluable contributor both on and off the water throughout her rowing career to date. She has performed well at a wide range of school, provincial and national events including a Maadi Cup where she was 4th in the U18 double sculls. She has also offered responsible leadership to her peers and has always been an assiduous trainer. These qualities coupled with a strong determination to excel gained her a NZ Junior trial last year and subsequent selection for the coxless four-oar team to the 2010 World Junior championships in the Czech Republic. This team raced superbly at this event and came home worthy winners of the World Junior coxless four-oar title. All four girls in this team came from Christchurch and Grace made a strong contribution with her determination and energy.

At this year's nationals, Grace was in winning teams in the U21 four, U21 eight and the premier eight. All good performances and a reflection of her developing potential. She is a member of RPC South, the national high performance squad based in Christchurch, and is eligible for selection for National teams. She is currently training at Karapiro with the national squad and is unable to be present for this presentation due to the demanding nature of the programme..

Grace has already achieved a major milestone in her sport being part of a team winning a World Junior title and has the potential to go further. She is a worthy recipient and the award will assist with her future development. We wish her well for the future.

Our thanks to Deloitte for their assistance with this award.

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