



WAYNE HARRIS JR. from the University of Calgary receives the 2006 Gino Fracas Award as the CIS's Most Outstanding Volunteer Assistant Coach

Saskatoon, SK – Wayne Harris Jr. of the University of Calgary is the 2006 recipient of the Gino Fracas Award as the Most Outstanding Volunteer Coach in Canadian University Football.

The award was presented by Gino Fracas on Friday, November 24, 2006 at the 2006 PotashCorp Vanier Cup Russ Jackson Awards Luncheon.

The award, sponsored by Football Canada, is named in honour of Gino Fracas, legendary coach at the Universities of Alberta and Windsor. The award recognizes outstanding career service by a volunteer assistant coach.

Wayne has been involved with University of Calgary football for close to three decades. After playing five years with the Dinos (1977-81), Wayne played in the CFL for one season then turned his talents to coaching young players. Since the late 1980s, Wayne has served in a number of coaching positions with the Dinos including Linebacker Coach, Defensive Line Coach, Defensive Coordinator as well as Student Athlete Recruiter. He was a member of the 1995 Vanier Cup Championship coaching staff.

Currently, Wayne is the Linebacker coach for the Dinos. He assists with the preparation of the defensive game plan as well as with Specialty teams and is actively involved in the recruitment of local student athletes.

Wayne also coached with the Calgary Colts of the Prairie Junior Football Conference, where he served as Defensive Coordinator in 1987 and 1988 and as Head Coach from 1991 through 1993. In addition, Wayne has spent a considerable amount of time coaching in various High School programs in Calgary – Sir Winston Churchill High School, Henry Wise Wood High School and from 1995 through 2006 he has been the Head Coach at William Aberhart High School.

Wayne has completed his Level 3 football certification through the National Coaching Certification Program. He is a respected clinician, who is a “certified” Level 1 and Level 2 Course Conductor for Football Alberta. He has delivered numerous presentations over the years at various University of Calgary/Football Alberta Clinics on linebacker and defensive line skills/techniques and defensive systems.

Dinos Head Coach Blake Nill states, “Wayne’s name is synonymous with football not only for his playing successes, but from his efforts to grow and develop High School, Junior and University Football in the city of Calgary. Wayne assumes his role with the Dinos going above and beyond the normal responsibilities. He is a credit to the sport and well deserving of this award”.

The Gino Fracas Award was introduced in 1988. Previous winners are:

2005	Richard Urbanovich	University of Manitoba	1996	Peter Regimbald	Concordia University
2004	Ross Lemke	University of Montreal	1995	Gary Kirchner	McGill University
2003	Rob Dalley	Wilfrid Laurier University	1994	Bill Miklas	Queen’s University
2002	Barry Radcliffe	University of Saskatchewan	1993	Bob Mullen	Queen’s University
2001	Frank Gesztesi	McMaster University	1992	Doug Smith	University of Toronto
2000	Kevin Artichuk	St. Francis Xavier University	1991	Clarke Samways	Univer. of Western Ontario
1999	John Belmont	University of Alberta	1990	John MacNeil	Mount Allison University
1998	Mark Forsyth	McMaster University	1989	Phil Hughes	St. Francis Xavier University
1997	Rita Sue Bolton	Queen’s University	1988	Morgan Clark	University of Windsor

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