

Hall of fame induction caps off big year for Shannon Condie

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This year's Mississauga Sports Dinner will be meaningful in more ways than one for Shannon Condie.

Not only will she be inducted into the Mississauga Sports Hall of Fame for her storied taekwondo career, but it will also be the first night she'll be spending without her almost one-month-old son Mason.

"It's kind of like everything this year has nicely come together," said Condie, a first-time mother, nine-time national champion and Pan Am Games silver medalist.

"(My husband and I) found out we were going to have a baby, we settled into our home and then all of a sudden, (the hall of fame) came along. Then I also got a permanent job with the Peel (District School) Board as well. It's kind of like a triple or quadruple whammy."

Condie will be inducted along with longtime Mississauga AA hockey executives Peter Johnson, Lloyd Stockley, Gord Murphy and Joe Schembri and John Holland, a founding father of Port Credit Arena.

The dinner will be held on Thursday, June 8 at the Capitol Banquet Centre and the Mississauga Sports Council will honour its various athletes and teams of the year for 2016.

Condie, 29, was one of Canada's top taekwondo competitors up until she retired in 2010. She stayed involved in coaching as much as she could following her retirement and has still been able to spread her passion for physical activity as an English/physical education teacher at Roy McMurry School in Brampton.

While Condie has many great



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Shannon Condie will be inducted into the Mississauga Sports Hall of Fame on June 8.

achievements through international competition, some of her best memories involve training and competing alongside her younger sister Courtney, who was an accomplished athlete in her own right.

"It was almost like we were (at tournaments) doing the exact same thing together," Condie said.

"If I got a gold, she got a gold. If I got a silver, she got a silver. It was interesting how it played out. We're best friends and we support each other along the way. We got to be roommates on most of the trips that we went on. It was just nice having family with you along the way, even when my parents

couldn't afford to travel with us."

The elder Condie was a World Youth Championship and Pan Am Championship bronze medallist in 2004 and a Pan Am gold medallist in 2008.

She also made three senior World Championship appearances between 2005 and 2009.

She looks back on her 2007 Pan Am Games silver medal from Brazil with great pride because she was one of the shortest competitors in her draw.

That became evident once she faced a Brazilian combatant who was more than half a foot taller in her opening bout.

"It was really neat how after I

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The hall of fame inductions are the highlight of each Mississauga Sports Dinner, but it's also about paying tribute to some of the city's most accomplished athletes through each calendar year. Here are the Mississauga athletes and teams of the year for 2016:

- Amateur athlete (female): Katie Vincent (canoe sprint) and Chloe Currie (golf)
- Amateur athlete (male): Dylan Strome (hockey) and Anthony Tawfik (gymnastics)
- Professional athlete: Robby Fabbri (hockey)
- Athlete with a disability: Curtis Thom (athletics)
- Masters athlete: Kerry Smith (athletics)
- Amateur team: Mississauga North Tigers bantam

beat her in the first match, the home crowd actually started cheering me on," Condie recalls. "They wanted to see me be successful, but unfortunately I got in-

jured at that event in my first match and by the time I got to my fourth match, my ankle had just kind of given out and I lost by one point in the final."