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This month's member highlight is:

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Question One:

What made you chose this as your profession?

I love this question because I truly believe my story is based on fate. During school we had the chance to pick a college to tour prior to making decisions for career choices. We had a paper to complete with a few questions for a type of profession I saw within the campus tour. On the tour I came across three massage therapy students, and I asked them what are three reasons why you chose this profession. The one smiled and said "easy, 1) you make your own schedule, 2) you help people and 3) you are your own boss! With job changes we ended up moving even closer to Barrie and the year I chose to attend Georgian College was the year the new medical wing opened. I truly believe my future was molding into place since I gratefully met those three therapist!!

Question Two:

What's your most recent success within your field?

My most recent success is being nominated for the Premiers Award, chosen by Georgian College for the recent grad category! I was truly honoured when I received the email from my school because I am among the few chosen from all Ontario Colleges! I have worked so hard for the past four years on my education and traveling the world helping athletes. To be recognized for this award is true honour and I'm very excited for the award ceremony coming in November!

Question Three:

Who is your mentor and why?

My mentor has always been, Domenic Manchisi. He is the owner at my clinic for 4 years now and taught me all the tricks of the trade. He has showed me what hard work and dedication to your career can take you. I always value what he says, because he has been in my shoes before he joined the Olympics and now working for the Calgary Flames as their massage therapist! I am very grateful for all of his lessons and suggestions because he has helped me create new friendships and connections within the field. Thank you.

Question Four:

What was your favourite place to travel to with a team?

My favourite place I traveled to with a team would be Israel. I have had the privilege to travel Israel's entirety through the two years I have went with Maccabi Canada. First trip was last for the Maccabi Games, this year I went back for the Maccabi Youth Games. It was an incredible experience to meet people from all parts of the world. I built so many new connections and was able to help so many athletes during my stay along with seeing some of the most historical sites in the world!

Question Five:

What did an athlete say to you that kept in your memory since?

When you work with athletes a lot is said but I feel there is always a quote you never forget. My experience was during a major games in Israel and I worked on this athlete everyday for 2 weeks and her recovery was 100% for her gold medal match. She got the winning spike and when the game was over she came right over to me and said "not all hero's wear capes, remember that!"

