



2010 Sports Person Of the Year ~ Dr. Darwin Semotiuk

Dr. Darwin Semotiuk is a professor of Kinesiology in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Western Ontario and served as its intercollegiate athletics chair for 18 years, during which time Mustang sports won 159 Ontario championships and 14 Canadian championships. During his time as head football coach at Western, Semotiuk's teams won two Vanier Cups. Ironically, all his football coaching came despite not playing the game in high school. He was a basketball player who started playing football at the University of Alberta when then head coach Gino Fracas saw him working out with the football players. Semotiuk has been the recipient of numerous provincial, national and international awards for his contributions to sports and academic excellence, and has been a visiting professor at universities in more than 10 countries. He has also received numerous research grants and has published and presented extensively in the areas of comparative and international sport and physical education, sport and politics, Canadian public sports policy, sport coaching and Canadian interuniversity sport. Semotiuk is also currently president of the International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport (ISCPES). He has contributed to the London community for many years by serving on various boards, including the past six years as a member of the YMCA board. An outstanding academic and community leader, Semotiuk is a member of the University of Alberta Hall of Fame, Western Football Hall of Fame and he is co-chair of the Canadian Special Olympics coming to London in 2010