

STATEMENT

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Congratulations to Ethan Katzberg, Nanaimo's 2024 Olympic champion

Nanaimo is a community made up of some truly incredible people, and every once in a while, one of our great citizens really puts Nanaimo's name on the map. This weekend, 22-year-old Ethan Katzberg won the men's hammer throw at the 2024 Olympics in Paris, bringing a gold medal home to Canada and reminding folks around the world that Nanaimo is a city that's known for much more than our famous dessert. We are proud to have been this champion's first hammer-throw community.

Ethan's winning throw from this year's Olympic ring flew an incredible 84.12 metres, just over half a metre shy of the Olympic men's hammer throw record. Although Kamloops, BC is his current home, he grew up here in Nanaimo, training and hammer throwing with his father and his sister, and with the Nanaimo Track and Field Club at Nanaimo's Rotary Bowl.

To Ethan's family, coaches and support team, thank you for your leadership; we know greatness takes a positive and encouraging team.

And to Ethan, on behalf of the City of Nanaimo and all of our residents celebrating with you, thank you and congratulations on a spectacular and dominant victory on the greatest athletic world stage. We look forward to welcoming you back home!

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