



DEANNE ROSE IS THE YOUNGEST GOAL SCORER IN THE OLYMPICS



“Work hard in silence, let success be your noise” - Frank Ocean





Ontario student helps her team win an Olympic medal

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Deanne Rose is a student at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School in New Tecumseth, ON, and a soccer player who plays for Canada women's national soccer team. In August 2016, she aided Canada to win their second Olympic

bronze medal after scoring the game-opening goal during the third-place match against Brazil.

Deanne has been a student at St. Thomas since September 2013 when she enrolled in Grade 9. She is known throughout the school as a quiet, humble and very kind young lady with a contagious laugh.

Deanne says she wants the youth in Canada who are deeply involved in sports “to not forget about school ... [as] that is really most important” and “to follow [their] dreams and [never] give up!” She is grateful to her parents for contributing to her overall success in academics and to the staff at St. Thomas for supporting her studies, by providing work and hours of tutoring to make up for the time she spends on the road and overseas.

Deanne thrived at the Olympics! She became a media favourite and was featured in many outlets, such as CBC, Sportsnet, The Star and ESPN, as the youngest goal scorer in Olympic history! She scored the first goal in the bronze medal game, and later went on to assist Christine Sinclair in scoring the game-winning goal.

“When I scored the first goal, I felt the most excitement I have ever felt in my life,” says Deanne.

“We are incredibly proud of Deanne, and we hosted a school-wide assembly for her that was filled with immense pride for an amazing student, athlete and person,” says Annalisa Varano, Principal at St. Thomas. “Deanne is an aspiring role model to our youth province-wide.”

Canada is very proud of you, Deanne; you are an inspiration to youth across the country!