

KORNELSEN, Isaak
July 14, 1991 - August 27, 2012

Isaak Kornelsen died tragically in a collision on August 27 while biking to work along Whyte Avenue.

A bright student, lifelong runner, gifted musician, creative spirit, and thoughtful, loving friend, he will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and teammates. Though he was exceptionally talented in many areas, his work ethic and humility were an inspiration to all. He was passionate about running, learning Swedish, vegetarianism, and his job as a server and cook at Cafe Mosaics.

Kornelsen, a native of Edmonton and a graduate of Strathcona Composite High School, had been attending the University of Alberta's Faculty of Arts, and competing with the Golden Bears cross-country and track and field teams since 2009. He was a member of the Athletics Alberta provincial team in 2009, and was nominated for the Athletics Alberta Junior Athlete of the Year. At the 2010 Canada West championships, he won a bronze medal with the Golden Bears 4 x 800m relay team, and finished sixth in the 600m race.

"We lost a member of our cross-country and track and field family in Isaak Kornelsen," said Wes Moerman, the Director of Athletics Programming. "The memories we share of Isaak are of a kind hearted and outstanding young man. He was a tremendous student, as well as a scholarship award winner. Coming from a family that is very involved in the running community, we were all blessed to have Isaak as a contributing member. Although he will no longer be with us, his legacy of positivity, character quality and hard work remains."