

## **OAS NEWS RELEASE**

Canada Artistic Swimming (CAS) has announced the first-ever winners of the Vilagos Award, and Ontario is represented. The Vilagos Family Bursary was established by the Vilagos family to honour the legacy of Penny and Vicky Vilagos. The sisters were seven-time national duet champions of Canada and silver medalist at the 1992 Olympics Games in Barcelona. The sisters were inducted in to the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame in 2002 and the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2014.

The qualifications for the bursary is that the athlete is part of a duet at the Junior World or Youth World Championships level; is in good standing with CAS; is a full-time student and involved in full-time Artistic Swimming training.

Charlotte Gray is a competitive swimmer with Variety Village Artistic Swimming Club and is on the 13-15 National Duet Team. She is the first Ontario Artistic Swimmer to be presented with the Vilagos Award. She also was part of the team that finished 11<sup>th</sup> in both parts of the first-ever World Youth Championships event in Samorina, Slovakia, last summer.

Pat McCann and Lynda Furniss, representing the Vilagos family, presented the award to Charlotte at the 2020 Lisa Alexander Technical and Routine competition and congratulated on behalf of the family as well as Canada Artistic Swimming and Ontario Artistic Swimming's Board of Director's.

Congratulations Charlotte on this huge achievement.