

## **SOCIETY WELCOMES JENNA KUTASH AS A NEW WATER SMART® COORDINATOR**

**EDMONTON, May 9, 2018** – The Lifesaving Society is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Jenna Kutash as a Water Smart Coordinator for the Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch.

Jenna started with the Society on May 7, 2018, and will work with the Executive Director and staff team to achieve the strategic directions of the Society for a Canada Free from Drowning and Water Related Injury. She will be filling a summer student position within Branch operations, working with fellow staff members to support Water Smart education and community activations over the summer. In addition, she will be assisting with program administration, training coordination and delivery, and collaboration with regional training centres.

Jenna comes to the Society from the Town of Hinton where she held the position of Lifeguard and Aquatic Instructor. Jenna also swam with the Hinton Stingrays Lifesaving Team for 12 years before moving to Calgary for University. She swam for two years with the Calgary Tsunamis while working towards a Bachelor of Arts and Education at the University of Calgary. This fall she will be transferring to the University of Alberta to attend university closer to home and will continue to swim, teach swim lessons and work as a lifeguard.

Jenna has competed in the Lifesaving Sport provincially and nationally with her local Lifesaving Team and has also competed internationally with the National Lifesaving Team on multiple occasions. Competing internationally has allowed Jenna to see how other countries promote lifesaving as a sport and as a humanitarian matter focused on the drowning preventing mission.

“I have been involved with the Lifesaving Society for almost 15 years swimming competitively, coaching, teaching swim safety & lessons and working as a lifeguard. I have had the pleasure of travelling the world representing Canada on the National Lifesaving team which has given me the opportunity to meet swimmers from many countries. The Water Smart Coordinator position will allow me to continue to share my passion for aquatics and lifesaving.”

Jenna can be reached during business hours at the Lifesaving Society’s office at the address below or by E-mail at [watersmart@lifesaving.org](mailto:watersmart@lifesaving.org).

The Lifesaving Society – Canada’s lifeguarding expert – is a charitable organization working to prevent drowning and water-related injury through its training programs, Water Smart® public education, water-incident research, safety management services and lifesaving sport. Annually, more than 1,200,000 Canadians participate in the Society’s swimming, lifesaving, lifeguard and leadership training courses.

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