



VIKINGS SCORE WIN WITH YUKON GUARD



The Augustana Vikings Men's Basketball program is happy to announce that guard Tony Nguyen, of Whitehorse, YK has committed to play basketball in the red and black beginning in 2009. "We are really excited to see such a great person join the community on the Augustana Campus" says Coach Dave Drabiuk "Tony's skill set is well suited to the ACAC game and he is a dynamic leader with excellent athletic ability. He has a bright future with us and well beyond".

Considered by some to be the best player to come out of the Yukon in recent memory, Tony has had an opportunity to play on some big stages. He has been a leader for the Yukon territorial U-17 team (playing in 2006, 2007 and 2008) playing at Canada Basketball National Championships and The Arctic Winter Games. At the 2008 edition of the Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife Tony, in addition to being Team Yukon's first ever back-to-back games team captain, was selected as the Team Yukon flag bearer for the opening ceremonies. In the 2006 Arctic Winter Games Tony was the team captain of the gold medal winning team, a feat that he repeated in 2008.

Tony's parents immigrated to Canada from Vietnam after the Vietnam War, settling in Whitehorse. His three older sisters all graduated from F.H. Collins High School and they all currently live in British Columbia. The college experience will not be completely new to Nguyen as two of his sisters played college basketball as well.

Tony is a three-year captain of his F.H. Collins Warriors High School team and during that time has also maintained an honors standing in the classroom. He has also been recognized as his school's outstanding male athlete in 2006, 2007 and 2008. Playing for Coach Jamie Shaw has proven to be a great experience and Tony is now excited to take his game to the next level. Says Nguyen; "Professors, students and coaches have been so helpful on my decision towards attending this school. Augustana's attitude and atmosphere has been great and will be a joy to be a part of." Tony will study Kinesiology and Sports Studies on the Augustana Campus.

