

Olympic hopeful helping on the slopes

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"When I'm not working I'll be watching everything and as my brother said, I should be able to enjoy the Games at another level because I'll be sitting there with experts who know the backgrounds of the athletes and what's likely going to happen," said Lukas, who will stay in a hotel in nearby Richmond.

After graduating with a Master's degree in Arts & Journalism from the University of Western Ontario in 2008, Lukas landed a job working for the CBC in Toronto, covering the Beijing Summer Olympics for the network's website. Later that year, she was hired on as a sport producer at CTV's Scarborough broadcast centre, at that point realizing she'd qualified for the Olympics in a different sort of way.

"I know people who left secure jobs for contract gigs in these Olympics because it may only happen once in your career and you don't want to pass it up," she added.

Travis Gerrits

Acton-area teen Travis Gerrits won't be competing for a medal at this year's Olympics in B.C. but he'll be blazing a trail for what he hopes is a spot on the Canadian freestyle aerial ski team at the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.



TRAVIS GERRITS

The 18-year-old is scheduled to be a forerunner at next week's competition and has been tuning up with strong finishes at World Cup events over the past month, placing 14th at the Mont Gabriel, Que. event.

"My time will come," he said. "It was a little early in the game for me to have had a real shot at these Games, especially with everyone on the national team jumping so well these days. I've still got plenty of time. 2014 will be my Olympics."

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