



EMS Rugby Alumni Michael Smith

Michael Smith is an accomplished rugby player who was a part of the EMS Rugby team during his five years of high school. He is someone who should be looked up to because of all his drive and focus as well as all his accomplishments. Not only is he exceptionally athletic, but he is also an incredibly intelligent student who was just accepted into the UBC Faculty of Medicine.

Even though Michael didn't touch a rugby ball until grade 8, he has had many accomplishments in his rugby career. This includes many provincial and national honours ever since his first appearance representing BC at U14. Since then, he has been a Canadian international rugby player, been awarded the Bobby Gaul Memorial Trophy and the Jama Mahlalela Award, which has only ever been awarded to four people since it was created in 2004. According to UBC this award is presented "in recognition of excellence in areas of selfless dedication, leadership and spirit as a student-athlete and citizen of UBC". He is currently playing professionally with San Diego Legion in California.

In addition to Michael's academic and athletic performance, he also makes time to volunteer in the community. He spent many hours at Peace Arch Hospital volunteering with the permanent extended care residents during high school and continued during university at another Vancouver Coastal Health hospital. In total, he has been volunteering for six years and has spent over 300 hours at these locations.

Due to all his achievements, Michael Smith now has a Wikipedia page in his honour.

[Michael Smith \(rugby union\) - Wikipedia](#)

