

Canadian B-boy and motivational speaker, Luca Lazylegz Patuelli to speak at King's University College on January 20

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The King's University College Students' Council (KUCSC) in conjunction with the Faculty of Health Sciences Students' Council (FHSSC) is proud to announce that Luka Lazylegz Patuelli, Canadian B-boy and motivational speaker, will be giving a public presentation on Friday, January 20, 2011 at 7 p.m. at King's. The presentation, part of the KUCSC Accessibility Awareness Week, will include a performance and discussion on turning life's challenges into positives.

Luca "Lazylegz" Patuelli was born with Arthrogryposis, a rare muscle disorder that limits motion in the joints. At the age of 8, he was also diagnosed with scoliosis, a condition that affects the curvature of the spine. In 1999, at the age of 15, a knee surgery left Luca unable to pursue his passion and potential career as a professional skateboarder. This put him in a position to discover his newfound interest in "B-boying" also known as break dancing. His massive impact on the Montreal dance community began when he represented Canada at top-level events such as Freestyle Sessions 8, City vs. City 5, Evolution 2, and many others all over the world. In 2007, Lazylegz created a "super" team of the world's best disabled break dancers, called ILL-Abilities Crew. The goal of the team was to show the world that as long as we are positive, creative, and willing to adapt ourselves to any situation, anything is possible. The crew currently consists of five "ill-abled" dancers from all over the world. Together, they have performed all over the world and help to spread the message "No Excuses, No Limits".

"One of our goals this year is to break down barriers for students and this event will definitely support our efforts. Luca's story is inspiring for all students and I thank FHSSC for collaborating with us to bring him to Western. We look forward to a night of true inspiration," stated Barshan Quadry, President of the KUCSC.

"In many ways 'disability' isn't a great word to describe Luca Patuelli. Extraordinary seems decidedly more fitting," says FHSSC President Melissa Kargianiakis. "Born with a medical condition that limits motion in the joints, Patuelli moves with a beauty and an energy that has inspired audiences around the world. The FHSSC is honoured to bring Luca to our students in partnership with the KUCSC."

The presentation will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 2011 at King's University College, located at 266 Epworth Avenue. The venue will be Labatt Hall room 105. Admission is free.

King's students have always had a passion for creating a dialogue on pressing issues in today's society. It is with this event that we hope to expand that dialogue to the Western and London community. For more information about this event or the KUCSC, please visit www.kucsc.ca/

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