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Freestyler

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Dolensky To Compete at 2018 U.S. Championships



Senior Men competitor **Tim Dolensky** will compete at the U.S. Championships on December 29 - January 7 in San Jose, CA after capturing first place at the 2018 Eastern Sectional Championships. This will be his fifth bid at the senior level.

In addition to Easterns, this season he placed 6th at the U.S. Figure Skating International Classic in Salt Lake City, first at the Broadmoor Open in Colorado Springs, CO, where he was awarded the Jenkins Trophy for outstanding performance by a senior, and first at the Philadelphia Summer International Classic.

Good Luck, Tim!



What's Happening

- Club Ice Special Event on December 8; Cookie exchange and hot chocolate bar and ugly Christmas sweater contest
- Adults Only Holiday Club Ice on December 16; Bring A Friend or two!
- US Championships viewing party on January 5 upstairs at Finley's
- Club Ice LTS/ Bring A Friend on January 26; National Skating Month



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Breelie and Tyler at their competition debut!



Pacific Coast
Sectional
Championships
Seattle, WA
November 15 - 19

**Breelie Taylor and
Tyler Vollmer**
Novice Dance

Final	6th/6
Argentine Tango	6th/6
Quickstep	6th/6
Free Dance	6th/6



CLUB ICE SPECIAL EVENT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 5:45 - 6:45 PM

**COOKIE EXCHANGE/HOT CHOCOLATE BAR
&**

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST

**BRING A DOZEN OF YOUR FAVORITE
HOMEMADE COOKIES TO SHARE**





HOLIDAY CLUB ICE



Adults Only!



When: Saturday, December 16
Time: 8:00 - 10:00 PM
Where: The Cooler, Blue Rink
Why: To have fun and socialize
with adult skaters



BRING a
FRIEND

Light snacks will be served in a party room
and Finley's bar/restaurant will be open.



**A link to the RSVP will be emailed to
all adult members.**

*No charge for skate rental. Non club members will be required to sign a release form prior to skating.



Avalon Exhibition, November 19



More than 40 members performed at the Atlantic Station tree lighting and Parade of Lights on November 18 and the Avalon tree lighting on November 19. Many thanks to our volunteers, Sharon Hyre, Tea Junnila, Tami Mickle, Todd Pettigrew, Kathy Shehee, and Heather Stables. Kudos to Jan Brown, Denise Freeman, Tea Junnila, Jennifer Latham, and Brook Ziegler for the photos!



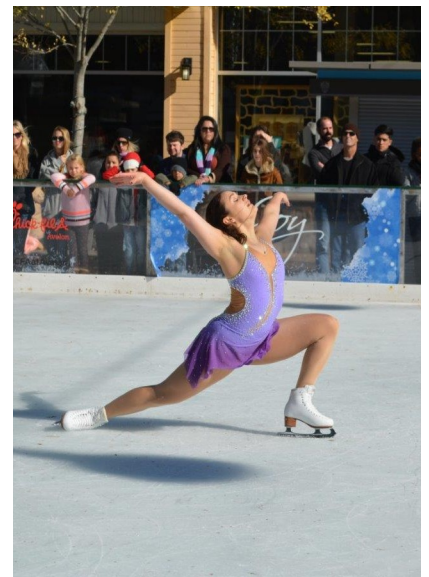
Madeleine



Lily



Grace



Tori



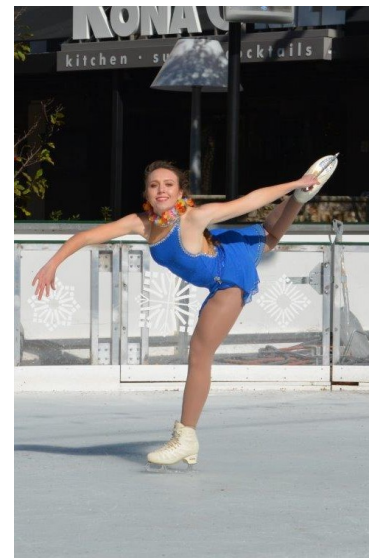
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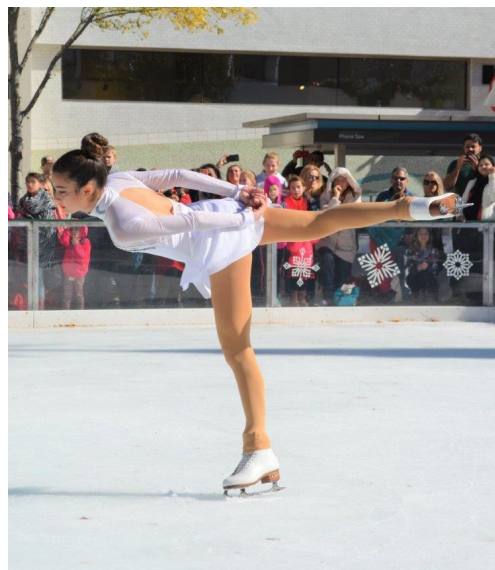
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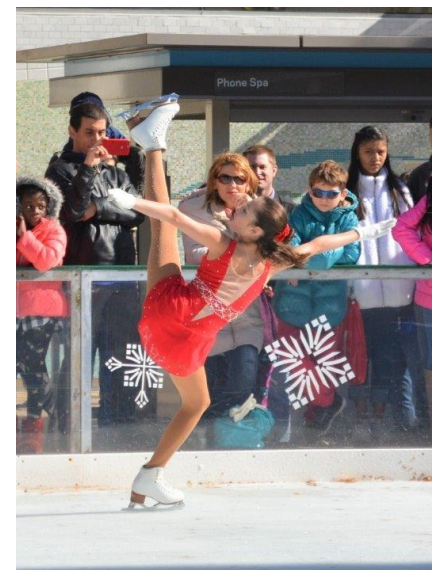
Soucci



Madeline



Nile



Kaitly



Judith, Elaine, Heather, Nancy



Nancy



Audrey Kate

December, 2017



Aryanna, Abby, Lila, Lily



Tiffany, Tori, Kaity Soucci



Audrey, Emma Grace



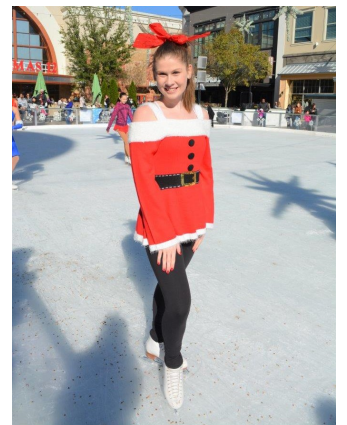
Anna, Elisa



Todd, Sharon, Heather



Nile, Lily, Madeleine



Katy



Tiffany, Gabby



Audrey, Emma Grace, Anna, Elisa



Atlantic Station Exhibition & Parade of Lights, November 18



Nile



Elvira



Nancy



Audrey Kate



Laurie and Todd



Emily



Natalie



Morgan



Chloe



MacKenzie



Olivia



Lily, Gia, Kristen



Olivia, Natalie



Aryanna, Abby, Lila, Lilly



Audrey, Emma Grace, Anna, Elisa



Elizabeth, Melanie, Olivia, Grace



Laurie, Nancy



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**



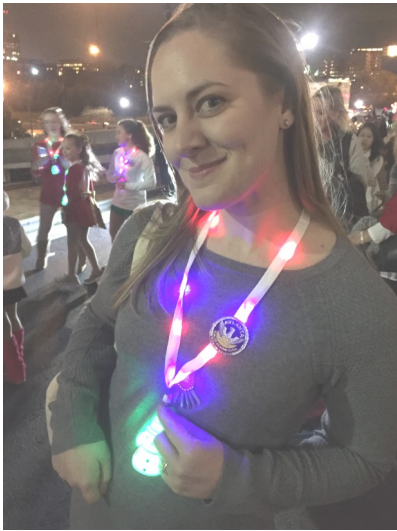
Heather, Jeff



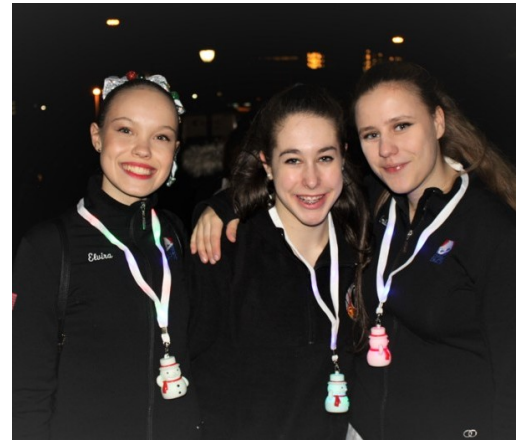
Nile, Morgan, Emily, MacKenzie, Chloe



Sharon



*Atlantic Station
Parade of Lights*





Congratulations, Alice!

Alice Qiao has been selected by U.S. Figure Skating as a member of the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Scholastic Honors Team. This national award was established to recognize and provide support to competitive figure skaters who have excelled not just in figure skating, but also in high school academics and in their contributions to their communities.

Alice will be recognized at the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in January in San Jose and will be profiled in SKATING magazine. She will also receive a \$2,500 scholarship, and a \$1,000 donation will be made in her honor to a local charity of her choice.



Axel Club



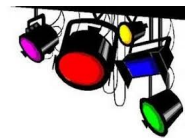
Isabel Bobrik
Georgia Bolocan
Madeleine Brown
Sarah Cairo
Hannah Carleton
Jeslyn Choi
Christina Cole
Grace Crossen
Tim Dolensky
Elizabeth Douglas
Helena Fisher
Triniti Fong
Madeline Freeman
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis
Wendi Hiller
Emily Hwang
Emma Grace James
Audrey Kate Johnson
Elvira Junnila
Olivia Kim
MacKenzie Kisella

Katia Kochengina
Julia Kornetzke
Gabrielle Kuse
Athena Landon
Audrey Latham
Mingda Liu
Madison Long
Ariel Lutz
Natalie Martin
Kaitlyn McGarigle
Anna McPeak
Emily Moosbrugger
Michelle Nguyen
Aspen Ono
Katie Palmer
Kaitlyn Plaziak
Alice Qiao
Mia Rafanelli
Grace Rathbun
Nastasia Rozenberg
Chloe Rutter

Laurie Sanii
Meredith Scafidi
Melanie Schael
Zoë Silvia
Morgan Sliker
Angela Smith
Bailey Snead
Maria Son
Heather Stables
Breele Taylor
Soucci Taylor
Frances Umezaki-Oba
Adeline Wieler
Anna Scott Wieler
Avery Wilkinson
Ava Williams
Tori Williams
Lily Xie
Hasita Yalamanchili
Nile Ziegler



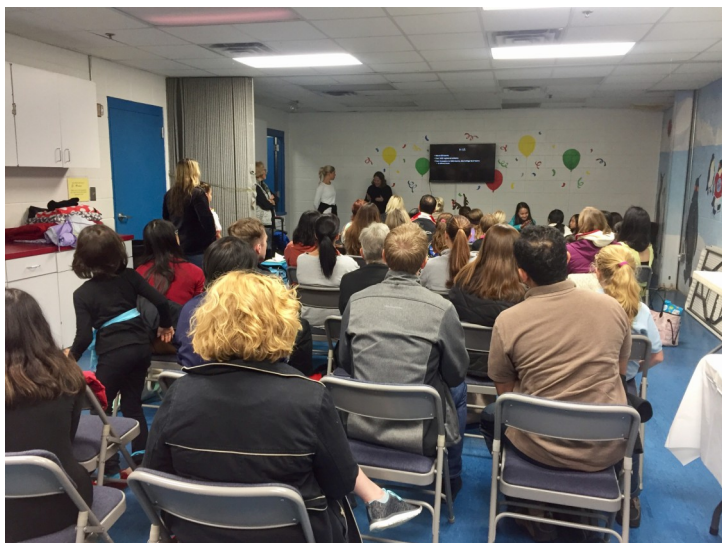
In case you didn't know ...



The Spotlight skater featured in the *Freestyler* is selected by the club Board of Directors on the bases of highest level free skate test passed and secondarily on competitive accomplishments.

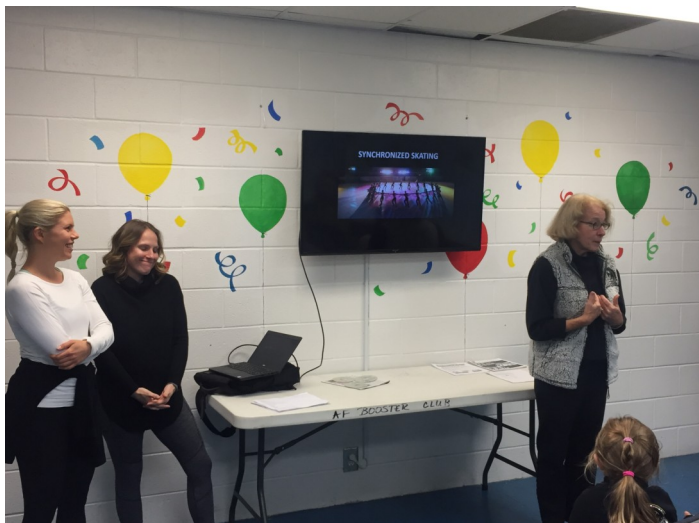
This method is the most objective, unbiased way to identify candidates. The list is updated monthly.

Club Ice Special Event Introduction to Synchronized Skating November 10



Team Nutcracker

We hosted a full house for this Club Ice special event! Thanks to **Kathy Shehee** for introducing our two guest coaches, **Marie Bureau** and **Iina Valtonen**, to **Jennifer Latham** for the decorations and cake, to **Tori Williams** for announcing, to **Tea Junnila** for coordinating the event, and to **Herbert Wiesinger** for the technical equipment set-up.



Adult Team Faith



Pacific Coast Sectionals competitors
Breellie Taylor and Tyler Vollmer performed an exhibition .



Adult Team Faith



Team Uptown



Team Nutcracker

Thanks to Tea Junnila and Jennifer Latham
for the photos!

I ♥ Synchronized skating





SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Frances Umezaki-Oba

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite element is my footwork in my program. It's just nice to feel the music, feel the edges and to just lose yourself in the movements. My least favorite elements are flying spins. Flying spins for me are hard to get the height and a good pretty position in the air.

Favorite program

My favorite programs are my "Can-Can" and "A Town with an Ocean View". I really enjoyed skating to the "Can-Can" because it was a cute, fun program. The other program was from a movie I was obsessed with. It was also my favorite music at the time and my last program with Moe, my first coach.

What are your future skating

I want to land all my triples, compete as a senior lady and become a triple gold medalist.

I currently don't have a set career, but I plan on attending college. I would continue to skate and probably go into the medical field.

If I weren't a skater, I would have been

A dancer.

Three words that best describe me:

Gutsy, shy and diligent

Favorite word: *Lovely*

Least favorite word: *Hate*

Favorite Food: *Croquette*

Least Favorite Food: *Bitter melon*

Favorite Book: *The Shadowhunter Chronicles*

Favorite Song: *"Radiate" by Before You Exit*

Favorite Color: *Baby blue*

Sound I love: *Wind chimes*

Sound I dislike: *Sirens*

Pet Peeve: *When people chew with their mouths open.*

I would never want to be: *A lawyer*

Most memorable event of your skating career?

It would probably when I first landed my Axel. I remember when I landed it I had thought that I had fallen, but I actually was on my feet and not my butt. My coach was ecstatic and some of the older girls congratulated me. This was when I felt that I took a step towards being a "big girl".

Who is your favorite skater?

My favorite skater is Daisuke Takahashi. I love his perseverance; he fought through all the pains of recovering from a knee surgery. Even though he was off the ice for more than half a year, he came back onto the ice and made the Olympic team. I also love the way he presents himself on the ice.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I am a freshman in high school at Georgia Cyber Academy (GCA).

Tell us about your family.

I have one older sister who is 22. She majored in political science at Georgia State and is going back to graduate school next year.

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Tests Passed

November

Katia Kochengina	Senior Moves
Chloe Rutter	Senior Moves
Nile Ziegler	Junior Free Skate
Kaitlyn Plaziak	Novice Moves
Madeline Freeman	Intermediate Free Skate
Madison Long	Intermediate Free Skate
Isabel Bobrik	Intermediate Moves
Athena Landon	Juvenile Free Skate
Ruhee Patkar	Juvenile Moves
	Preliminary Free Skate
	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Chloe Ryan	Juvenile Moves
Mia Rafanelli	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Varnika Kosaraju	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Emilia Kuehn	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Nikki Belmonte	Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skate
Sam Standridge	Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skate
	Adult Pre-Bronze Moves
Alexandrina Hosonitz	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Elvira Junnila	Bronze Dance Test
	Ten Fox



Anissa Durairaj
Sona Durairaj
Mark Riley

Please Update Your Contact Information!

Have you moved, changed your email address or phone number?



Please make sure to update your info in your EntryEeze account at Entryeeze.com so you can receive important communications from the club.



We Thank you!



Bronco Challenge Cup

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
November 11 - 12

HELENA FISHER

Senior Free Skate	2nd/7
Gold Solo Dance	
Willow Waltz	2nd/7



Volunteer Opportunities

Get a head start on those service hours by volunteering now! Our 2nd VP in charge of Club Ice, **Jennifer Latham**, could use a helping hand signing in skaters and monitoring the ice each Friday at Club Ice from 5:45 to 6:45 pm. Please contact Jennifer at mikejenlatham@comcast.net.

Our Test Chair, **Tea Junnila**, would also appreciate assistance at test sessions with preparing food/beverage for judges, making copies, and collecting and playing skaters' music. Email Tea at teija.junnila@comcast.net.

SEND YOUR PHOTOS!

To Jane Jud at jjudalex@aol.com. We prefer group photos to recognize as many skaters as possible.. Please identify the skaters, too.

Feb

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb

Kristen Rausch	1	Kim Detwiler	18
Jamie Traylor	2	Caroline Hur	20
Olivia Shapiro		Anissa Durairaj	21
Jacob Shamis	3	Lily Shamis	22
Olivia Kim		Gaia Shamis	23
Julia Kornetzke	4	Kristina Owen	25
Annamarie ValeCruz	11	Priscilla Millier	
Cristanne Goodwin		Abby Mutch	26
PJ Scafidi	14	Eveline Bobrik	27
Alice Qiao	17	Maria Son	
Valerie Knopp		Neha Mahesh	28
Emily Hwang	18		

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>
Holiday Gift Exchange/Ugly Sweater Contest	December 8	Atlanta FSC
Test Session	December 8	Atlanta FSC
Adults Only Holiday Club Ice	December 16	Atlanta FSC
U.S. Championships	December 29 - January 7	San Jose, CA
US Championships Viewing Party	January 5	Atlanta FSC
Club Ice LTS/Bring A Friend National Skating Month	January 26	Atlanta FSC
Adult Competition Series Registration Deadline	December 30	USFS