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Congratulations to Our Sectionals Competitors! On to the U.S. Championships!



Senior Men competitor **Tim Dolensky** and Novice Dance team **Breelie Taylor and Tyler Vollmer** will compete at the U.S. Championships on January 18 - 27 in Detroit, MI!

Tim claimed his second consecutive gold at the 2019 Eastern Sectional Championships in Wake Forest, NC, capturing first place in both his short program and free skate. This will be his sixth bid at the U.S. Championships at the senior level. In addition to Easterns, this season he placed 4th at the Nebelhorn Trophy in Oberstdorf, Germany, 6th at the Lombardia Trophy in Bergamo, Italy, 4th at the Philadelphia Summer International Classic, and first at Skate Detroit. He also won the inaugural Peggy Fleming Trophy at the Broadmoor Open.



In their second season as a dance team, **Breelie** and **Tyler** earned 4th place at the 2019 Pacific Coast Sectional Championships with 2nd for the Paso Doble, 3rd for the Starlight Waltz, and 4th for the Free Dance. In September, they were awarded the bronze at the U.S. Figure Skating Novice and Junior Challenge Skate in Salt Lake City.

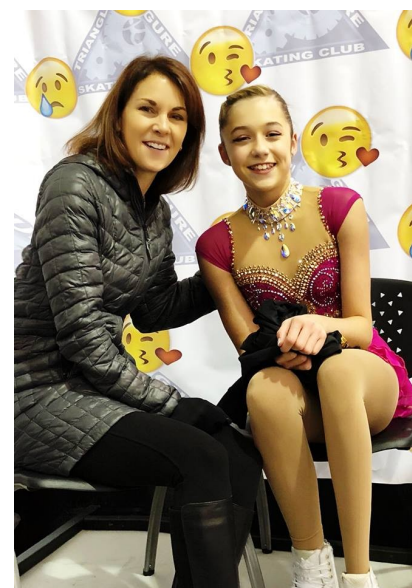
At her first trip to Eastern Sectionals, **Kaity McGarigle** placed 7th at the Juvenile Girls level following a 3rd place final round finish at the 2019 South Atlantic Regional Championships in Coral Springs, FL.



Tyler and Breelie



Tim



Coach Debbie and Kaity

What's Happening

- Club Ice, December 7 and 14
- Winterfest, December 15
- U.S. Championships, January 18 - 27



Avalon Exhibition , November 18



More than 40 members performed at the Atlantic Station tree lighting and Parade of Lights on November 17 and the Avalon tree lighting on November 18. Kudos to our volunteers: Barbara Landon, Nancy Ellis Riggs, Kathy Shehee, Heather Stables, and PJ Whalen. Thanks to Sarah Bolocan, Jennifer Latham, and Brook Ziegler for sending photos, and special recognition to Denise Freeman, who took 1,000+ photos! Our skaters performed beautifully!



Madeline

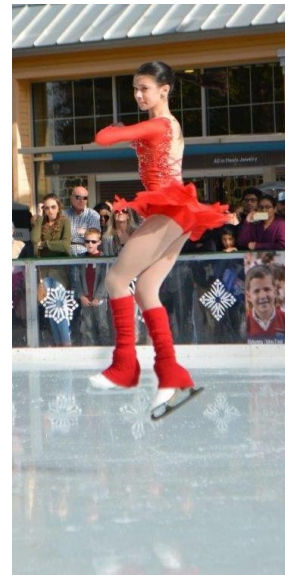
**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**



Masha



Kaity



Georgia



Elvira



Nancy



Keelee, Gabby, and Soucci



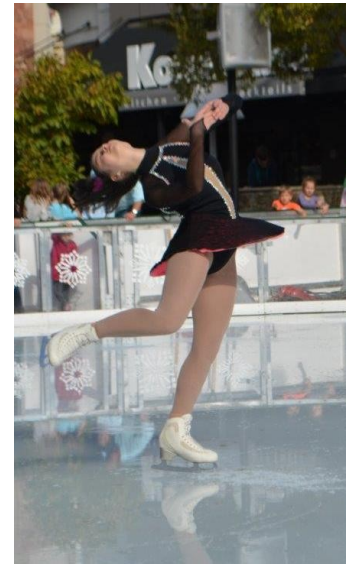
Alexandra



Soucci



Nile



Nastasia



Audrey



Katia



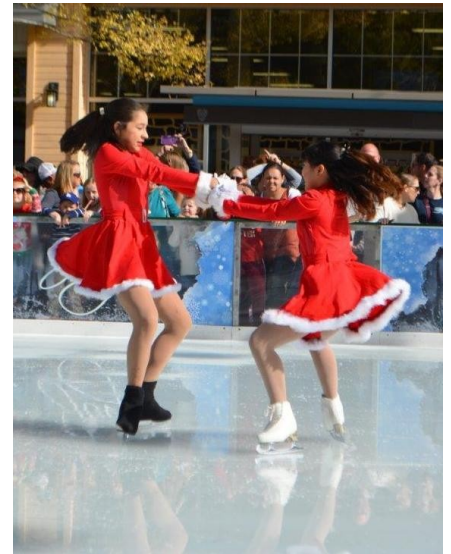
Cristanne and Ava



Hasita



Heather



Melanie and Olivia



*Front row: Abby Mutch, Alexis Chiang, Gia Gulati, Aryanna Pecqueur, and Lila Mutch
Back row: Ava Derouin, Lily Gorczca, Kristen Berner, Asher Pecqueur, and Katie Nix*

*Synchronized Skating Team
(alphabetical order):
Abigail Dale, Ilona Gavryliv,
Katelyn Harkness,
Chloe Malenfant, Gianna Rose
Scrivens, Eden Speigal,
Isabella Stanescu, and
Medha Thattikota*





Parent Paparazzi!



What red dress? Madeline, Olivia, Georgia, Katia, Kaity, and Hasita



Ava, Cristanne, Kaity, Katia, Madeline, Elvira, Olivia, Gabby, Audrey, Georgia, Hasita, and Masha



Madeline, Alice, Madeline, and Katy



Madeline, Elvira, Gabby, and Georgia



Amelia, and Hasita



Barbara and PJ



Soucci and Keelee



Atlantic Station Exhibition & Parade of Lights, November 17



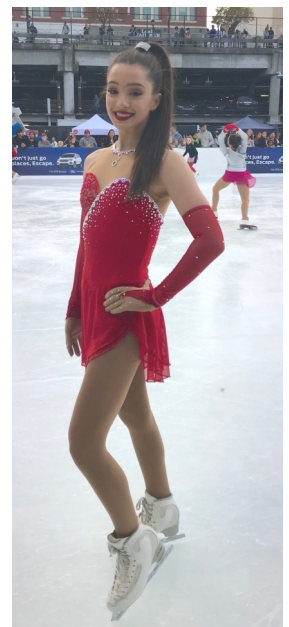
Elvira



Soucci



Audrey



Madeline



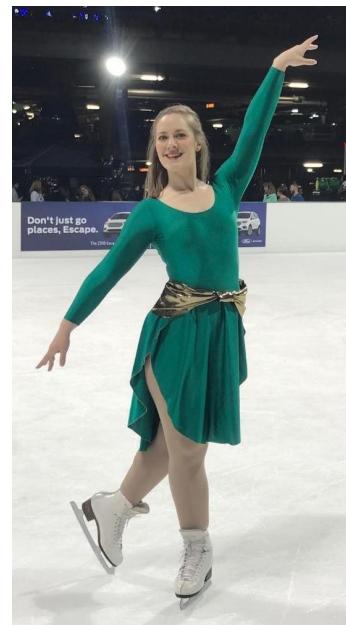
Natalie



Hasita



Nile



Heather



Cristanne and Ava



Nancy and Friend



Melanie and Olivia

Alexandra



Nastasia





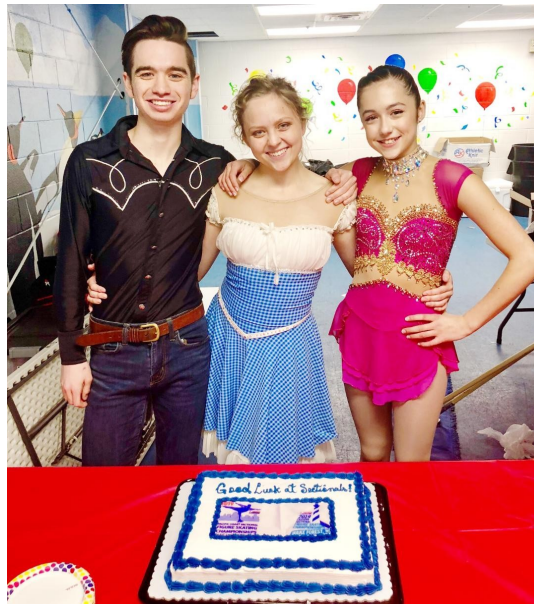
Synchronized Skating Team (in alphabetical order): Abigail Dale, Ilona Gavryliv, Katelyn Harkness, Chloe Malenfant, Gianna Rose Scrivens, Eden Speigal, Isabella Stanesco, and Medha Thattikota



In alphabetical order) Kristen Berner, Alexis Chiang, Ava Deouin, Matigan Edwards, Lilly Gorczyca, Gia Gulati, Abby Mutch, Lila Mutch, Katie Nix, Aryanna Pecqueur, Asher Pecqueur, and Lily Shamis



Sectionals Exhibition and Send-Off Party, November 2



COMING SOON

- * **2019 Magnolia Open and Compete USA announcement and registration link**
- * **2019 Spring Show announcement and registration information**

USFS

Dana Graham
Breele Taylor
Soucci Taylor
Christina Vandermissen



JUDGING

APPOINTMENTS

ISU Championship Pairs Technical Specialist
Silver Singles Test Judge
Silver Singles Test Judge
Bronze Dance Test Judge

2019 South Atlantic Regional Championships Special Achievement Awards

At Least two +3 GOEs or Higher by Any Judge for Any Element

Georgia Bolocan
Katia Kochengina
Kaity McGarigle
Masha Poljanycka

Most Points for Interpretation Component

Katia Kochengina
Kaity McGarigle



At Least 1 Jump Element with Bonus

Georgia Bolocan
Kaity McGarigle

Most Points for Skating Skills Component

Kaity McGarigle



Most Points for Spins

Georgia Bolocan
Katia Kochengina
Kaity McGarigle



SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Olivia Kim

What is your favorite element?

My favorite element is the double loop. In my opinion, it is the easiest jump and can become a combo with any other jump. My least favorite element is the layback because I still have some work to do on it.

Favorite program and competitive accomplishments?

My favorite program would be "Son of Italy" because I loved the choreography and it helped me realize how much skating meant to me.

Who is your favorite skater?

Kim Yuna because she is very talented and never gave up until she retired.

What is the most thrilling event of your skating career?

One time, I was going into my Lutz and did not realize there was someone behind me. In midair, I fell on my stomach and my breath got knocked out. It was a bit painful, but it taught me to look behind myself before jumping.

Tell us about your school and extra-curricular activities.

I am an 8th grader in Webb Bridge Middle School. My favorite subject is math because it is very fun to solve all the numbers and problems. I received honors of getting all A's and being responsible. I volunteer to help clean up my school.

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

A soccer player

Best advice I ever received

The best advice I received is to be strong and focus. My parents inspired me to focus on one goal and to work hard to accomplish that goal.

What famous person would you most like to meet?

All the Marvel characters because I love Marvel.

My family is most like the TV show

My family is unique in our own way.

Tell us about your family, other hobbies, pets.

I have two younger brothers, Chris and Benjamin. They are 11 and 7 years old. They are very humorous, but sometimes can be annoying. I have two fishes and I have had them for two years

What are your future skating and educational goals?

I would like end up being a double gold medalist and to land my double Axel.

I would like to attend college, specifically UGA. I will definitely continue skating, even when I grow up.

My favorite things are

Food, books, and my phone

Whom do you most admire?

I admire my Mom because she works so hard for me and I really appreciate it. She wakes up early in the morning to take me skating and tries to make my skating career the best as possible.

Who would you choose to play you in the movie of your life?

Myself

Tell us something about yourself or your family that no one knows.

I enjoy playing the saxophone and love to read mystery books.

Favorite word: Together

Least favorite word: Melancholy

What turns me off: People lying

Favorite food: Pasta

Least favorite food: Hot dogs

Favorite book: The Maze Runner

Favorite movie: "The Incredibles"

Favorite Song: "Feels"

Favorite color: Blue

I would never want to be: A teacher

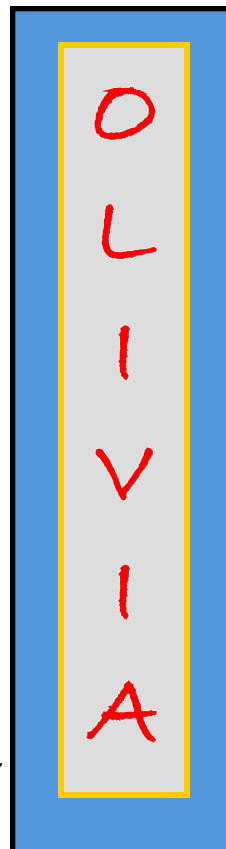
Pet peeve: When someone ignores me

Favorite Vacation: Going to Europe with my Mom

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: My phone, food, and a How to Survive on a Deserted Island book.

What three words best describe or characterize you?

Funny, kind, and short





Hallow skate Spooktacular October 26



Many thanks to Special Events Chair **Nikki Edwards** and her committee - **Ingie Elkhatab, Creighton Gulati, Kate Kaszycki, Courtney Nichols, and Christine Nix** - and to **Tori Williams** for the music and games. Twenty-eight skaters voted on the most creative costume - **Lily Shamis** - and the scariest - **Kendra Wang**. Both received gift cards.



In the "laboratory," skaters touched a brain (cauliflower), intestines (wet spaghetti), ears (dried apricots), fingers (carrot sticks) and teeth (popcorn kernels). Treat bags were filled with candy and gloves stuffed with popcorn and candy corn (envision a hand with fingernails!).





Photos by
Nikki
Edwards



Tests Passed

NOVEMBER

Violet Ee	Preliminary Free Skate*
Sidney Parker	Preliminary Free Skate
Aryana Bhattacharyya	Preliminary Moves
Kendra Wang	Preliminary Moves*
Leia Beinenson	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Mia Calabrese	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Marlowe McIntyre	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Ella Mo	Pre-Preliminary Moves

*With honors



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Lila Mutch	1	Amy Kilheffer	13
Bailey Snead	2	Rosalind Herbert	17
Ziqiao Wang		Adriana Beltran	19
Alexandra Silvia	3	Katie Wishert	
Chloe Malenfant		Elixabeth Wright-Johnson	20
Ellen Poulsen	4	Elizabeth Douglas	22
Abigail Dale	5	Peng Li	23
Nikki Belmonte	7	Chrissy Imperiale	26
Anna McPeak	8	Helena Fisher	27
Kendra Wang		Mia Rafanelli	
Madeline Freeman	9	Alexis Chiang	31
Uliana Yakimovich			



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Kristen Rausch	1	Anissa Durairaj	21
Jamie Traylor	2	John Herbert	
Olivia Kim	3	Lily Shamis	22
Julia Kornetzke	4	Gaia Shamis	23
William Herbert	7	Robin Doucette	24
Cristanne Goodwin	11	Eric Bohnstedt	25
Alice Qiao	17	Abigail Mutch	26
Valerie Knopp		MacKenzie Kisella	27
Emily Hwang	18	Maria Son	
Kim Detwiler			

In Loving Memory



Roberta Marie Pearce passed away November 10, 2018 in Atlanta, Georgia. She was born in Philadelphia in 1932 to Frances Rose Bedrick and Samuel McClenahan. Marie is preceded in death by her husband Robert. She is survived by her daughters Marcia (Tom) Chaffee of Ohio and Susan (Bill) Dabney of Atlanta, and several

grandchildren.

Marie started skating in 1947. She won many competitions including the Eastern Junior Championships. After attending St. Mary's High School she went on to star in Ice Capades for four years. From there she went under contract at the Roxy Theater in New York City.

A member of U.S. Figure Skating and a life member of the Atlanta Figure Skating Club, she cherished her time giving to the sport and being with her many friends. She served on many committees, traveled as a team leader to several countries, judged hundreds of competitions including at the national level, and enjoyed the good hospitality at all the events.

A memorial service was held on November 23, 2018 at Christ the King Church on Peachtree Street.



Neha Thattikota

Vamsi Mohan Thattikota

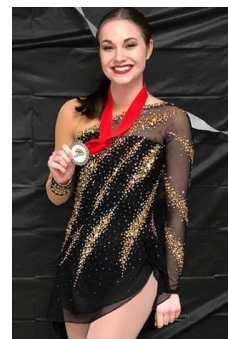
Intercollegiate Team Skating Bronco Challenge Kalamazoo, MI November 3 - 4

Helena Fisher

SOLO DANCE

Gold Quickstep
Senior Free Dance

2nd/7
2nd/8



December, 2018

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Upcoming Events

EVENT

DATES

SPONSOR/LOCATION

Winterfest

December 15

The Cooler

Road to Gold Training Camp

December 27 - 29

Birmingham FSC, Pelham, AL

U.S. Championships

January 18 - 27

Detroit, MI