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2019 Atlanta Open Named NQS and NSDS Competition



We are so excited to announce that The 2019 Atlanta Open has been approved as a participating competition within the **National Qualifying Series** for both Singles and Pairs! We are also a participating competition within the **National Solo Dance Competition Series**.



The purpose of the NQS is to allow athletes at the qualifying levels (Juvenile - Senior) to earn an official national series ranking, a sectional ranking, and can earn a bye/automatic advance through their first level of the qualifying competition structure. Athletes may compete in any NQS events in any geographic location.

Only the skater's highest score will count toward their final national and sectional ranking and for earning a Bye, and only the top six singles competitors in each section will earn a bye to their Sectionals Singles Final. Please refer to Page 3 for full details. **If you do NOT wish to participate in the NQS, you may still compete in these events; scores will not count toward the Series.**

Registration

Skaters who wish to participate in the NQS must first register with U.S. Figure Skating, via EMS, by **May 28** and pay an administrative entry fee of \$25.00. Registration for the series will open on **April 15**; **late entries will not be permitted**. Athletes must register separately via EMS for each competition they wish to enter. The Atlanta Open announcement will be available soon!

Exhibitions

Please contact Jennifer Latham at mikejenlatham@comcast.net to sign up for exhibitions on May 24, May 31, and June 7 by May 17.

Spring Show Performances Set for April 27 and 28



This year's Spring Show, "**Rockin' Ice Radio**" will be presented on Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28, with an entertaining and excited cast featuring special guest skaters, **Breelie Taylor/Tyler Vollmer** and **Davin Grindstaff**. Practices will begin on Club Ice from March 15 – April 19. If you are participating in Club Ice on these dates, please yield to show performers.

Don't miss this "Rockin' Ice Radio" fun time! **WE WILL ROCK YOU!** Tickets will be available soon.



- Magnolia Open, March 8 - 10
- Eastern Adult Sectionals, March 8 - 10
- U.S. Adult Championships, April 2 - 6
- Spring Show, April 27 - 28
- S.T.A.R.S. Testing, May 1
- Test Session, May 5
- Awards Banquet, May 19
- Atlanta Open Exhibitions, May 24, 31, June 7
- Ice Dance Weekend, May 31 - June 2
- Atlanta Open, June 12 - 15

Attention Seniors!

Applications for the club-sponsored college scholarship are due on **April 20**. Forms are available on the club website at atlantafsc.com.



2019 - 2020 Board of Directors Elections

In accordance with our club by-laws, the Nominations Committee has been formed to recommend candidates for the 2019-2020 membership year. Joining Chair **Tami Mickle** are Judith Flair, Candace Goodwin, Jane Jud, Jennifer Latham, Gaia Shamis, and Jamie Traylor.



The slate of candidates will be posted on the club bulletin board at The Cooler by March 15, and ballots will be emailed to all qualified adults on April 1. The deadline to submit votes is **April 30**.

A total of five (5) candidates must be elected, two of which must be senior members.

Board of Directors members whose terms are expiring are Jennifer Latham, Tami Mickle, John Millier, Kathy Shehee, and Heather Stables. Remaining on the Board for another year are **Francesca Sichenze Bryant, Judith Flair, Candace Goodwin, Sharon Hyre, and Lori Malthaner**.

Thank you in advance to all of our volunteers serving at the Magnolia Open. We appreciate your service to the skaters and to the club. As we enter the final months of this membership year, we will require many hands to assist the club as we offer several events—from the S.T.A.R.S. Off-Ice testing program, the Awards Banquet, Ice Dance Weekend to the Atlanta Open.

While we do require a minimum condition of membership, we hope this commitment by contributing your upcoming events.

If you are interested in a particular area contact any member of the Board of members actually began their service events! And it's a great way to meet new people who share your love of our fabulous sport!



number of service hours as a many of you will consider exceeding time and talent to the club at these

but need further information, please Directors. The majority of our Board journey by volunteering at these

SPRING SHOW



APRIL 27

APRIL 28

We Will Rock You!

Don't miss out

**2019
ATLANTA OPEN**



JUNE 12 - 15

**National Qualify Series and
National Solo Dance Series**

S.T.A.R.S. TESTING May 1

Last year two of our members achieved national recognition for their test accomplishments.

Audrey Latham earned the top national score among ALL testers, and **Tim Dolensky** outscored all men testers.

Registration for opens on March 1 through U.S. Figure Skating's website. Testing will be conducted at The Cooler.

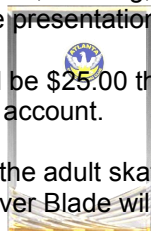


AWARDS BANQUET May 19

The Awards Banquet will be held at Knock Music House in Atlanta on **May 19**. There will be plenty of food, entertainment, dancing, and, of course, the presentation of awards.

Tickets will be \$25.00 through your EntryEeze account.

Ballots for the adult skater of the year and the Silver Blade will be available

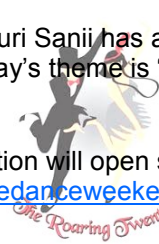


ICE DANCE WEEKEND May 31 - June 2

The 13th annual Ice Dance Weekend is scheduled for **May 31 - June 2** at The Cooler.

Chair Lauri Sanii has announced that Friday's theme is **"ROARING 20'S"**.

Registration will open soon at atlantaicedanceweekend.com.





NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES

QUALIFYING COMPETITIVE PIPELINE

Beginning with the 2019-20 competitive season, there will be a new competitive pipeline for singles, pairs and dance athletes focused on the vision: Identify. Develop. Promote.

The pipeline features the following:

- NEW! National Qualifying Series
- New names for qualifying competitions
- Additional athletes qualifying for the sectional singles challenge
- Earlier timeline for pairs and dance teams and another opportunity for national competition
- National High-Performance Development Team Camp for juvenile, intermediate and novice athletes

NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES

The National Qualifying Series (NQS) is a series of official U.S. Figure Skating approved competitions hosted individually by member clubs nationwide that are held in a standard format and in which athletes earn official scores towards a sectional and national rank. The competitions are held between June 1 – September 15 and serve juvenile – senior competitors in singles, dance and pairs.

Key highlights:

- Athletes must enter the NQS directly with U.S. Figure Skating by May 28, 2019
- Athletes enter any official competitions they choose
- Only the athlete or team's highest Total Score (TS) counts
- The top six ranking singles athletes in each section earn a bye to the Sectional Singles Final
- The top three ranking dance or pairs teams nationwide earn a bye to the U.S. Pairs or U.S. Dance Final
- Athletes receive an official 'national ranking' and a certificate and pin to recognize their achievement.

INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES

The list of official NQS competitions will be posted no later than March 4. Athletes must enter the overall NQS by May 28, 2019 – competitions are entered separately, by the specific entry deadline. Athletes do NOT need to select their competitions at the time of registration. Athletes may also "skate up" one test level and may enter two competitive levels.

Click [here](#) for a presentation that explains the NQS for singles athletes.

Click [here](#) for a presentation that explains the NQS for dance athletes.

Click [here](#) for a presentation that explains the NQS for pairs athletes.

QUALIFYING COMPETITION PIPELINE

Singles

National Qualifying Series (June – September)
Regional Singles Challenge (October)
Sectional Singles Final (November)
U.S. Figure Skating Championships (January)
National High Performance Develop. Team (January)

Click [here](#) for detailed advancement for singles.

Click [here](#) for detailed advancement for pairs.

Click [here](#) for detailed advancement for dance.

Pairs and Dance

National Qualifying Series (June – September)
Sectional Pairs / Dance Challenge (October)
U.S. Pairs / Dance Final (November)
U.S. Figure Skating Championships (January)

Spring Ice Show

Rockin' Ice Radio!

Saturday, April 27

Sunday, April 28

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Rockin' Ice Radio!



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2019 Awards Banquet

*Knock Music House
1052 Saint Charles Ave. NE
Atlanta, GA 30306*

Sunday, May 19

2:00 - 5:00 pm

*Food * Entertainment * Dancing*

MOVE LIKE A _____
CHAMPION PERFORM LIKE A

STAR

Standardized Testing of Athleticism to Recognize Skaters (S.T.A.R.S.)

evaluates your athleticism in areas important to skating performance and helps identify areas needing improvement. The S.T.A.R.S. combine includes a

- Dynamic Warm-Up Class
- Sports Science Seminar
- Detailed Athlete Report

High Performance Movement Screen (HPMS)

evaluates your ability to move your body in ways fundamental to skating technique, and measures your mobility, stability, symmetry and balance.

Participants receive a

- Detailed Athlete Report
- Video-based feedback for corrective exercises

S.T.A.R.S. is open to U.S. Figure Skating athletes ages 6 and up who have passed pre-preliminary moves.

HPMS is open to U.S. Figure Skating athletes who have passed juvenile moves in the field, and to adult skaters.

Registration opens March 1st.

To register visit: STARScombine.org



MAY 4, THE COOLER

WHAT

S.T.A.R.S. (Standardized Testing of Athleticism to Recognize Skaters) is a one-day event consisting of 15 off-ice tests meant to evaluate developing athletes in three areas:

- Agility, balance and coordination
- Strength and power
- Flexibility

ELIGIBILITY

- Minimum age: six years at the date of the combine; current USFS member
- Passed Pre-Preliminary MITF for S.T.A.R.S. portion and Juvenile MITF for the High Performance Movement Screen; adult skaters who have passed Pre-Bronze MITF for HPMS

REPORTS

- Raw test scores along with comparison data that shows how their peers scored by skating level (test day); no individual data shared
- Comprehensive results report comparing each athlete to his/her peers by age and gender (end of season)

COST

- **Combine Only:** \$64 - Includes assessment, dynamic warm-up class, personalized results report, an athlete t-shirt and a S.T.A.R.S. seminar
- **Combine + High Performance Movement Screen:** \$149.00. Includes S.T.A.R.S. Assessment, dynamic warm-up class, sports science seminar, detailed S.T.A.R.S. athlete report, detailed HPMS report along with feedback and exercise prescription and athlete gift

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

- 9:00 a.m. Group Dynamic Warm-up Class
- 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: Athlete testing. Each skater will be assigned a time slot to complete the assessment portion. The assessment takes approx. 1 hour to complete.
- 1:00 p.m.- Sports Science Seminar. The seminar is open to all participating athletes, parents and coaches.

2019 Ice Dance Weekend



May 31 - June 2

The Cooler

The Atlanta FSC and IDW Chair **Laurie Sanii** are pleased to host the 13th annual Ice Dance Weekend at The Cooler on May 31 - June 2. The weekend is designed to promote ice dancing, provide quality instruction, and *have fun!* We will have **MODERN MUSIC** and **ALL AGES AND LEVELS ARE WELCOME!**

This year, the Friday night theme will be **ROARING 20'S!** Costumes are encouraged, but wear whatever is most comfortable.

atlantaicedanceweekend.com



Clinics taught by Graham Payne, a former national and international ice dance competitor for Great Britain and a national and world competition coach..



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
7:00 - 9:30 pm Registration	1:00 - 2:30 pm Ice Dance Session	9:30 - 10:45 am Ice Dance Session
7:00 - 9:30 pm Ice Dance Session	2:30 - 3:30 pm On Ice Clinic (low), taught by Graham Payne	10:45 - 11:45 am On Ice Clinic (high), taught by Graham Payne
9:30 pm Welcome Mixer (dinner served in the rink's party facility)	3:30 - 5:00 pm Ice Dance Session	11:45 - 1:00 pm Ice Dance Session
Refreshments and light snacks Provided 7:00 - 9:30 pm	Lunch, refreshments, and light snacks provided 1:00 - 5:00 pm	Brunch/lunch, refreshments, and light snacks provided 9:00 am - 1:30

2019 ATLANTA OPEN

June 12 - 15



The Atlanta Open is a participating competition within the
**National Qualifying Series (Singles, Pairs) &
2019 Solo Dance Competition Series**



EVENTS

- Free Skate
- Excel Free Skate
- Short Program
- Pairs Free Skate and Short Program
- Moves in the Field
- Spins
- Jumps
- Step Sequence
- Solo Pattern Dance, Combined Dance, Shadow Dance
- Showcase Dramatic, Light Entertainment, Duets

CHIEF REFEREE
Richard Perez

DANCE REFEREE
John Millier

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT
Kimberley Moore

COMPETITIONS CO-CHAIRS
Sharon Hyre and Tea Junnila

REGISTRAR
Lori Malthaner





2019 MAGNOLIA OPEN EXHIBITIONS

February 22 and March 1



Audrey Latham, Katia Kochengina, and Chloe Rutter (All Juvenile) and Katie Palmer (Novice)



Katie Trizzino (Excel High Beginner), Emily McDaniel (Pre-Juvenile), Iris Liu (No Test), and Kristen Berner (High Beginner)

Thanks to **Jennifer Latham** for the photos!



Isabel Chen (Pre-Preliminary), Anna McPeak (Pre-Juvenile), Amelia Marsh (Pre-Preliminary), Cristanne Goodwin (Pre-Juvenile), Lily Shamis (Pre-Preliminary), and Kendra Wang (Preliminary)



Lilly Gorczyca and Ella Mo (Both Beginner), Leia Beinenson, Anna Detwiler and Nathan Detwiler (all No Test), and Leanna Jones (High Beginner)

Magnolia Open Vendors

Del Arbour

Eagle Sportz

Gabriele Photo

Hairstyle to Impress

OLY AU (Barbara Wagner)

Touchstone Crystal



Good Luck!



AnneMarie Ahlin
Laken Andrzejewski
Leia Beinenson
Nikki Belmonte
Kristen Berner
Elisa Bode
Mia Calabrese
Brynn Cartagena
Madelaine Casey
Isabel Chen
Caroline Crooks
Abigail Dale
Sinjee de Cleir
Ava Derouin
Anna Detwiler
Nathan Detwiler
Gracie Dong
Luke Dong
Abigail Doster
Elizabeth Douglas
Sona Durairaj
Violet Ee
Sophie Gao
Mia Giordano

Cristanne Goodwin
Lilly Gorczyca
Lyla Gorman
Gia Gulati
Lizette Hernandez
Daniel Huang
Sophia Huang
Leanna Jones
Elvira Junnila
Isabelle Kelso
Katia Kochengina
Athena Landon
Ava Landon
Audrey Latham
Iris Liu
Lyllian Lu
Chloe Malenfant
Amelia Marsh
Natalie Martin
Marika Mathers
Emily McDaniel
Remy McDonough
Marlowe McIntyre
Anna McPeak

Ella Mo
Abigail Mutch
Rachel Normand
Katie Palmer
Ruhee Patkar
Aryanna Pecqueur
Mia Rafanelli
Nancy Ellis Riggs
Chloe Rutter
Cathy Sabella
Veronica Sand
Lily Shamis
Serena Shang
Grayson Snow
Jamie Traylor
Katie Trizzino
Kendra Wang
Katherine Warren
Hayden Whalen
Berkeley Williams
Regan Williams
Grace Xie
Andrew Yang
Hanna Zhu

Congratulations Tim, Breelie, and Tyler!

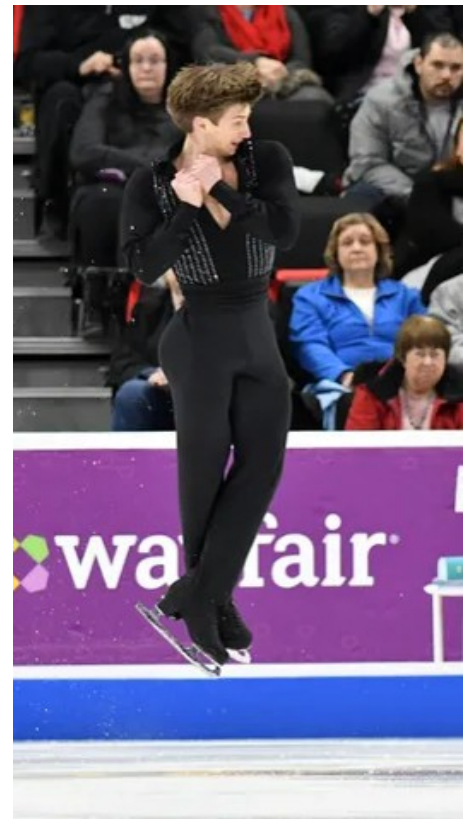
2019 U.S. Figure Skating Championships



Photo by Jay Adeff, US Figure Skating

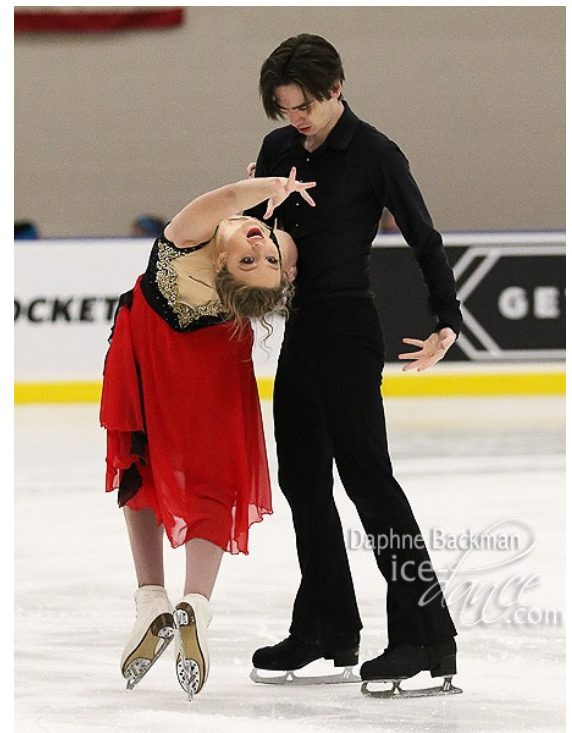
SENIOR MEN Tim Dolensky

Final	6th/20
Free Skate	7th/20
Short Program	6th/20



NOVICE DANCE Breelie Taylor & Tyler Vollmer

Final	10th/12
Free Dance	10th/12
Pattern Dance	10th/12





Soucci, Helena, Coach Graham, Breelie, and Tyler

Congratulations to Senior Men competitor, **Tim Dolensky**, who placed **6th** at the 2019 U.S. Championships, and to **Breelie Taylor** and **Tyler Vollmer**, who placed **10th** at their first trip to Nationals!

Tim executed a double Axel, six triple jumps (three in combination) for a free skate score of 147.84 and a final competition score of 228.94. He was selected as alternate for both the 2019 World Championships and the 2019 Four Continents competition.

Breelie and Tyler garnered a pattern dance score of 34.94 and a free dance score of 49.02 for a total competition score of 83.96.

Well done!



Coach Daniil Barantsev and Tim in the Kiss and Cry



Tiffany, Tim, and Helena



John Millier (right)

Many thanks to our tireless officials:

Dana Graham
John Millier
John Richardson



Elvira and Madeline on the Jumbotron.



SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Avery Wilkinson

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

I love all elements but if I had to pick a favorite it would be spins.

Favorite program?

My favorite program is my current long program. It is to Assassin's Tango from the movie "Mr. and Mrs. Smith." Having never done a tango before, I feel as if the high intensity music makes my skating stronger.

Who is your favorite skater?

Yuna Kim. Not only was she an amazing all-around athlete, but she had an unmistakable passion for skating that shined through in every performance.

What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

I took a moves test on two hours of sleep and a 101 degree fever and passed by all three judges.

If I weren't a skater, I would have

loved to do musical theatre.

Tell us about your school and extra-curricular activities.

I am currently a freshman at Rivers Academy. My favorite subjects include Composition/Literature and Government. I love singing and playing my ukulele. I also draw fashion illustrations and sell them on Etsy.

I have worked with 7 Bridges to Recovery/The Garden Women's Shelter, Operation Christmas Child, and have been involved with Food Allergy Research and Education as well as Atlanta Families With Food Allergies.

Best advice I ever received

The best advice I have ever received was from Gracie Gold. She told me to always make sure "the pleasure outweighs the pressure."

What famous person would you most like to meet?

I would love to meet the singer Lauren Daigle because she is an inspiration to me and my music.

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

I have sung at a bar, my grandfather designed a bolt for a NASA rocket that went into space, and my cousin is Mandy Dillard of Dillard's department store. No, I don't get a discount.

Tell us about your family, other hobbies, pets.

I am an only child and have three fish named Kissy, Mowgli, and Baloo.

What are your future skating and educational goals?

I would like to finish my moves testing this year and get my double Axel. I would love to pursue a law degree with Harvard Law being my dream college. I always want to have skating in my life because it is "my happy place."

My favorite things are

Skating, my phone, and chocolate

Whom do you most admire?

My coach, Aren Nielsen, who has calmly told me over a million times to fix my left arm and hasn't killed me yet.

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

Reece Witherspoon

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have:

A boat, a compass, and water

My family is most like the television show

"The Middle."

Favorite word: Aporia

Least favorite word: Entitled

What turns me off: Jealousy

Favorite food: Chili and Pasta

Least favorite food: Tomato Soup

Favorite book: *The Penderwicks* by Jeanne Birdsall

Favorite movie: "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days"

Favorite Song: "Boys 'Round Here" by Blake Shelton

Favorite TV show: "Friends"

Favorite color: Pink

I would never want to be: Brain surgeon

Pet peeve: When people crack their knuckles

Favorite Vacation: Rosemary Beach or New York City

What three words best describe or characterize you? Creative, outgoing, and determined

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Club Ice Special Event Greek Gods and Goddesses, February 8

For our last Club Ice special event of the season, Greece was the word! Special Event Chair **Nikki Edwards** requested skaters to wear white togas in honor of the Greek icons of love. Skaters were gifted with bags of goodies to commemorate Valentine's Day. Thanks to **Kate Kaszycki** for the photos!



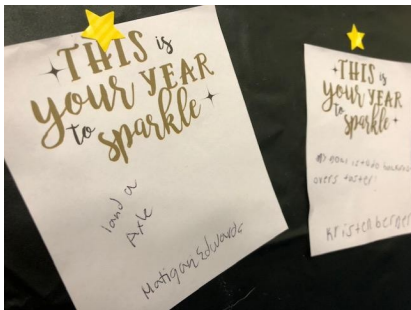


CLUB ICE SPECIAL EVENT **NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS PARTY** *And* **BRING A FRIEND!, JANUARY 10**



More than 40 members and friends attended the New Year's Resolutions and Bring a Friend Club Ice event on January 10. Members recorded their goals, and Coach Eric taught a class. Thanks to Special Event Chair **Nikki Edwards** for the festive decorations and to Nikki and **Kate Kaszycki** for the photos!





Tests Passed

FEBRUARY

Katie Palmer	Intermediate Free Skate
Sarah Cairo	Juvenile Free Skate*
Eden Adams	Juvenile Moves
Anna Pecqueur	Preliminary Moves
	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Lily Shamis	Preliminary Moves*
Veronica Sand	Preliminary Moves
Laurie Sanii	Preliminary Moves**
Isabel Chen	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Daniel Huang	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Madeline Lampert	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Jessica Maaskant	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Katia Kochengina	Fiesta Tango*
	Swing Dance*
Sharon Wang	Canasta Tango

*With honors ** With Distinction



Grace Dong	Madeline Lampert
Luke Dong	Stephanie Lampert
Julia Hoffman	Veronica Sand
Daniel Huang	Mark Sand
Dengsheng Huang	Xuhong Su
Isabelle Kelso	Katherine Warren
Tracey Kelso	Robert Warren



Lori Malthaner

Singles/Pairs Sectional
Competition Judge
Appointment



INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM SKATING



Golden Gopher Challenge
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN

HELENA FISHER

SENIOR

Solo Free Dance 3rd/6

GOLD

Solo Pattern Dance 3rd/7



Bronco Challenge Cup
Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, MI
November 3 - 4

HELENA FISHER

SENIOR LADIES

Solo Free Dance 2nd/5

GOLD

Solo Pattern Dance, Grp. A 2nd/7



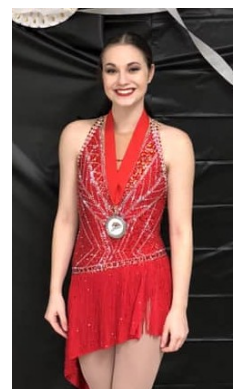
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Janice Battersby	1	Lynn Thompson	13
Mia Giordano		Vamsi Mohan Thattikota	14
Charles Bolocan	2	Dengsheng Huang	15
Jennifer Parker		Keelee Taylor	
Nathan Detwiler		April Zhang	20
Yadira Homan		Jessica Maaskant	
Yiming Wang		Mingda Liu	23
Xuan Kou	4	Raj Kosaraju	25
John Edwards	5	Xing Liu	
Hasita Yalamanchili	6	Anya Martynenko	27
D'Arcy Robb	8	Nada Poljanycka	
Byron Palmer	10	Natalie Martin	30
Zhen Liu	11		



HELENA



Violet Ice Classic
New York University
Monsey, NY
November 3 - 4

JUNIOR PATTERN DANCE

Amanda Bao 5th/11

Atlanta Figure Skating Club
P.O. Box 185
Roswell, GA 30077



Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>
Test Session (Dance Only)	March 8	Atlanta FSC
Magnolia Open	March 8 - 10	Atlanta FSC
Eastern Adult Sectionals	March 8 - 10	Havertown, PA
U.S. Adult Championships	April 2 - 6	Salt Lake City, UT
Intercollegiate Championships	April 12 - 14	Newark, DE
Spring Show	April 27 - 28	Atlanta FSC
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