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# Freestyler

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## Congratulations to our Eastern Sectional and U.S. Ice Dance Final Medalists!

Congratulations to **Georgia Bolocan**, **Audrey Kate Johnson/Lucas Appel**, and **Breelie Taylor/Tyler Vollmer** on their performances at Eastern Sectionals and the U.S. Ice Dance Final on November 12 - 16 in Hyannis, MA! Georgia earned the Intermediate Ladies pewter with a free skate that included six jump elements - four triples, two in combination - a double Axel, and a three jump combo. Audrey Kate and Lucas also earned pewter for Intermediate Dance, placing second in their free dance event that featured two lifts and synchronized twizzles with positive GOE's on all but one element. Following a silver medal win at the Pacific Coast Sectional Ice Dance Challenge, Breelie and Tyler placed 14th in their first year at the Junior level.

Georgia, Audrey Kate, and Lucas will participate in a High Performance Development Team/Camp and will have the potential for a High Performance Singles Camp, North American Challenge, National Development Team Challenge, advanced novice internationals, ISU developmental seminar, and Athlete HP Development pool. Audrey Kate and Lucas will also have the additional potential for Junior spring internationals, the Junior Grand Prix Series, and International Selection Pool (ISP).

Results are posted on page 11.



Audrey Kate and Lucas  
Total score: 94.48



Georgia  
Total Score: 101.56



Coach Graham, Breelie, and Tyler  
Total Score: 94.51





## *Avalon Exhibition , November 24*



*Almost 40 members performed at the Atlantic Station tree lighting and Parade of Lights on November 23 and the Avalon tree lighting on November 24. Kudos to our volunteers: **Kim Detwiler** and **Kate Gorczyca** (co-chairs), **Paul Detwiler** (announcer), **Todd Pettigrew** (music), **Creighton Gulati**, **Barbara Landon**, **Brittany Marshall**, **Lori McGarigle**, and **Lynn Ng**. Thanks also to our photographer extraordinaire, **Kurt Allen**. Our skaters performed superbly!*

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS!**



*Triniti*



*Kaity*



*Katia*

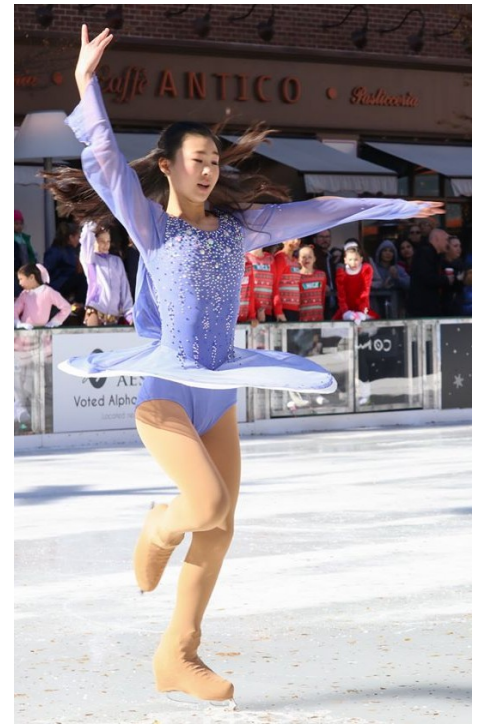




*Melanie, Sinyee, Annie, Audrey, Hasita*



*Soucci*



*Rachel*



*Melissa*



*Cristanne*



*Violet, Vera, Emily, Marika*







*Breele and Gabby*



*Ava, Gianna, Lizette, Rachel, Berkeley, Athena*



*Athena and Ava*



*Cristanne, Alexis, Gia, Lilly, Kristen, Gabby*



*MariKa, Vera, Emily, Violet*



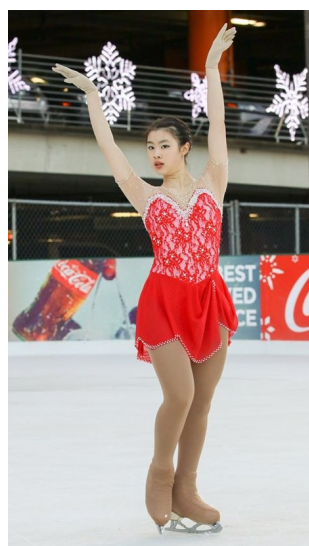




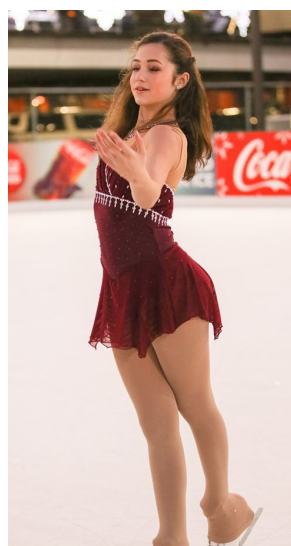
## *Atlantic Station Exhibition, November 23*



*Soucci*



*Triniti*



*Kaity*



*Katia*



*Melanie, Sinyee, Annie, Audrey, Hasita*



*Judith, Tea, Cathy*





*Gabby, Kristen, Gia, Lilly, Alexis, Matigan*



*Olivia*



*Cristanne*



*Rachel*



*Emily*



*Melissa*



*Vera, Emily, Violet, Marika*



*December, 2019*



## *Spirals, Spins, Splits and Siblings!*



*Vera and Violet*



*Asher and Aryanna*



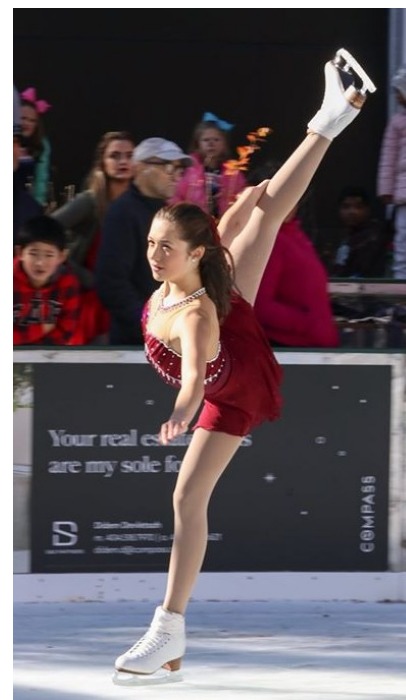
*Nathan and Anna*



*Breele and Soucci*



*Athena and Ava*



*Kaity*



*Audrey*



*Emily*



*Triniti*

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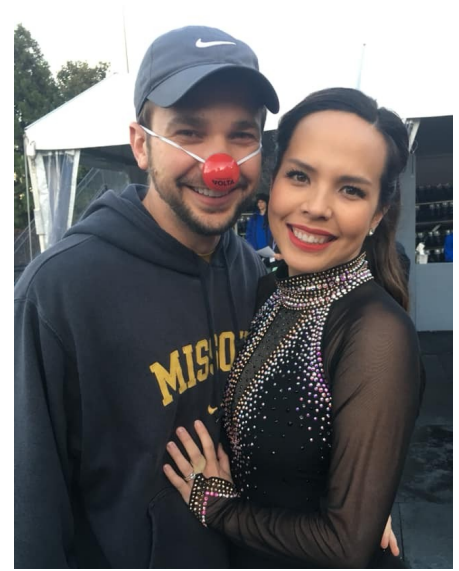




*Kristen, Gabby, Lilly, Alexis, Gia, Matigan*



*Judith*



*Melissa*



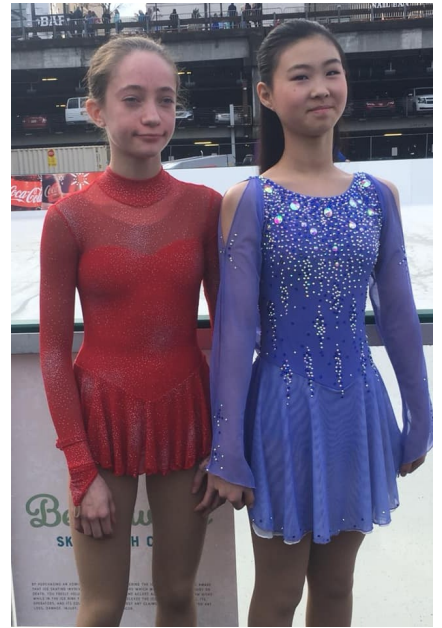
*Lizette, Gianna, Coach Barbara, Rachel, Berkeley*



*MariKa, Emifly, Vera, Violet (center)*









# Parade of Lights





**Top U.S. Figure Skating S.T.A.R.S.  
Performer - Georgia Bolocan!**

For the second consecutive year, our skaters have excelled at the S.T.A.R.S. Combine. Following Audrey Latham's top performance among all skaters and Tim Dolensky's among men skaters last year, Georgia continued our winning streak and was featured in **Skating** magazine. Congratulations!

**TOP OVERALL PERFORMER**  
Georgia Bolocan  
(ATLANTA FSC)

**Coaching team:** Aren Nielsen, Sherry Hewitt, Robert Mauti

**Off-ice coaching team:** Ice Dynamics, Amy Wolkin DPT

Bolocan, 14, has participated in six S.T.A.R.S. combines since 2012 and has improved her score each season. This year she received top honors with the highest S.T.A.R.S. score. Bolocan has learned from her assessments each year, she said.

"In 2018 my results showed I needed to work on balance to become a more well-rounded athlete," Bolocan said. "My PT Amy Wolkin has helped me a lot there. Working on balance has improved my ankle stability, which has helped me with jump landings, spin centering and injury prevention. I appreciate that S.T.A.R.S. offers me a yearly opportunity to assess if my strength levels are matching my goals."

Bolcan is competing in intermediate ladies this season and is working on all triple jumps and triple-triple combinations. Her goal is to continue to build strength and flexibility to improve performance and stay injury-free.

She enjoys paper crafting, braiding friendship bracelets and stretching. She is also known as "Georgia from Georgia."



## New Board of Directors Positions

Elected as 1st Vice President was Parliamentarian **Kathy Shehee**, who will fill the position vacated by current president, **Amy Kilheffer**.

Appointed as Special Events chair was **Kate Gorczyca**, who also serves as 2nd Vice President.

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## EASTERN SECTIONALS INTERMEDIATE LADIES

## Georgia Bolocan

Final 4th/18

Free Skate 4th/18

Short Program 10th/18

## US ICE DANCE FINAL

## JUNIOR

Breelie Taylor/Tyler Vollmer

Final 14th/14

Free Dance 14th/14

Rhythm Dance	14th/14
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## INTERMEDIATE

Audrey Kate Johnson/Lucas Appel

Final 4th/16

Free Dance 2nd/16

Pattern Dance 4th/16

American Waltz 6th/16

Foxtrot 4th/16

**2020 U.S.FIGURE SKATING  
SOUTH ATLANTICS/EASTERN ICE DANCE  
CHALLENGES  
SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**



### Most Points for Performance Component

## Georgia Bolocan

Kaitlyn McGarigle

### Most Points for Spins

Kaitlyn McGarigle

## Most Points for Twizzles

Audrey Kate Johnson/

Lucas Appel







## Pacific Coast Sectional Dance Challenge Salt Lake City, UT, October 23 - 27

### JUNIOR DANCE

Breelie Taylor and Tyler Vollmer

Final	2nd/2
Free Dance	2nd/2
Rhythm Dance	2nd/2

Coach Graham, Breelie, Tyler



## ISU International Adult Figure Skating Competition Lake Placid, NY, October 14 - 20



### ELITE MASTERS

Rhythm Dance  
Amy Kilheffer & Alexey Shumskyy 2nd/2

## INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM SKATING

Red Brick Classic  
Miami of Ohio University  
Oxford, OH, October 26 - 27



### SENIOR

Free Dance  
Helena Fisher 1st/7

High Team Maneuvers 4th/8  
Miami Overall 2nd/20







# Hallow skate Spooktacular

## October 25



Thanks to Kate Gorezyca for organizing the treats, games, and costume contest and for the fantastic decorations!

The contest winners were:

Scariest  
Emily McDaniel

Most Creative  
Hasita Yalamanchili

Prettiest  
Alexis Chiang











# SPOTLIGHT SKATER

## Athena Landon

### What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My Axel is my favorite jump because I worked very hard to land it. Once I did it, it has been my favorite.

### Favorite program /competitive accomplishments?

"Praying" by Kesha because I connected with the song. I also am happy to say I won many showcase programs and was eligible to compete in National Showcase.

### Who is your favorite skater?

Elina Radionova is a big inspiration to me. She is very energetic, fun, and she's different than others. She is a big role model to me and how I want to be as a figure skater.

### What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

When I performed my showcase event, my music stopped, and I still kept going. It was a little embarrassing but in the end I still won and was very happy. Overall my favorite experience with figure skating was when I was a stunt double for Faye Webster's music video.

### Best advice I ever received

Everything happens for a reason. I believe that God has a plan for everybody, and we should trust the path He has given us.

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

I always have wanted to skate. Maybe because my mom would skate around with me in her belly. I guess you can say I have been skating my whole life.

### School you attend, grade, favorite subjects, extracurricular activities, and honors received

I am a junior at Cambridge High School and my favorite class is art. I love to dance and practice my Lyra skills. I also love adventures and taking pictures with my camera.

### Other things we should know – siblings, hobbies, pets?

I have an older brother named Mitchell who attends Gulf Coast State College for baseball. My sister is 12 years old, and she also figure skates and plays lacrosse. I have 3 dogs - Hazel, Bailey, and Beau - and a bunny named Luke.

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

No matter what happens in our family we will always be there for each other no matter what at the end of the day.

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

Reese Witherspoon as a teenager would be a good fit for me because she is a good actress and is a very powerful women just like me:)

### What are your future skating and educational goals?

I would like to finish all of my moves in the field tests before the end of senior year. I would also like to perform in ice shows like my mom did when she was in college.

I would like to be a counselor because I like to help people with the hard times they might experience. I would also like to maybe involve photography in my future. I will always want to have skating in my life no matter what college I go to because skating is a part of who I am, and I would like to carry that with me wherever I go.

### What famous person would you most like to meet?

I would like to meet Nina Dobrev because we have a lot in common, and I loved "Vampire Diaries." She is such an amazing actress.

### Whom do you most admire?

I admire my mother because I wouldn't be a figure skater and the person I am today without her love and encouragement. She inspires me to try my best and have fun with what I do at the rink and in life.

### Favorite word: Pookie

### Least favorite word: Can't

### What turns me off: Girls who don't support each other

### Favorite food: Noodle Kugel

### Least favorite food: Fish

### Favorite book and movie: The Longest Ride because of the music and how to keep pushing through life even when it gets hard.

### I would never want to be: Math teacher

### Favorite vacation: New York with my mom and sister. I got to take so many pictures and go to the top of the Empire State Building. We also went to Central Park and saw the beautiful views from the top of the rocks.

### Favorite color: Baby blue

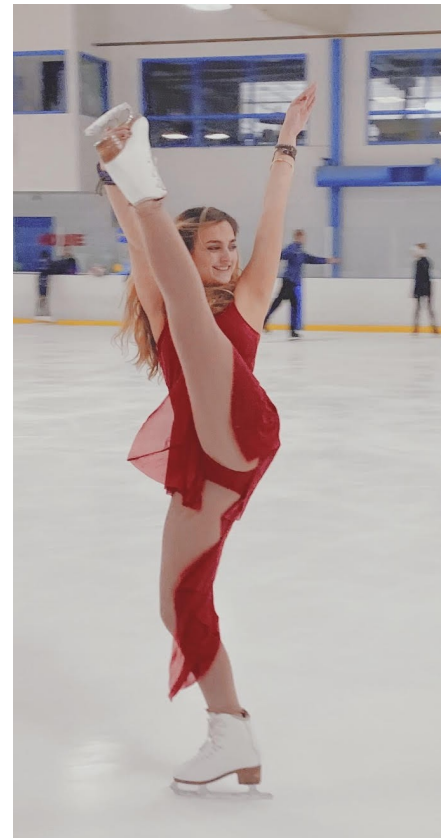
### Three words that best describe me: Energetic, fun, and down-to-earth

### If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: Blanket, phone, and food

### Pet peeve: Nails on a chalkboard

### My favorite things are: Happiness, love, and support

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# Tests Passed

## November

Masha Poljanycka	Senior Free Skate
	Senior Moves
	Junior Free Skate
Melanie Schael	Senior Moves
Avery Wilkinson	Senior Moves
Melissa McMenemy	Adult Senior Moves
Soucci Taylor	Senior Solo Free Dance
Elvira Junnila	Junior Free Skate
	Paso Doble
Sarah Cairo	Junior Moves
Elizabeth Douglas	Novice Free Skate
Amber Homan	Novice Moves
Audrey Latham*	Intermediate Moves*
Kayla Redburn	Intermediate Moves
Terry Kim	Intermediate Moves
	Juvenile Free Skate
Emily McDaniel	Intermediate Moves
	Juvenile Free Skate
Hadley Cremers	Juvenile Moves
Kendra Wang	Juvenile Moves
	Preliminary Free Skate
Aryanna Pecqueur	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Anna Thach	Preliminary Free Skate
	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Varnika Kosaraju	Preliminary Free Skate
Chloe Malenfant	Preliminary Moves
	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Leanna Jones	Preliminary Moves
	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Lucia Bumgartner	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Nathan Detwiler	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Sona Durairaj	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Lizette Hernandez	Adult Bronze Free Skate
Rachel Normand	Adult Bronze Free Skate
Tori Williams	Kilian
Amy Kilheffer	Paso Doble
Neisha Martinez	Canasta Tango
	Dutch Waltz
	Rhythm Blues
Neha Thattikota	Dutch Waltz
	Canasta Tango
	Rhythm Blues



Hadley Cremers  
Angela Cremers

Nathalie Nissen  
Natasha Nissen

## October

Frances Umezaki-Oba	Senior Free Skate
Bailey Snead	Junior Moves
	Novice Free Skate
Sinyee de Cleir	Intermediate Free Skate
Chloe Ryan	Intermediate Moves
Neha Thattikota	Juvenile Moves
	Preliminary Free Skate
Ava Landon	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Sophia Li	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Aryanna Pecqueur*	Preliminary Free Skate*
Kristen Berner**	Preliminary Moves **
Isabel Chen	Preliminary Free Skate
	Preliminary Moves
	Preliminary Moves**
Ludovica Moroni**	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Angela Mekpongsatorn**	Preliminary Moves **
Isabella Stanescu	Preliminary Moves
Medha Thattikota	Preliminary Moves
Katie Trizzino	Preliminary Moves
Gianna Manning	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Sharon Gray	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Brad Lin	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Hope Liu	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Laura Hand	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Anaisha Singh	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Sandra Bodnarek	Adult Blues
Laurie Sanii	Adult Tango
	Pre-Juvenile Moves

\*With Honors; \*\*With Distinction



## 2020 SOLO DANCE SERIES EASTERN SECTION COMPETITIONS

COMPETITION	CLUB	DATES	LOCATION
Southern CT Open	SC of Southern CT	March 6 - 7	Stamford, CT
Morris Open	SC of Morris	March 27 - 29	Morristown, NJ
Florida Open	Central FL FSC	April 2 - 5	Maitland, FL
May Day Open	Gardens FSC	May 7 - 9	Laurel, MD
Edward G. Picken Dance Classic	Washington FSC	May 30 - 31	Rockville, MD
<b>ATLANTA OPEN</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	<b>June 17 - 20</b>	<b>Alpharetta, GA</b>
Chesapeake Open	Baltimore FSC	June 24 - 27	Laurel, MD
Skate Wilmington	SC of Wilmington	July 14 - 19	Wilmington, DE
Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships	SC of Lake Placid	July 29 - 31	Lake Placid, NY



**Jan****HAPPY BIRTHDAY****Jan**

Sarah Zhu	1	Nile Ziegler	16
Shifu Liu		Andrew Yang	17
Varnika Kosaraju	2	Pi-Ning Chuang	18
Annie Ahlin	3	Violet Ee	19
Tracey Kelso		Akina Yim	20
Paul Ahlin	7	Brook Ziegler	21
Courtney Nichols	8	Harry Flair	22
Emily McDaniel	9	Fumiyo Umezaki-Oba	23
Katie Palmer	10	John Richardson	24
Katina Jones	14	Remy McDonough	26
Lily Xie	15	Natalia Beinenson	27
Marie Bureau	16	Michelle Casey	31

**Feb****HAPPY BIRTHDAY****Feb**

Kristen Rausch	1	Sunmi Kim	20
Olivia Kim	3	Anissa Durairaj	21
Julia Kornetzke	4	John Herbert	
Elizabeth DeCoudres	5	Inna Babayeva	23
Cristanne Goodwin	11	Robin Doucette	24
Alice Qiao	17	Eric Bohnstedt	25
Valerie Knopp		Evelina Bobrik	27
Kim Detwiler	18	MacKenzie Kisella	
Terri Sabella		Emily Brown	28

### *Special Club Ice - Introduction to Ice Dance, December 6, 6:00 - 7:00 pm*

*Please join our very own Coach Graham for a fun introduction to Ice Dancing! We will have great music and lots of fun learning a few new dance moves! Cookies will be served after Club Ice for all Club Members who join us!*

*See you there!*



**DECEMBER 13**  
**6:00 - 7:00 PM**

**\*UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER  
CONTEST (PRIZES!)**

**\*CUTEST CHRISTMAS OUTFIT  
CONTEST (PRIZES!)**

**\*ON ICE GAMES AND FUN!**

**\*HOT CHOCOLATE BAR AND GOODIES !**



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# Upcoming Events

<u><b>EVENT</b></u>	<u><b>DATES</b></u>	<u><b>SPONSOR/LOCATION</b></u>
Special Club Ice (Intro to Ice Dancing)	December 6	Atlanta FSC
Holiday Party (Club Ice)	December 13	Atlanta FSC
Winterfest	December 14	The Cooler
U.S. Figure Skating Championships	January 20 - 27	Greensboro, NC
Test Session	February 7	Atlanta FSC
Magnolia Open Exhibitions	February 28	Atlanta FSC
Test Session	March 5	Atlanta FSC
Magnolia Open	March 5 - 8	Atlanta FSC
Eastern Adult Sectionals	March 6 - 8	Ardmore, PA