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Alice Qiao Earns Berth at U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships



After winning Group C of the Juvenile Girls qualifying round at the 2012 South Atlantic Regional Championships, **Alice Qiao** performed superbly in the final round, capturing the silver in a field of 24 qualifiers. The next stop for our own Lady GA (that's Lady Georgia) is the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships in East Lansing, MI on December 10 - 14. Don't miss her exhibition during Club Ice on December 2. Congratulations to Alice, her proud parents, Leon and Ling, and coach Barbara Wagner!



This year 20 of our skaters competed and brought home nine medals. Kudos to **Grace Rathbun** (3rd place in Pre-Juvenile Girls free skate and jumps and 2nd place in spins), **Hannah Carleton** (3rd place in Preliminary Girls free skate), **Rahly Osenbaugh** (10th place in Pre-Preliminary Girls free skate final round and 2nd place in the qualifying round), **Mingda Liu** (1st place in Preliminary/Pre-Preliminary compulsory moves), and **Gabrielle Kuse** (2nd place in Preliminary/Pre-Preliminary spins). We are so proud of all of our skaters!

Both **Alexander Aiken** (Senior Men) and **Tim Dolensky** (Junior Men) received byes to the Eastern Sectional Championships on November 15 - 19 in Jamestown, NY. **GOOD LUCK** to all three qualifiers!

New Club Merchandising Policy

The Atlanta Figure Skating Club appreciates its members' pride and enthusiasm and understands that members and friends enjoy displaying the name and logos of the Club and our competitions. The Club name, Club logo, Club-sponsored events and our competitions names and logos, however, are the property of the Club and may not be used on any item or product without the Board's written permission. This also applies to the Club colors, when used in the AFSC-specific combination and associated with the Club. This is applicable whether or not the item is sold and, if it is sold, whether or not the seller makes a profit, and whether or not the event is sanctioned.

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Dolensky Wins Pewter at JGP Austria

On the heels of his bronze medal victory at the Junior Grand Prix Volvo Cup in Latvia in early September, Junior **Tim Dolensky** captured the pewter medal at the Junior Grand Prix in Austria a month later. Congratulations, Tim!



JGP Austria

Innsbruck, Austria
September 28 - October 1

Tim Dolensky, Junior Men

Final	4th/22
Free Skate	5th/22
Short Program	8th/22



Alexander Aiken (Senior)

**2012 South Atlantic
Regional Championships
Exhibitions**
October 7 & 14



NOTE: Alex and Tim are exempt from Regionals and will compete at Eastern Sectionals.



Tim Dolensky (Junior)



Juvenile: Jabe Roberts, Amanda Bao, Kamayla Ko, Alice Qiao, Madeleine Brown, Alice Tang, and Helena Fisher.



Intermediate: Grace Liu, Wendi Hiller, Maya Neel.



Pre-Juvenile: Grace Rathbun and Lily Xie



Preliminary: Mingda Liu. Pre-Preliminary: Rahly Osenbaugh, Gabrielle Kuse and Nile Ziegler



To our send-off party crew:

*Jan Brown
Christi Fisher
Sharon Hyre*

*Leon Qiao
Kathy Shehee
Louise Szanto*

South Atlantic Championships Officials:

*Sharon Hyre
Jeannette Doney
Susan Johnson*

*Terri Maurice
John Millier
Laurie Vieth*



Send-Off Party, October 7





2012 South Atlantic Regional Championships Qualifying Results

IceWorks SC, Aston, PA
October 15 - 18

SENIOR LADIES

Jamie Kim

Final	5th/10
Free Skate	6th/10
Short Program	4th/10

JUNIOR LADIES

Martine Szanto

Free Skate QR, Grp. A	7th/15
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NOVICE LADIES

Christina Cole

Free Skate QR, Grp. C	7th/9
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INTERMEDIATE LADIES

Free Skate QR, Grp. B

Wendi Hiller	8th/17
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Free Skate QR, Grp. E

Maya Neel	12th/18
Grace Liu	14th/18



Coach Barbara Wagner with Juvenile Girls silver medalist Alice Qiao

JUVENILE BOYS

Free Skate

Jabe Roberts	7th/12
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JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate, Final Round

Alice Qiao	2nd/24
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Free Skate, QR, Grp. A

Madeleine Brown	7th/17
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Kamayla Ko	8th/17
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Free Skate, QR, Grp. B

Alice Tang	12th/17
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Free Skate, QR, Grp. C

Alice Qiao	1st/16
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Free Skate, QR, Grp. D

Amanda Bao	5th/14
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Free Skate, QR, Grp. F

Helena Fisher	10th/16
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2012 South Atlantic Regional Championships Non-Qualifying Results

IceWorks SC, Aston, PA
October 20 - 25



PRE-JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate, Grp. C

Grace Rathbun	3rd/8
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Free Skate, Grp. B

Lily Xie	5th/7
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Jumps

Grace Rathbun	3rd/4
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Spins

Grace Rathbun	2nd/9
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PRELIMINARY GIRLS

Free Skate, Grp. A

Mingda Liu	10th/10
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Jumps

Hannah Carleton	3rd/7
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Nile Ziegler	5th/7
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PRE-PRELIMINARY GIRLS

Free Skate, Final Round

Rahly Osenbaugh	10th/14
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Free Skate, Grp. B

Rahly Osenbaugh	2nd/10
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Nile Ziegler	8th/10
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PRE-PRELIMINARY GIRLS

Free Skate, Grp. C

Hannah Carleton	4th/10
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Free Skate, Grp. G

Gabrielle Kuse	7th/9
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Jumps, Grp. A

Gabrielle Kuse	5th/9
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Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Rahly Osenbaugh	5th/11
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Compulsory Moves, Grp. B

Gabrielle Kuse	6th/10
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PRELIMINARY/PRE-

PRELIMINARY

Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Mingda Liu	1st/8
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Spins, Grp. A

Nile Ziegler	4th/7
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Spins, Grp. C

Gabrielle Kuse	2nd/7
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SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Alice Qiao

What made you decide to start skating?

I was on a public session and I enjoyed it so my dad signed me up for Learn to Skate classes at The Cooler.

What do you love most about skating?

I love to jump, and I love the challenge.

What is your weekly training regimen?

I usually skate six days a week, before and after school and two to four sessions a day. I take ballet once a week.

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite elements are the double flip, double Lutz and Biellmann spin. My least favorite is the double Axel because sometimes I can't take off right.

Favorite music/program.

My favorite music is my current free skate program "Seven Years in Tibet." I like to skate to it, and I just love the music! It has a nice rhythm that helps me when I skate my program.

What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

I placed first in the 86th Annual Middle Atlantic Championship competition this year in the Juvenile Free Skate Final Round. It was so exciting and thrilling! There were about 80 skaters in the Juvenile level. Even though I got first in the initial round, I did not do well and got a low score. However, I was able to show my best in the final!

Whom do you admire most?

My parents and my coach, Ms. Barbara, because they have always encouraged me.

Who is your favorite skater?

I like Yu-Na Kim because she is so graceful and her jumps and spins look effortless.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I am a 6th grader at Fulton Science Academy. My favorite subjects are math and language arts. I am also in Duke University's TIP Program. I dance and play piano and flute.

Tell us about your family.

I have one younger brother, Alan, who is six years old.

Best advice you have ever received?

Success is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration.

What are your future skating and educational goals?

I hope to land my triples clean soon. I will attend college and hope to go in the medical field. I will continue to skate for as long as I can.

My three favorite things are

Chocolate, books, and skating.

I would like to meet ...

J.K. Rowling because she is such a good author.

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

Probably a ballerina or gymnast.

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

I have a collection of quarters.

Anything else you want your fans to know about you?

I have been taking skating lessons from Ms. Barbara Wagner since the very beginning when I was four and a half.

Favorite word: *Chocolate*

Least favorite word: *Specific*

Favorite quote: "Life's not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the number of moments that take our breath away" -Anonymous

What turns me off: *Someone annoying me*

Favorite book: *The Harry Potter Series*

Favorite movie: *"Dolphin Tale"*

Favorite song: *Lmfao party rock anthem*

Sound I love: *Waves splashing on rocks by the beach shore*

Sound I dislike: *My alarm clock and someone scratching their fingers down a blackboard*

I would never want to be: *An elementary school teacher, trash collector, or mail person*

Three words that best describe me: *Friendly, active, talkative*

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: *Well, since I can't have a person with me I would need something to communicate to a person with because I am so talkative, lots of books, and food!*





Magic City Ice Classic
 Birmingham FSC, Pelham, AL
 September 8 - 11

INTERMEDIATE LADIES

Free Skate

Wendi Hiller 2nd/6

Short Program

Wendi Hiller 2nd/7
 Helena Fisher 4th/7
 Emily Haar 5th/7

INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE

Showcase

Aspen Ono 1st/3
 Helena Fisher 2nd/3
 Emily Haar 3rd/3

Spins

Helena Fisher 1st/2
 Emily Haar 2nd/2

JUVENILE BOYS

Free Skate

Jabe Roberts 1st/1

JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate

Amanda Bao 1st/8
 Helena Fisher 2nd/8
 Madeleine Brown 4th/8

PRE-JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate

Maria Son 1st/4

Jumps

Maria Son 3rd/3

PRELIMINARY GIRLS

B Free Skate, Grp. B

Katelyn Champion 2nd/3

Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Alexa Davila 2nd/2

Jumps

Alexa Davila 2nd/3

PRELIMINARY/PRE-BRONZE

Solo Dance

Madeline Green 2nd/2

PRE-PRELIMINARY GIRLS

B Free Skate, Grp. A

Alexa Davila 1st/4

Spins

Alexa Davila 1st/5

Showcase

Madeline Green 3rd/3

NO TEST GIRLS

Free Skate

Madeline Green 1st/8

FREE SKATE 2

Free Skate

Stephanie Amodeo 1st/3

Compulsory Moves

Stephanie Amodeo 1st/3



Katelyn



Katelyn and Madeleine (center)



John Smith Memorial
 Carolinas FSC
 Indian Trail, NC
 September 16 - 18

JUNIOR LADIES

Free Skate

Martine Szanto 1st/3

Short Program

Martine Szanto 3rd/3

NOVICE LADIES

Free Skate

Christina Cole 3rd/5

Short Program

Christina Cole 1st/5



Martine and Christy

Prizes!



THEME

International traditional holiday dishes

Bring your family's favorite holiday food to share (and the recipe if you're willing to divulge the secret)

SCHEDULE

5:45 - 6:45 PM Upstairs (no skates allowed): Appetizers and Beverages for non-skating guests while skaters enjoy fun and games on the ice

5:45 PM On-Ice Games!

6:45 - 7:45 PM Party Rooms: Entrees, Veggies, Salads, and Desserts for everyone

Date: November 11



Please RSVP to the E-vite!



VOLUNTEER Movers & Shakers

Leon Qiao

Our Literal Mover and Club Ice Shaker

When did you join the Atlanta FSC, and how did you first become involved as a volunteer?

I joined the Atlanta FSC in 2007 when Alice started to compete at the Pre-Preliminary level. Before that, Ms. Barbara Wagner had been introducing the club activities to us and encouraging us to contribute to the club. After we became the members of the club, Peggy McCarthy warmly reached out to me and asked me to help with setup and breakdown at the Magnolia Open.

Describe your past and current positions as well as any other contributions to the club.

I started with helping the club with setup and breakdown during club competitions. Then Peggy McCarthy did a wonderful job in persuading and “promoting” me to the leadership position of setup and breakdown for a couple of competitions. After that, I was “promoted” as the chair for competition practice ice monitors at last year’s Magnolia Open and Atlanta Open.

In 2009, I was elected to serve on the Board of Directors. I was the club secretary for the first year. Since 2010, I have been serving as 2nd Vice President in charge of off-ice and club ice activities. I also work on the Special Event committee, helping with club activities, including the ice show, send-off parties and exhibitions, etc.



Please describe your accomplishments as a skater or your participation in other sports.

I started roller skating for fun when I was in college, and I loved the feeling of fast skating circle after circle, where your mind can go wild or blank – thinking about anything you want or nothing! I may want to take ice skating lessons in the future, but definitely limit it to learning how to skate fast and smooth, not how to spin or jump – and I know no matter how many skating lessons I will take, I will never be able to catch up to my kids on ice anymore.

Why do you stay involved as a volunteer with the Atlanta FSC?

When I first started, it was absolutely for Alice. I want her to skate in a great skating club, where younger skaters can make friends, have fun, help each other, and have great memories as part of their life. After joining the club and working in different areas as a volunteer, I learned that it does require huge amounts of volunteers’ time and effort to keep our club running and growing in a health way, so my continuous contribution is definitely needed. Last and also the most important, our family has made many Atlanta FSC friends – their kindness, humor, enthusiasm, and support have been keeping us here!

Tell us a little about your background, profession, hobbies, and family.

I grew up in China and had been living there till 1997 when I moved to Atlanta. I earned my Masters degree in Chemical Engineering from China, and I also obtained a Masters degree in computer information systems (CIS) from Georgia State University – now you understand why I am so smart, ha-ha! After graduating from GSU, I have been working in the IT industry in the Atlanta area as a software developer, software quality assurance analyst, and IT manager.

My wife Ling and I have been married since 1996. Our 6-year old son, Alan, loves to play soccer and hockey. And all of our other relatives are in China, whom we are not able to visit often.

POTPOURRI

Tests Passed

Nov		HAPPY BIRTHDAY		Nov	
Angela Vazquez	3	Olivia Garrett	20		
Tracey Johnson	8	Dan Phillips	21		
Grace Liu	11	Olivia Patrick			
Susan Choe		Tracy Nolan			
Debra Mecher	14	Bob Rathburn	25		
Lim Keok		Jabe Roberts	27		
Ashley Catanzarite	15	Gloria Lewis	28		
Lydia Choe	16	Selma Belkasim			
Kira Mecher	17	Marie Murdaugh	29		
Christine Yen	19	Nancy Ellis Riggs	30		
Alex McDaniel	20	Taylor Johnson			

September

Selma Belkasim	Preliminary Moves
Jeslyn Choi	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	Preliminary Moves

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS	
Ashley Catanzarite	Triniti Fong
Caroline Catanzarite	Allen Fong
Sheila Catanzarite	Olivia Kaloyannides
Bruce Catanzarite	



Southwest Florida Fall Classic
Southwest Florida FSC, Ellenton, FL
September 23 - 25

SENIOR MEN

Alexander Aiken

Free Skate 1st/1
Short Program 1st/5

INTERMEDIATE LADIES

Maya Neel

Free Skate, Grp. B 10th/12
Short Program, Grp. A 12th/13

LEVEL D SHOWCASE

Aspen Ono 1st/3



Middle Atlantic FS Championships

SC of New York, New York, NY
September 15 - 18

JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate Final Round

Alice Qiao 1st/18

Free Skate, Grp. A

Alice Qiao 1st/11

PRE-JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate, Grp. A

Lily Xie 7th/8

Dec		HAPPY BIRTHDAY		Dec	
Tami Mickle	1	Natalie Haar	18		
Olivia Kaloyannides	2	Wendy Buckus			
Alyssa Levitt	5	Michele Aiken	19		
Matthew Green		Debbie Prachar	22		
Morgan Sliker	6	Katie Sanyal	26		
Stephanie Cole		Marybeth Rathburn			
David Mickle	12	Melody DeMerchant			
Regan Williams		Sammy Sanyal			
Betty McCord	14	Erika Ono	29		
Chao Tang		Hannah Carleton			
Christina Garrett	15	Vladimir Raschetnov			
Chip Hiller	17				

Merchandising Policy (cont'd from page 1)

The Board requests your understanding and cooperation in protecting our Club name and logos. If we do not protect them, then any person, corporation or organization can appropriate them and use them in ways that will not benefit our Club, which would harm all Club members.

The Board accepts proposals from business sources, both members and non-members, concerning the sale of Atlanta FSC merchandise. Please submit your proposal to Anna Marie Champion for review by our Merchandising Committee.



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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Eastern Sectionals Exhibition	November 4	Atlanta FSC	
Pre-Holiday Pot Luck Dinner	November 11	Atlanta FSC	
Eastern Sectional Championships	November 15 - 19	Jamestown SC, Jamestown, NY	
TEST SESSION	November 18	Atlanta FSC	October 28
U.S. Junior FS Championships	December 10 - 14	East Lansing, MI	
TEST SESSION	December 16	Atlanta FSC	November 25
U.S. FS Championships	January 22 - 29	San Jose, CA	

