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Dolensky Earns Berth at U.S. Championships!

Congratulations to our Eastern Sectional competitors, **Tim Dolensky** and **Alice Qiao**, their coaches and families on their outstanding accomplishments! We are so proud of their talent, sportsmanship, hard work, and positive attitude!

After winning the short program, Tim (Senior Men) placed third in his free skate and captured gold overall. His free skate included seven triple jumps, two in combination, and a fabulous triple Axel. He received positive grades of execution on 10 out of 13 elements. The 2012 U.S. Championships Junior Men's silver medalist, Tim will compete at the U.S. Championships in Boston on January 5 - 12.

In her first year as a Novice Lady, Alice garnered 6th place in her short program that included a double Axel, a triple/double combo, and positive grades of execution on five of six elements. Her free skate included an awesome double Axel/double Axel combination and three triple jumps. She was the Novice Ladies pewter medalist at the 2014 South Atlantic Regional Championships, the Intermediate Ladies gold medalist at the 2013 South Atlantic Regionals, and narrowly missed the podium at the 2013 Eastern Sectional Championships with 5th place.

Novice Pair **Brandon Kozlowski** and Victoria LoRusso withdrew. We wish them good luck in the new season.



Coach Debbie and Tim

TIMOTHY DOLENSKY	
<u>Senior Men</u>	
Final Standing	1st/7
Free Skate	3rd/7
Short Program	1st/7

Good



Luck!

ALICE QIAO	
<u>Novice Ladies</u>	
Final Standing	7th/12
Free Skate	9th/12
Short Program	6th/12

Another Celebrity Sighting: Brent Bommentre Participates in Ice Dance Test Session

With our resident dance pro Graham Payne out of town, Brent Bommentre graciously agreed to serve as a dance partner for testing ice dancers, including Helena Fisher and Wendi Hiller. They passed with flying colors!

With partner Kimberly Navarro, Brent is the 2008 and 2009 U.S. ice dance bronze medalist and, as a World Team member, the 2008 Four Continents bronze medalist. This year Brent and Kim toured with Stars On Ice® and performed at the Ice Theatre of New York Gala.

Thank you, Brent!





Annual Turkey Relay!





Our skaters are thankful for ...

laughter, skating, food, family, friends, WiFi, donuts, feet, people who love and support us, hope, faith, God, freedom, and life.







SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Mingda Liu

What do you love most about skating?

I love the feeling of landing a new jump.

What is your weekly training regimen?

I skate two sessions a day, six days a week. I also try to do an hour of off ice when I can.

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite element is the layback spin. I like to feel the wind when I am spinning. My least favorite element is the double flip. I cannot land the jump.

Competitive accomplishments

I competed at the 2014 South Atlantic Regional Championships and got a Special Achievement Award for my footwork and layback spin.

Favorite program?

My favorite program is my new Intermediate short program. The music is energetic and beautiful.

What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

My most memorable event in my skating career is winning my first competition in the Winter Fest.

Whom do you admire most?

I admire Ashley Wagner the most for her persistence and determination.

Who is your favorite skater?

My favorite skater is Kim Yu Na. Her jumps and spins are so consistent and beautiful.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I am a sixth grader in all TAG classes in the River Trail Middle School. My favorite subjects are science, social studies and Spanish. I am in the Science Fair Club. I volunteer as a runner at competitions.

Tell us about your family.

I have a sixteen-year-old brother who loves drawing and reading books to me.

Best advice you have ever received?

Always plan ahead and never wait till the last minute.

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

I get really creeped out when I read scary stories.

If you could have one question answered, what would you ask?

What do I look like in other people's eyes?

What are your future skating and educational goals?

Skating goals: Become a coach.

Educational goals: I want to be a computer engineer. I will attend a college, and I will continue to skate.

My three favorite things are

My skates, my computer, and a cake

I would like to meet ...

I would like to meet Kim Yu Na because she is my favorite skater.

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

probably a ballet dancer or a gymnast.

Favorite word: Perfect

Least favorite word: Stuff

Favorite quote: "Citius, Altius, Fortius," the Olympic motto by Pierre de Coubertin

What turns me off: When I keep missing an easy jump

Favorite book: To Kill a Mockingbird

Favorite song: "Nice Guys"

Favorite color: Periwinkle

Sound I love: My alarm waking me up to a new day

Sound I dislike: People screaming

I would never want to be: A clown

Three words that best describe me: Energetic, early bird, and happy

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: Food, Gatorade, and a book

P.S. Did I tell you that I like food?





ATLANTICSTATION

Local members who qualified for final rounds at the 2014 NQ South Atlantic Regional Championships were invited to perform at a special event at Atlantic Station on November 14.

Participating were **Erin Brzusek, Madeline Freeman, Kaity McGarigle, Caroline Mura, Chloe Rutter, and Adeline Wieler.**



Chloe, Madeline, Kaity, Coach Eric, Erin, Caroline, and Adeline



Photos by Denise Freeman



Madeline, Erin, Caroline, Kaity, Adeline, and Chloe





Photos by Denise Freeman



Hallow skate Club Ice November 1





Eastern Sectionals Exhibition and Send-Off Party - November 8



Spring Ice Show To Be Performance Camp

As we prepare to host the 2015 South Atlantic Regional Championships in September and October, the Board of Directors has opted to sponsor an abbreviated version of the spring ice show that will provide a fun, creative performance opportunity for our skaters without overtaxing our volunteer base.

This year's show will be a performance camp led by Jeff Nolt, a former U.S. Pairs competitor and Ice Capades skater who directs youth and adult performance troupes in Maryland. A PSA senior-rated coach in choreography and style, he is a gold medalist in pairs and dance and a silver medalist in pairs at the World Professional Championships. Jeff also has worked for various media outlets on their television and web coverage of skating.



Jeff Nolt

Jeff and two of his senior performance students will conduct the camp, which will consist of a combination of on and off ice instruction beginning on Friday evening, April 26, all day Saturday, and culminating in a ticketed Sunday afternoon performance. Volunteers will be needed to assist with simple costuming, music, and staging.

All skaters will be divided into groups according to free skate level. Those who meet eligibility criteria for solos and features will be invited to submit audition videos to Jeff through YouTube.

More specific information regarding registration, volunteer needs, and solo/feature auditions will be available after the new year on the website, Facebook, and via email.



*Editor's Note: Pre-preliminary skater **Caroline Mura** will be moving to Pittsburgh, PA in December. Here she shares her favorite memories of the Atlanta FSC.*

To skate, for me, is to live. What happiness I felt when I first joined the Atlanta FSC. And oh, the jackets, with the powerful logo. I had finally found a place where I felt like I truly belonged.

All the friends I have made are going to forever have a place in my memories of Atlanta. They all have helped me grow as a skater. My friend, Sasha Strain, was one of the first people I met when I joined the club. We were playing a game together, and we started to talk and learn more about each other. We have been the best of friends since!

The club offered so many opportunities for me to grow in this sport. The exhibitions, shows, and off-ice classes have all contributed to my success. When I competed at the 2014 Non-Qualifying Regionals, I placed fourth in the initial round and qualified for the final round. I was so excited! All the support I received from the club really boosted my confidence. I am really quite happy that Regionals are at The Cooler next year. One of my goals is to come back "home" with some of my doubles, competing at either preliminary or pre-juvenile.

I know now that when I move to Pittsburgh, I will still always love Atlanta as my hometown. I also know that when I represent the Pittsburgh FSC, I will in my heart be representing the Atlanta FSC, too.



Jan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan

Monica Kantor	1	Cheryl Rolley	14
Sarah Zhu		Chloe Rutter	
Senthian Ziegler		Lily Xie	15
Shifu Liu		Nile Ziegler	16
Susan Johnson	2	Harry Flair	22
Samantha Wang	6	Kim Plaziak	24
Ekaterina McNeill	7	Leon Qiao	
Kimberly Ferrie	8	John Richardson	
Fatheia Ahmeda	9	Sonmi Son	
Sherri Martin	12	Tara St. John	
Andy Linn	13	Jingqian Jiang	28
Parastoo Mashinchi			

Feb

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb

Kristen Rausch	1	Erin Brzusek	17
Olivia Linn	2	Alice Qiao	
Jamie Traylor		Emily Hwang	18
Grace Wolf		Kim Kaloyannides	19
Olivia Kim	3	Karen Miranda	20
Julia Kornetzke	4	Kristin Hiller	21
Michiyo Nonaka	5	Charles Liu	24
Rahly Osenbaugh	6	Eric Bohnstedt	25
Bill Roberts	9	Evelina Bobrik	27
Cristanne Goodwin	11	Rachel Dudley	
Chip Morgan	12	MacKenzie Kisella	
Oksana Kozlowski	15	Maria Son	
Kening Ren			

Tests Passed

November

Wendi Hiller	Killian and Solo
	Paso Doble and Solo
	Blues and Solo
Helena Fisher	Paso Doble and Solo
	Blues and Solo
	Starlight Waltz and Solo
Melody Wang	Senior Moves
Hannah Carleton	Novice Moves
Lily Dwyer	Intermediate Moves
Claire Sosnow	Juvenile Moves
Emily Moosbrugger	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Morgan Sliker	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Nancy Ellis Riggs	Adult Silver Free Skate
Melody DeMerchant	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
	Pre-Juvenile Moves
	Dutch Waltz
	Canasta Tango
	Rhythm Blues
Risako Nonaka	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Maggie Cawston	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Isabelle Chalker	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Joy Ren	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Madison St. John	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Vanessa Vaughn	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Anna Scott Wieler	Pre-Preliminary Moves

Moved? New E-Mail or Phone Number?

If you have moved, have a new telephone number or new e-mail address, please advise Jane Jud at Jjudalex@aol.com.



Guoli Chen
 Kate Falcone
 Rena Hugh
 Ekaterina McNeill



Pressley Rogers
 Angela Sun
 Avery Wilkinson



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2013
 Figure Skating Competition

Congratulations to **Martine Szanto** and the Sacred Heart University skating team for a 4th place finish at the 2013 Intercollegiate Figure Skating Championships at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY!

Happy Holidays!

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Holiday Skate (Club Ice)	December 6	Atlanta FSC	
Winterfest Competition (Basic Skills - Preliminary)	December 14	The Cooler	
U.S. Championships Exhibition, Party	December 13	Atlanta FSC	
Test Session	January 10	Atlanta FSC	December 20
U.S. Championships	January 5 - 12	Boston, MA	
Test Session	February 7	Atlanta FSC	January 17
Winter Olympic Games	February 6 - 23	Sochi, Russia	
Valentine/Winter Olympic Games Skate (Club Ice)	February 14	Atlanta FSC	
Magnolia Open Exhibition	February 28	Atlanta FSC	
Magnolia Open	March 7 - 9	Atlanta FSC	
Eastern Adult Sectional Championships	March 7 - 9	N. Jersey FSC, Westwood, NJ	February 1
Test Session	April 13	Atlanta FSC	March 22