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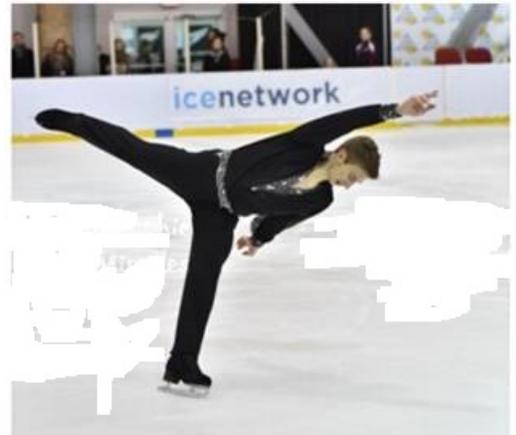
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## Senior Tim Dolensky To Compete at U.S. Championships!



Kudos to **Tim Dolensky** and **Alice Qiao**, our Eastern Sectional Championships competitors, on their exceptional performances!

After earning second in the short program, Tim placed third in the free skate and won the Senior Men's silver medal. His free skate included six triple jumps with positive grades of execution on nine of 13 elements. The 2012 U.S. Championships Junior Men's silver medalist, Tim will be making his fourth bid at the 2015 US Championships in Greensboro, NC on January 18 - 25. Good luck, Tim!



In her first year as a Junior Lady, Alice placed an impressive fifth in the short program and eighth in the free skate to garner eighth place honors. She landed six triple jumps and a double Axel/double loop/double loop combination in her free skate program. She also received positive grades of execution on all of her spins and step sequence in her short program. Last year Alice earned seventh place honors at Eastern Sectionals in her first year as a Novice Lady.

ALICE QIAO		
Junior Ladies		
Final Standing	8th/12	111.89
Free Skate	8th/12	68.60
Short Program	5th/12	43.29



TIMOTHY DOLENSKY		
Senior Men		
Final Standing	2nd/12	185.29
Free Skate	3rd/12	122.78
Short Program	2ndt/12	62.51

**Get out those ugly Christmas sweaters ... and join us on December 12 for our Holiday Skate. You may win a prize, and everyone will be treated to cupcakes!**



# ATLANTICSTATION<sup>7</sup>

Thirty-two members performed at Atlantic Station and Avalon media and tree lighting events on November 15, 22 and 24. Skaters were selected on the bases of competitive accomplishments at the 2015 South Atlantic Regional Championships, National Solo Dance, and Adult Nationals as well as test milestones.

DJ Bassett  
 Madeleine Brown  
 Isabelle Chalker  
 Elsa Cole  
 Miranda Corbin  
 Kasey Anne D'Eloia  
 Elizabeth Douglas  
 Helena Fisher  
 Tiffany Hatzikoutelis  
 Wendi Hiller  
 Elvira Junnila  
 Tea Junnila  
 Audrey Latham  
 Madison Long  
 Kaity McGarigle  
 Emily Moosbrugger

Kylie Mullis  
 Rahly Osenbaugh  
 Heather Phillips  
 Grace Rathbun  
 Katherine Rolley  
 Sydney Rude  
 Chloe Rutter  
 Melanie Schael  
 Maria Son  
 George Song  
 Soucci Taylor  
 Adeline Wieler  
 Tori Williams  
 Traci Wolf  
 Lily Xie  
 Ying Yip



## ATLANTIC STATION - NOVEMBER 15





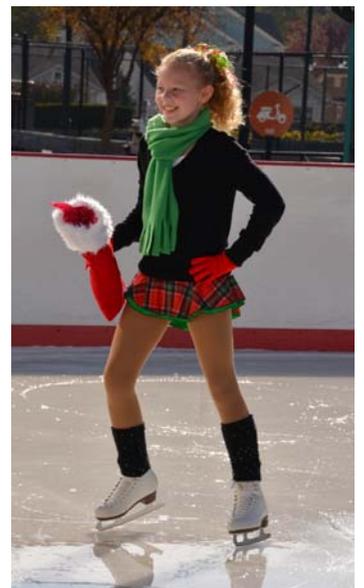
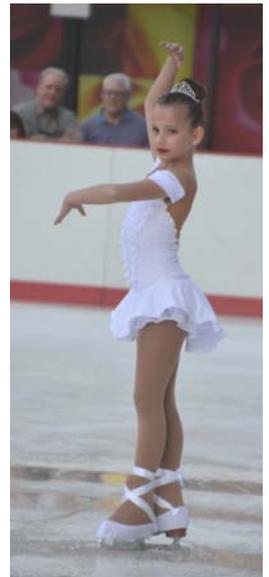
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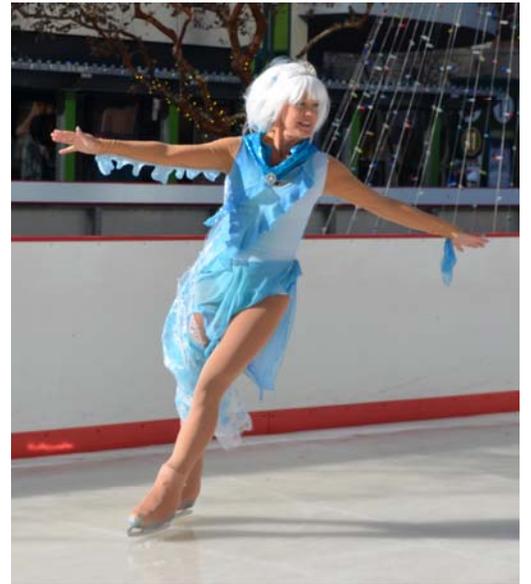
November 22

Many thanks to organizers **Lori McGarigle** and **Tami Mickle**.













**Potluck Dinner and On-Ice Games  
November 21**





Thanks to Special Events Chair **Lori McGarigle** and to everyone who brought their favorite dishes!





# SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Rahly Osenbaugh

## What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite element is a double toe because it's one of my newly landed jumps. (It's always fun to land a new jump!) Spins are my least favorite because they always make me dizzy.

## Competitive accomplishments

I received +2 GOE in regionals this year and only missed final rounds by one place.

## Favorite program/music?

My favorite music is "Miss You" by Edwin Marton, which is my short program music. It's a classical piece with a little twist to make it different.

## Whom do you admire most?

My parents because they do everything for me.

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

The day I landed my first Axel.

## Who is your favorite skater?

Ashley Wagner because she came into the sport out of shape and worked her butt off to make the change and meet her goals. She is a real inspiration.

## Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I am a 7<sup>th</sup> Grader at Mabry Middle School. My favorite subject is science. I made honor roll every semester last year.

In addition to skating, I also enjoy Acro Yoga.

## Tell us about your family.

I have two sisters (Marley and Emmerson.) Marley is 6, and Emmerson is 18. I have 3 dogs, two girls and one boy (Nellie, Lola, and Cubby).

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

Ariana Grande because she is perfect.

## Best advice you have ever received.

Good things come to those who work hard.

## My family is most like the television show...

"Modern Family" because we are crazy and there is never a dull moment at our house.

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

Food, money, and my phone.

## What are your future skating and educational goals?

My main goal at this point is to land my double Axel which I've been working on all year.

I want to work in pharmaceutical Chemistry, so I will attend a medical College. I would like to keep skating if at all possible.

## My favorite things are

My phone, my new skates, and food.

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

I would be a dancer for sure, I love modern dance. It's so cool.

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

I was born a Ginger.

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

Reese Witherspoon

## Favorite word: Gorgeous

## Least favorite word: Ugly

## Favorite food: Field salad with Chicken from La'Madeleine

## Least favorite food: Any kind of fish

## What turns me off: Being mean to be cool.

## Favorite quote: "You're off to great places, today is your day, your mountain is waiting, so get on your way." ~ Dr. Seuss

## Favorite Book: The Fault in our Stars

## Favorite song: "Why Try" by Ariana Grande

## Favorite movie: "If I Stay"

## Favorite color: Lavender

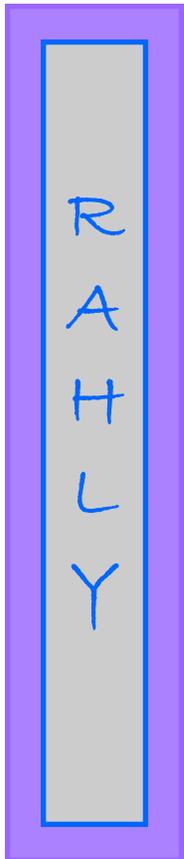
## Sound I love: Any Christmas sounds

## Sound I dislike: Nails on a chalkboard

## Three words that best describe me: Energetic, powerful, and confident

## If you could have one question answered, what would your question be?

Will I be a success in my life, meet all my goals?



December, 2014

# ADULT SPOTLIGHT



## PJ Whalen

**When did you begin skating, and what motivates you to continue?**

I began skating in 1973 when I was in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade (yikes!). My grandfather signed up my older brother, Paul, and me for lessons at the Ocean Ice Palace in Brick Township, NJ. At the end of the 10 lessons, I asked for an additional 10 lessons.

After a 25-year break, I returned to the ice in March of this year. In January, before the Olympics, **Parade** magazine had an article entitled "Blades of Glory" about ex-Olympians. When I read the interview with Dorothy Hamill, there was mention that she had opened the Dorothy Hamill Figure Skating Fantasy Camp in 2009. I contacted Graham Payne to "refresh my dance patterns," began skating at The Cooler in late March, and joined the Atlanta FSC in June.

I attended the fantasy camp in Scottsdale, AZ, from Oct 19-24, 2014. It was one of the best weeks of my life and gave me back my joy of the ice. I look forward to being back on the ice for many years to come. I still remember an adult skater at the Princeton Skating Club telling me when I was 20-ish that ice dancing was something you could do for the rest of your life. How right she was.

**Competitive/testing accomplishments.**

I have my USFS Gold medal in Ice Dancing. I also completed my 6<sup>th</sup> figure test and passed my Novice Free Skate.

**Tell us about your family.**

I grew up and lived in Manasquan, NJ (the Jersey Shore.) My grandparents had a summer home in Manasquan because my grandfather was an avid boater. I have one brother, Paul Baymore, Jr., who continues to reside in NJ with his wife, Carol, and children. My mother, Pat McGuire Baymore - who was my best friend - passed away in 2006, way too young. While my grandfather was my mentor and financier, my Mom was my cheerleader, driver, and

off-ice coach. She also was a single parent and a nurse by education/vocation. She gave up her hobby of showing dogs when my skating became all-consuming. She returned to her passion as soon as I was able to drive myself to various rinks. My husband, Bob and I have been married for 28 years. We have no children together. Bob retired (early) when we moved the Metro Atlanta in 2008.

**What is the most thrilling event of your skating career?**

August, 1983 - I passed my last gold dance test - the Westminster Waltz - in Sun Valley, ID. I was having "challenges" with testing before the same judges on the East Coast. When I failed my Viennese, Quick Step, and Argentine Tango for the 5<sup>th</sup> time in two years in front of the same panel of judges, I essentially gave up and threw my skates in the closet. My grandfather contacted my coach, Charles (Bucky) Fedder and asked what could be done to let me continue; he recommended that I train in Sun Valley.

During my February break from college, my grandfather and I headed West to Sun Valley where I passed the Viennese, Quick Step, and Argentine in July. I had only the Westminster to work on and (hopefully) pass in August. When the passing results were posted, I ran to give my Mom the biggest hug ever. I have had many successes in skating - but achieving the goal I had set many years prior is a memory that will stay with me forever. I presented my medal to my grandfather and mother when it arrived - both told me it was all mine and to wear it in good health. I did!

**Tell us about your education and career.**

Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ - BS/ME; My career began with Amerada Hess Oil shortly after graduation in 1984. However, I didn't like the big, corporate atmosphere where I couldn't affect change. In 1986, I went to work for a small, privately-owned company, P&R Fasteners, Inc. I am still with them, serving as the Director of Southeast Operations, but spend a majority of my time with sales. My territory includes BMW, Mercedes Benz, and VW and their suppliers in Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina, and Tennessee.

**Whom do you admire most?**

The biggest influence on my life and the person I admire the most, to this day, is my late grandfather, Laurence "Red" McGuire. He recognized a spark in me that had to be both contained and cultivated. After failed attempts at gaining my interest in tap and ballet, sailing, gymnastics, and swimming, ice skating "stuck." After my group lessons, my grandfather, 65 at the time, would put on his rental skates and skate with me for the next two hours on a public session.

He was a great man and way ahead of his time. He was a proponent of women in the workforce and taught me how to make decisions based on fact not emotion (a trait I still possess). He taught me that you treat people the way you want to be treated - again, a true life lesson. Most importantly, he gave me the best advice for handling life. Whenever I felt under pressure, he told me, "Always remember what it says on the mayonnaise jar....keep cool but don't freeze." I still have the (empty) Hellmann's jar he gave me 40+ years ago.

**Who is your favorite skater?**

Dorothy Hamill has been my favorite skater since she won the gold medal at the 1976 Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria. She epitomized the all-American girl on and off the ice. Of course, I immediately had my hair cut like Dorothy's. I met her in person for the first time in 1983 and learned what a truly caring and thoughtful person she was.

**Three words that best describe me:**  
Tenacious, loyal, strong

**My three favorite things are:** My cat, Clara; shoes/clothing; family pictures

**Favorite TV show:** "Law & Order" - any version

**Favorite color:** Green

**Favorite food:** Mac & Cheese

**Least favorite food:** Lima beans

**A sound I love:** Laughter

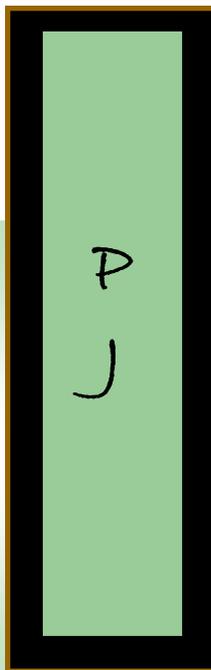
**A sound I dislike:** Shouting/screaming

**Favorite word:** Can

**Least favorite word:** Can't

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

Helen Mirren or Candice Bergen



# Hallowskate - October 24



Thanks to Denise Freeman for the photos!







# Tests Passed

## November

Helena Fisher	Junior Free Skate
Mingda Liu	Novice Free Skate
Breelie Taylor	Novice Free Skate
Lily Xie	Novice Free Skate
Nile Ziegler	Junior Moves
Hannah Carleton	Intermediate Free Skate
Morgan Sliker	Juvenile Free Skate
	Intermediate Moves
Elvira Junnila	Juvenile Free Skate
Gabrielle Kuse	Juvenile Free Skate
	Rhythm Blues
	Canasta Tango
	Dutch Waltz
	Preliminary Dance Test
Melody DeMerchant	Pre-Bronze Dance Test
	Fiesta Tango
	Cha Cha
	Swing Dance
Grace Crossen	Juvenile Moves
Anne Cole	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Triniti Fong	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
	Preliminary Free Skate
Isabel Bobrik	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Katia Kochengina	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Kaitlyn McGarigle	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Madeline Freeman	Preliminary Free Skate
Adeline Wieler	Preliminary Free Skating
	Preliminary Moves
Anna Scott Wieler	Preliminary Free Skate
	Preliminary Moves
	Rhythm Blues
	Canasta Tango
	Dutch Waltz
	Preliminary Dance Test
Anneliese Haas	Preliminary Moves
Maya Mekten	Preliminary Moves
Elsa Cole	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
VirginiaLee Finnell	Pre-Preliminary Moves
	Rhythm Blues
	Canasta Tango
	Dutch Waltz
	Preliminary Dance Test
Clara Owen	Pre-Preliminary Moves

## October

Kierra Higgins	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Laurie Sanii	Adult Foxtrot
Heather Phillips	Adult Ten Fox
	Adult Fourteenstep

## October

Christina Gaalema	Preliminary Moves
	Dutch Waltz
	Rhythm Blues
	Canasta Tango
Mathilda Zimmerman	Preliminary Moves
Graham Felton	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Sasha Strain	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Ashley Benson	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Zoe Cylkowski	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Ava Graham	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Madelyn Hanson	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Ava Landon	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Katie Palmer	Pre-Preliminary Moves

Ainsley Alloway		Lauren Kaplita
Jennifer Metherell		Michelle Kaplita
Brynn Batchelor		Madeline Lampert
Kerry Batchelor		Abigail Lee
Samantha Bean		Emily Lee
Christopher Bean		Laura Lee
Carlin Blake	Joanna Fairchild	Hadley Rubino
Christine Blake	Wendy Binderow	Alina Sokolianski
Ansley Bokath	Kierra Higgins	Annamarie ValeCruz
Gianna Di Paolo	Pamela Higgins	Hanna Zhu
Clara Ellis	Audrey Kate Johnson	Guohua Zhu

Jan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan

Monica Kantor	1	Simi Sharma	14
Sarah Zhu		Lily Xie	15
Shifu Liu		Nile Ziegler	16
Yuanhui Liu		Dianna Hellmann	17
Susan Johnson	2	George Song	
Ingrid Graham	6	Brook Ziegler	21
Kimberly Ferrie	8	Harry Flair	22
Fatheia Ahmeda	9	John Richardson	24
Katie Palmer	10	Kim Plaziak	
Sherri Martin	12	Leon Qiao	
Andy Linn	13	Sonmi Son	
Parastoo Mashinchi		Tara St John	
Sydney Rude		Jingqian Jiang	28
Cheryl Rolley	14	Michelle Casey	31
Chloe Rutter			

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# Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
<b>Holiday Skate</b>	<b>December 12</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	
Winterfest at The Cooler	December 13	The Cooler, Alpharetta, GA	
2015 U.S. Championships	January 18 - 25	SC of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC	
<b>January Test Session</b>	<b>January 23</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	<b>January 2</b>
<b>Valentine Party</b>	<b>February 13</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	
<b>February Test Session</b>	<b>February 20</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	<b>January 30</b>
<b>Magnolia Open Exhibitions</b>	<b>February 20, 27</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	
<b>Magnolia Open</b>	<b>March 7 - 9</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	