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Dolensky, Kozlowski To Compete at 2017 U.S. Championships



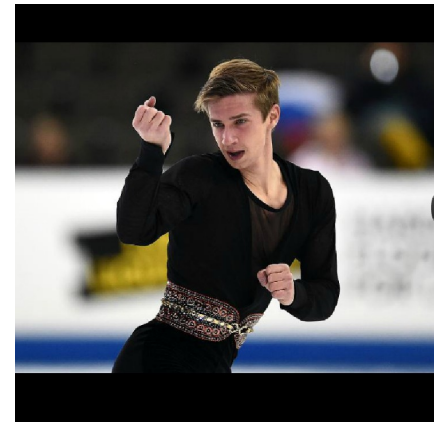
Brandon and Kate

Congratulations to Junior Pairs **Brandon Kozlowski** and **Kate Finster** (Northern Kentucky SC) on their 4th place finish at Eastern Sectionals, held in Indian Trail, NC on November 16 - 20! They captured 3rd place in the Short Program and 4th in the Free Skate to earn a berth at the U.S. Figure Skating

Championships in Kansas City, MO on January 14-22.

Senior Men competitor **Tim Dolensky** earned a bye to the U.S. Championships after landing 7th place last year. This will be his fourth bid at the senior level. This season he claimed 8th place at his second Grand Prix assignment, Skate America (a personal best IJS score), and 7th at Nebelhorn Trophy.

Good luck to Brandon, Kate and Tim!



Tim

2017 Magnolia Open Registration Now Open



The 2017 Magnolia Open will be held on March 10 - 12 at The Cooler. Registration can be accessed through EntryEeze.com or the club website at Atlantafsc.org. This event will be chaired by Christi Fisher with Chief Referee Gregory Cannon and Chief Accountant Michael Rowland.

Events included this year are well-balanced and test track free skate, jumps, spins, compulsory moves, step sequence, moves in the field, dramatic entertainment, light entertainment, duet showcase, impromptu interpretive, and solo dance pattern dance and combined dance. Events for the "Compete with US" portion of the competition include basic elements, compulsories, jumps, program with music, and showcase.

Please direct questions to competitionchair@atlantafsc.org.



Avalon Exhibition, November 20

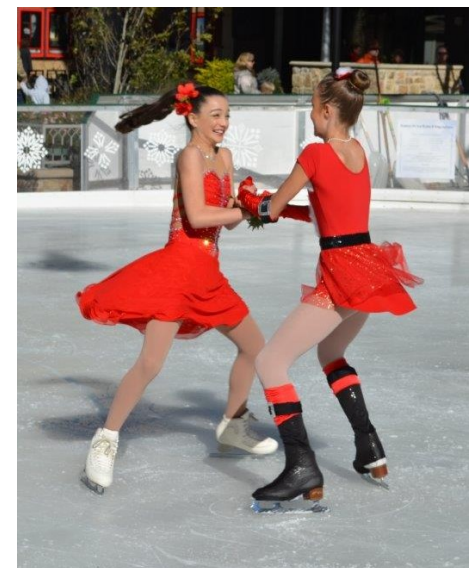


Eighteen members performed at the Avalon tree lighting on November 20, and nine members at the Atlantic Station tree lighting and Parade of Lights on November 19. Skaters were selected on the bases of competitive accomplishments at the 2017 South Atlantic Regional Championships, National Solo Dance Finals, and National Showcase as well as test milestones.

Many thanks to our volunteers Lori McGarigle (chair), Monica Long, Heather Stables, and PJ Whalen.



Thanks to our photographers Denise Freeman, Jan Brown, and PJ Scafidi!

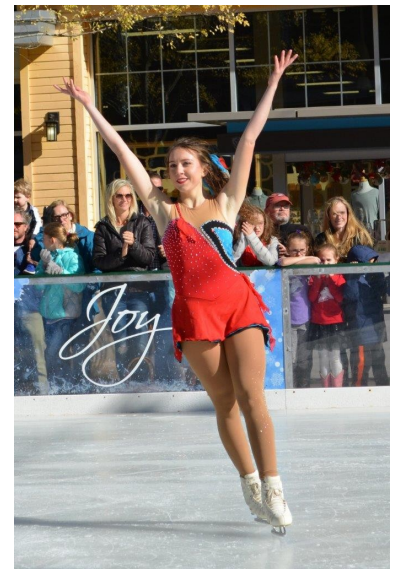




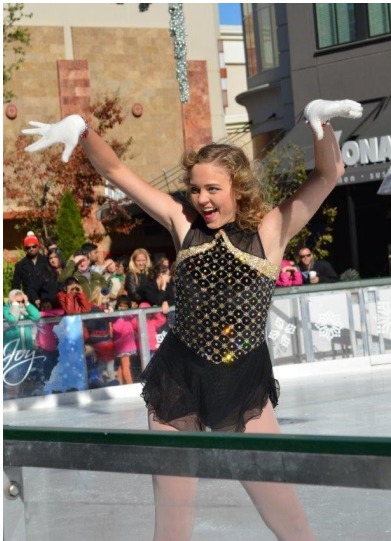
Tori



Madeleine



Soucci



Breele



Grace



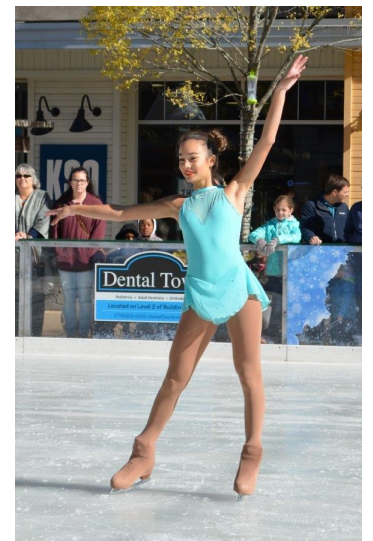
Hannah



Lily



Elvira



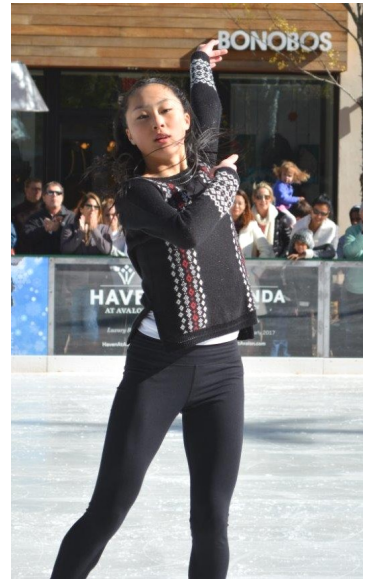
Nile



Jeslyn



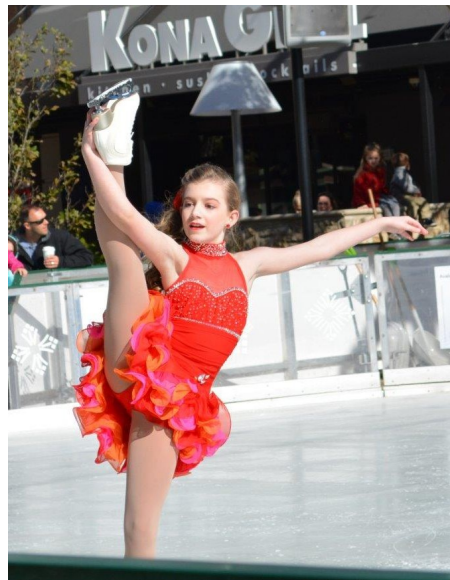
Madeline



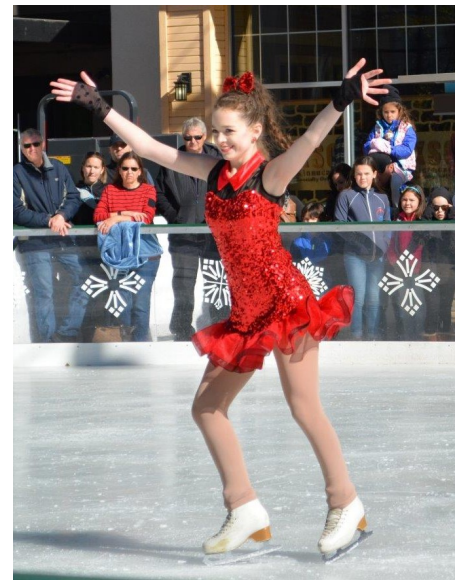
Mingda



Kaitly



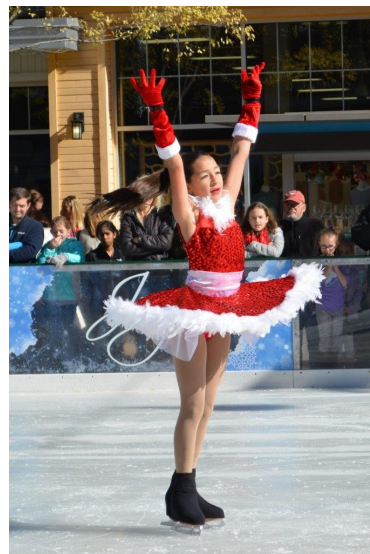
Anna Scott



Meredith



Christanne



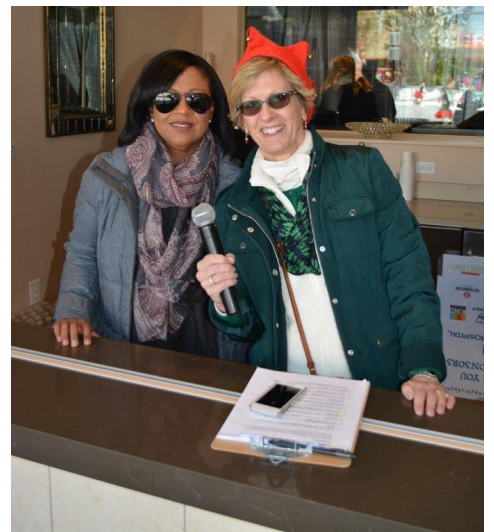
Melanie



Katia



The Mannequin Challenge





Atlantic Station Exhibition & Parade of Lights, November 19



Anna Scott



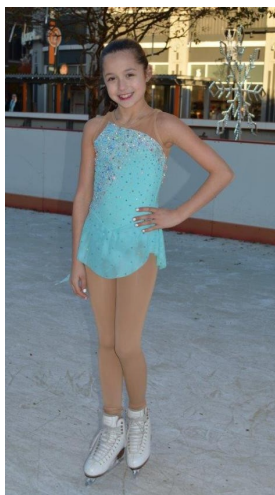
Cristanne



Katia



Melanie



Kaity



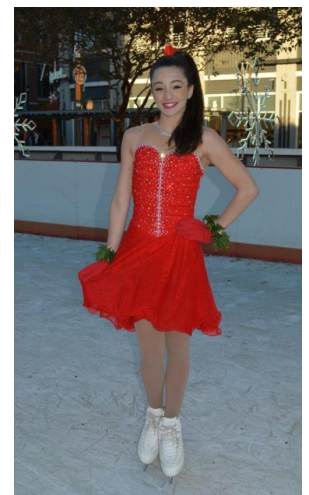
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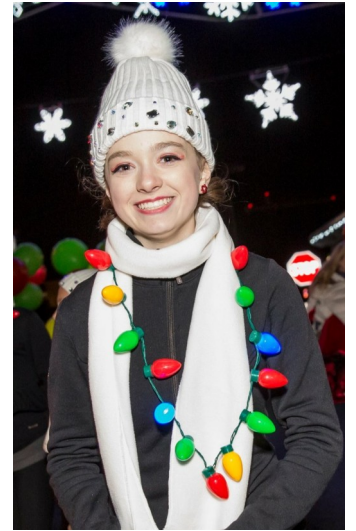
Meredith



Madeline



Parade of Lights



IMPORTANT! UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Please update your information on your Entryzee membership profile. If you have moved or changed your email address or phone number, we need to know so we can contact you with important information.

When you pass a USFS test, please update that information as well since we base decisions about exhibitions and the spring show on that database.



Cookie Exchange and Hot Chocolate Bar December 9 during Club Ice

Please bring two dozen cookies to share
and your recipe (if it's not a secret!)



HALLOWSKATE & BRING A FRIEND

October 28





Thanks to Special Events Chair Lori Douglas and to photographers Jennifer Latham, Christi Marsh, Lori McGarigle, PJ Scafidi, and Angie Wilkinson.





Axel Club

New Members

Hannah Carleton	Elizabeth Douglas
Emily Hwang	Madison Long
Anna McPeak	Maya Mekyten
Chloe Rutter	Melanie Schael
PJ Whalen	Avery Wilkinson



Maize and Blue Matchup
Intercollegiate Competition
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
October 15 - 16

SOLO DANCE

International, Silver Samba

Helena Fisher (Miami of Ohio) 7th/9

Gold, Grp. B Quickstep

Helena Fisher 3rd/7

Elisa Bode	Riya Kinnarkar
Mary Bode	Sudeen Kinnarkar
Claire Cameron	Sidney Parker
Judy Chang	Jennifer Parker
Luiza Cunha	Lilly Gorczyca
Julie French	Kate Gorczyca
Karin Froelich	Grayson Snow
Tina Gravenstein	Rachel Wright
Terry Kim	



**2017 South Atlantic
Regional Championships
Special Achievement Awards**



+2 or More GOEs for any Element

Jeslyn Choi	Kaitlyn McGarigle
Triniti Fong	Maria Son

1 Jump Element with Bonus

Jeslyn Choi	Maria Son
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Most Points for Interpretation Component

Triniti Fong

congratulations

LORI MALTHANER

Silver Singles/Pairs Test Judge Appointment



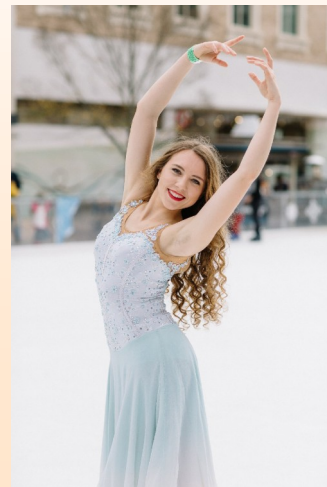
HELENA FISHER

Bronze Singles/Pairs Test Judge Appointment



SOUCCI TAYLOR

Bronze Singles/Pairs Test Judge Appointment





SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Madeline Freeman

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite element is the spiral because it feels so light and easy. I don't have a least favorite element, I love learning new things.

Competitive accomplishments

The accomplishment I'm most proud of is earning a silver medal at 2016 Ice Dance Nationals and qualifying for the Championship Round in both of my events. I placed 1st in the Qualifying Round for Free Dance and won a 2nd place medal in the Championship Round for Pattern Dance. I was also extremely honored to receive the Outstanding Skater Award a few years ago.

Most memorable event of your skating career

My most memorable moment was skating in my first competition. I told my coach I would never be in a competition, I just wanted to skate for fun and learn new things. She convinced me to try it and she was right! I loved competing and performing and my love for skating continued to grow from there. Cutting my chin open on the ice during practice and getting stitches was another moment I'll never forget ... my first skating scar!

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

A dancer or gymnast because I love dancing and performing and I'm naturally very flexible.

Tell us about your family and school.

I attend Rivers Academy in Alpharetta. I am in the 7th grade and I love my school! I'm a straight A student and my favorite subject is Math. In elementary school I was in Student Council, the TAG program and a Presidents' Award recipient. My main extracurricular activity is homework (lol!) but I enjoy cooking and baking, making videos, riding my RipStik, and playing with my dog.

I am an only child, but I have a black Labrador named Madison. She's like my sister and I love her so much!

Who is your favorite skater?

There are many skaters I admire and follow. I love visiting my family in California, because it allows me the opportunity to skate alongside many of these skaters, whom I might never have the chance to meet otherwise.

My family is most like ...

The movie "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" because when we get together it's fun... we are big and loud and we all truly love each other!

Best advice ever received

My family always encourages me to "never give up."

What are your future skating and educational goals?

My future skating goals are to learn and land all of my jumps, continue competing, and pass all of my skating tests. I plan to attend college and possibly study Broadcasting. I was part of the Broadcast News team in 5th grade and I loved being on camera, delivering information and writing stories. I also love animals and want to help them in some way. I plan to continue skating and maybe coach one day too.

Favorite program and/or music why

My current Ice Dance program "Be Our Guest" is my favorite so far, because it allows me to really express my personality and have fun performing.

My favorite things are

Skating, snow days and playing with my dog!

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

My Mom, Grandma and I all share the same middle name "Marie"

Favorite word: BELIEVE

Least favorite word: IMPOSSIBLE

Favorite food: Pizza, pasta, goldfish

Least favorite food: Tuna (it's smelly)

Favorite quote: "Passion is pushing yourself when no one else is around" ~ unknown

What turns me off: When people are untruthful, unfair or unkind.

Favorite Book: Wonder

Favorite Movie: "Elf"

Favorite TV Show: I mostly watch YouTube videos. I like funny skits and tutorials on cooking, crafts and makeup.

Favorite color: Aquamarine (my birthstone!)

Sound I love: My dog howling!

Sound I dislike: Tornado sirens

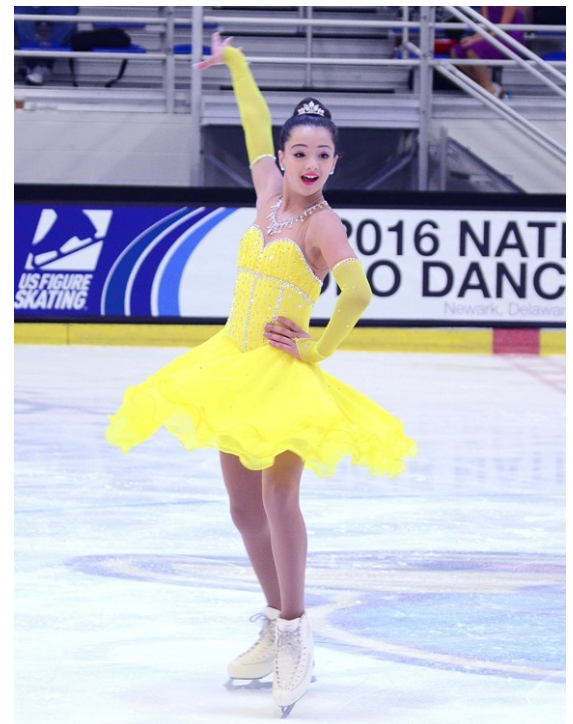
Pet peeve: When people are in their own world and have no regard for those around them.

I would never want to be: Doctor or dentist

Three words that best describe me: Passionate, dedicated and loyal

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: My phone, my dog and unlimited Starbucks!

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Tests Passed

November

Emily Hwang	Novice Moves
Katia Kochengina	Novice Moves
Maya Mekyten	Intermediate Moves
Madison Long	Intermediate Moves
	Juvenile Free Skate
Avery Wilkinson	Juvenile Moves
	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Isabelle Chalker	Juvenile Moves
Anna McPeak	Pre-Juvenile Moves
	Preliminary Free Skate
Hasita Yalamanchili	Pre-Juvenile Moves
	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Abby Gomez	Preliminary Moves
	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Samantha McCafferty	Preliminary Moves
	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Riya Kinnarkar	Pre-Preliminary Moves

October

Chloe Rutter	Novice Moves
Olivia Barnes	Intermediate Free Skate
Katia Kochengina	Juvenile Free Skate
Grace Wolf	Juvenile Free Skate
	Juvenile Moves
Elizabeth Douglas	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Laurie Sanii	Adult American Waltz
Jeslyn Choi	Preliminary Dance Test
	Dutch Waltz
	Canasta Tango
	Rhythm Blues
	Cha cha
Grace Rathbun	Preliminary Dance Test
	Dutch Waltz
	Canasta Tango
	Rhythm Blues
	Cha cha
Kate Gorczyca	Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skate

September

Amelia Marsh	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Ava Windley	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Sadie Womack	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Lilly Wood	Pre-Preliminary Moves
April Zhang	Pre-Preliminary Moves

Jan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan

Sarah Zhu	1	Lily Xie	15
Shifu Liu		Mariek Bureau	16
Susan Johnson	2	Nile Ziegler	
Varnika Kosaraju		Brook Ziegler	21
Sudeen Kinnarkar	3	John Richardson	24
Courtney Nichols	8	Kim Plaziak	
Katie Palmer	10	Leon Qiao	
Sherri Martin	12	Somni Son	
Paris Mashinchi	13	Natalia Beinenson	27
Cheryl Rolley	14	Grace Bell	28
Chloe Rutter		Marissa Li	30

Happy Holidays

Dec

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec

Michelle Nguyen	1	Emily Cornelison	20
Tami Mickle		Breelie Taylor	21
Valerie Cartagena	2	Jennifer Latham	
Lisa ValeCruz	3	Martin Long	
Pam Levitt	4	Debbie Prachar	22
Leia Beinenson	6	Tamara Gaalema	
Morgan Sliker		Theresa Bauer	
Penni Alper		Herald Borja	24
Kate Gorczyca	9	Erica Mutch	26
Paula Ibelings	10	Marybeth Rathbun	
Josh Glass	11	Angie Wilkinson	27
Natalya Rozenberg		Rabia Khan	28
Regan Williams	12	Erika Ono	29
Ai Tran	13	Hannah Carleton	
Betty McCord	14	Vlad Raschetnov	
Madelyn Hanson	15	Elisa Bode	30
Paul Haver		Kaitlyn McGarigle	
Heidi Calabrese	16	Lilly Gorczyca	
Noelle Chatigny	17	Avery Wilkinson	31
Monica Long	19	Sharon Wong	
Anna Scott Wieler	20		

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>
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Cookie Exchange/Hot Chocolate Bar Special Event (Club Ice)

December 9

Atlanta FSC

Winterfest

December 17

The Cooler

US Championships Exhibition, Party

January 6

Atlanta FSC

US Championships

January 14 - 22

Kansas City, MO

Test Session

January 20

Atlanta FSC

