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## 2014 Atlanta Open ... Prelude to 2015 South Atlantics!



The Atlanta Open will be held on June 12 - 14 at The Cooler. Please welcome our Chief Referee, **Rick Perez** of Mountain View, CA, our Chief Accountant, **Theresa Foley** of Philadelphia, PA, our Chief Announcer/Music, **John Richardson** of Atlanta, GA, and our distinguished panel of judges, technical specialists, and accountants.

Exhibitions will be held on May 23 and 30 during Club Ice. Please make sure to sign up with John Richardson to reserve your spot. First-come, first-served!

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Mark Ladwig	Parrish, FL				
Gloria Lewis	Lawrenceville, GA				
Chip Ludlow	Venice, FL				
Terri Maurice	Alpharetta, GA				



# Canvas on Ice



Herbert Wiesinger and The Cooler

Jeff Nolt and troupe

Our fabulous Local Organizing Committee:  
Erika Ono, Tami Mickle, Robert Osenbaugh, Jan Brown,  
Stephanie Williams, Lori McGarigle, Denise Freeman

Backstage Directors Blair Kim, Barbara Landon, Sheryl Nolan,  
Peggy Rydberg, Cindie Snow, Laurie Vieth

Solo Choreographers Eric Bohnstedt, Brittney Bottoms,  
Barbara Landon, Pam Levitt, Anya Martynenko, Tami Mickle,  
Graham Payne, Debbie Prachar, Vlad Raschetnov,  
Barbara Wagner

Parents and volunteers

## SOLOISTS

Madeleine Brown  
Erin Brzusek  
Tim Dolensky  
Helena Fisher  
Wendi Hiller  
Elvira Junnila  
MacKenzie Kisella

Gabrielle Kuse  
Emily Moosbrugger  
Nancy Ellis Riggs  
Alice Qiao  
Chloe Rutter  
Tori Williams

## FEATURES

Madeline Freeman  
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis  
Elvira Junnila  
Kaitlyn McGarigle  
Adeline Wieler

## DUETS

Mingda Liu and Lily Xie  
Breele Taylor and  
Soucci Taylor

## The Cast

Rachel Akin  
 Stephanie Amodeo  
 Olivia Barnes  
 DJ Bassett  
 Madeleine Brown  
 Erin Brzusek  
 Liam Bunde  
 Maggie Cawston  
 Isabelle Chalker  
 Jeslyn Choi  
 Tim Dolensky  
 Elizabeth Douglas  
 Caitlin Drucker  
 Lily Dwyer  
 Helena Fisher  
 Triniti Fong  
 Madeline Freeman  
 Cristanne Goodwin

Jessica Gregory  
 Riona Harris  
 Tiffany Hatzikoutelis  
 Anneliese Hill  
 Wendi Hiller  
 Elizabeth Jester  
 Elvira Junnila  
 Tea Junnila  
 Ashley Kaloyannides  
 Olivia Kaloyannides  
 Monica Kantor  
 Katie Kelley  
 Lauren Kim  
 Olivia Kim  
 MacKenzie Kiseffa  
 Gabrielle Kuse  
 Athena Landon  
 Ava Landon

Mingda Liu  
 Madison Long  
 Rylee Manning  
 Natalie Martin  
 Kaitlyn McGarigle  
 Anna McPeak  
 Maya Mekyten  
 Emily Moosbrugger  
 Kayla Moradi  
 Katrina Morgan  
 Heather Phillips  
 Kasi Puri  
 Alice Qiao  
 Nancy Ellis Riggs  
 Caroline Riley  
 Pressley Rogers  
 Nastasia Rozenberg  
 Chloe Rutter

Melanie Schael  
 Isabel Schaum  
 Morgan Sliker  
 George Song  
 Nicole Strain  
 Sasha Strain  
 Breele Taylor  
 Keelee Taylor  
 Soucci Taylor  
 Trewcci Taylor  
 Regan Tingley  
 Adeline Wiener  
 Anna Scott Wiener  
 Victoria Williams  
 Grace Wolf  
 Lily Xie  
 Ying Yip  
 Mathilda Zimmerman



In Performance  
 Atlanta FSC









Emily



Erin





Elvira



Madeleine



Alice,  
Tim &  
Chloe



Helena



Nancy





Adeline, Kaitlyn, and Madeline



Breelie and Soucci



Tim & Alice



Gabrielle



Mackenzie



Wendi





Tori



Lily and Mingda



Many thanks to Christi Fisher, Denise Freeman, Barbara Landon, and Lori McGarigle for the photos!





# SALUTING OUR 2014 GRADUATES



## ASPEN ONO

### High School, Honors, Activities

My school (Centennial) awards and activities include President of French club (3 years), National Honor Society, French Honor Society, Envirothon Team Captain, Student Liaison, chorus, Glee Club, Principal's Honor Roll (95 average or above) for 4 years, Principal's Honor Award, Academic letter (4 years), National AP Scholar Award.

### Future Plans

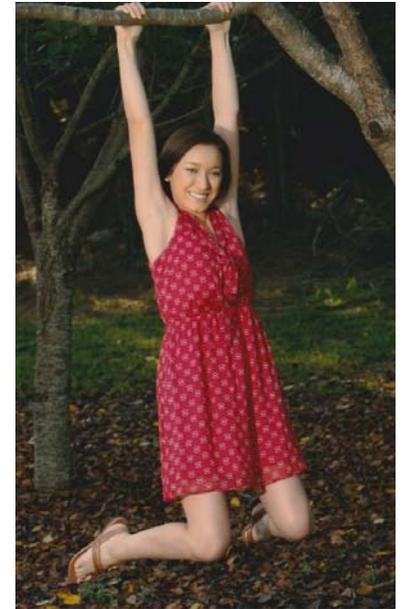
Next fall, I will be attending Emory University, planning to study Environmental Law and Policy. In the future, I hope I can be a lawyer or activist who will fight to make the world a cleaner and more beautiful place for every person and animal. Also, skaters have to sympathize with the freezing polar bears that are being forced to swim in icy water... we all know how miserable the cold can get. Don't trust *Frozen*, the cold DOES bother us or me at least... I just put up with it. As for skating, I will not skate next year, which is bittersweet. However, I still hope to be involved in the skating community. SO don't worry, I'll show up randomly at competitions and be as obnoxious as ever.

### Skating Career Highlights

I placed in the top ten twice at Showcase Nationals, so that's swell. I also placed second in Juvenile at the Upper Great Lakes Regionals a long time ago. My highlights have not been "big moments;" my favorite times skating were when I just got to play music and skate. Mostly, the highlights have been the people (LIKE YOU!) I have met, who have made my time skating the best time of my life. So thanks for that! By the way, if you are not crying at how much I love you... you are heartless. Kidding!

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Skating and school... who has time for anything else? Just kidding! I volunteer and have had various volunteering positions over the past few years. I am an avid Disney character impersonator, a shower rock star, a recreationally slow runner, a professional stunt double, an amateur caricaturist, and a terrible guitar player. Also, I picture my life as a romantic comedy, minus the romance, plus me being the only one who gets the jokes. (That last part wasn't an extra-curricular activity... but I thought it was important...even though it wasn't.)



## CHRISTINA COLE



### High School, Honors, Activities

I will be graduating from North Forsyth High School, where I was on the Merritt Roll my freshman and junior years. I also was involved in the Y-Club as a freshman.

### Future Plans

Over the summer, I intend to enroll at Lanier Technical College in their physical therapy assistant program. I plan to continue to skate at The ICE along with coaching.

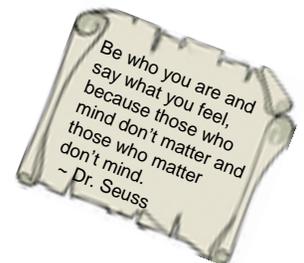
### Skating Career Highlights

My skating career has been a bumpy road from all of my injuries, but I'm proud of my accomplishments over the years.

I was selected for the Young Internationals program in 2008 and represented the US in Vienna. I was a two-time Regional finalist, and I'm a MIF Gold Medalist and have passed Junior Free Skate and Pre-Gold dances. By August, I hope to have passed all of my dances and possibly my Senior Free Skate.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Currently I am an Evolve Life Group Leader at Mountain Lake Church. I have also interned at Champion Physical Therapy, which was incredible and led me down the path to becoming a physical therapist assistant.





# SPOTLIGHT SKATER

## Nile Ziegler

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

*It is uncomfortable for me to do a double toe, that is why it is my least favorite jump, but the double flip and double Lutz are what I like to do. The catch camel spin would be my signature spin, and I also like the Biellmann.*

### Competitive accomplishments

*My memorable moment was at the Regionals competing at Juvenile level. It was my first time competing in a new level, and I was proud of myself when I didn't place last! I skated to the soundtrack of the movie "The Tourist."*

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

*I remember when I was getting my Axel, that the first time I landed it was on my dad's birthday, and that was my birthday present to him.*

### Whom do you admire most?

*I admire my parents and my coach, because they give me the best advice life can give you.*

### Who is your favorite skater?

*I enjoy watching Gracie Gold and Jason Brown skate, because it was their first time in the Olympics, and they taught me to skate with passion, and all of their programs look flawless.*

### Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

*I attend Atlanta International school in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade; a National Latin merit, a National German Honors, recognized Duke TIP, and one more... violinist for the Emory Junior Chamber Orchestra!*

*With my string orchestra from school, we visit an elderly home two times a year and play pieces for them and spend some time talking and playing with them. As other activities, I have taken many tests for the ABRSM piano.*

### Tell us about your family.

*I now have a baby sister, Venke, one year old, a two-year old dog, Amadeus, and I used to have a rabbit, but it got bitten by a snake.*

### Best advice you have ever received?

*Life is like a ten-speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use.*

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

*Don't laugh but I earned a black belt in Karate when I was 8 years old.*

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

*Mirror, mirror on the ice, can I be the BEST skater of them all?*

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

*In the future, I want to go in the Olympics representing Germany and win a couple of gold medals. After my competitive skating career is finished I would like to build an ice rink for all the children to learn to skate.*

*Skating is my life. I will keep skating wherever I go. I want to become a cardiologist, a pediatrician, or a very special secret agent for the FBI or CIA.*

### My favorite things are

*Wisdom, technology, my skates, my phone.*

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

*a runner or a horseback rider.*

**Favorite word:** *Attempt*

**Least favorite word:** *Give up*

**Favorite food:** *Hamburgers and bratwurst*

**Least favorite food:** *Chicken and meatloaf*

**Favorite quote:** *"Wo ich bin, ist immer vorne" - "Wherever I am, is always the front." ~Anonymous*

**What turns me off:** *People who do not use common sense*

**Favorite book, movie, TV show:** *Tintenherz, "Psych," "Monk," "Die Rosenheim Cops"*

**Favorite color:** *The colors of the rainbow*

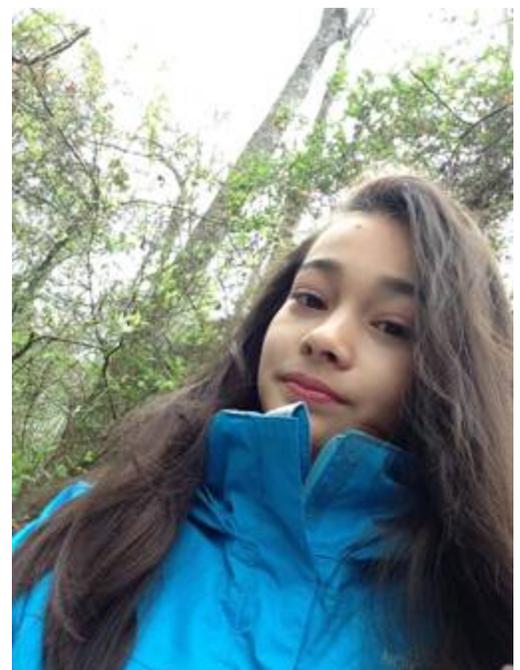
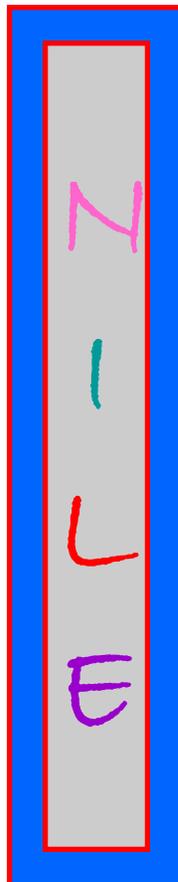
**Sound I love:** *Blades crunching in the ice*

**Sound I dislike:** *Blades scratching on the ice*

**I would never want to be:** *Singer or optician*

**Three words that best describe me:** *Interesting, intelligent, nice*

**If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have:** *An ice rink, my skates, food!*



## 2014 - 2015 Board of Directors Election Results

Congratulations to the following candidates who were elected to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors:



Jan Brown



Christi Fisher



Judith Flair



Sharon Hyre



Lori McGarigle

Special thanks to **Gloria Lewis** for her years of service! Officers will be elected at the June meeting.



### Adult Nationals...It's All About the Tossies!

By: Nancy Ellis Riggs

#### **SILVER LADIES 3** **Free Skate, Grp. B**

Nancy Ellis Riggs 12th/16

**Dramatic Skate** 2nd/19

Nancy Ellis Riggs

**Light Entertainment** 3rd/16

Nancy Ellis Riggs

#### **BRONZE LADIES I**

**Free Skate**

Heather Phillips 1st/4

#### **BRONZE SOLO DANCE**

Heather Phillips 1st/12

The 20th annual US Figure Skating Adult Championships were held April 8 - 12 in Hyannis, MA on beautiful Cape Cod. The Atlanta FSC was represented by Heather Phillips and me. John Richardson also attended "to dispel rumors;" in other words, to let friends and fellow competitors know that he has recovered from last year's heart surgery and is alive and skating, though not competing. The Georgia FSC was well represented, and we joined them and others in the stands to have an enthusiastic "Deep South" contingent that was worthy of a paragraph on the IceNetwork blog.

Adult Nationals is very different from "those other Nationals!" You'll have to imagine these "snapshots": creative and plentiful tossies raining down after every performance (rubber duckies, airline bottles of adult beverages in bubble wrap, bears in "AN2014" hand-knitted sweaters, LOTS of chocolate...) A championship pairs team dressed like "Blades of Glory," a Noble-Prize winner skating dance, a live lobster brought into the arena by a certain friend from Birmingham. The dance floor at the competitors' party, was graced by Olympian Mark Ladwig as well as Georgia FSC President Rob Litchefeld wearing his pairs Copacabana outfit. I read on IceNetwork that Heather sang karaoke like an angel!

However, don't think for a minute that we are not competitive! Many adults train passionately, and we honored nine skaters who have attended this event all 20 years. We also encourage each other through aches and pains, and cheer wildly, especially for every clean Axel and double jump. A few skater even hit triples, and we go crazy! Even more so for skaters over 40!

How about results, you might ask? Heather was simply unbeatable, taking gold in both free skate and dance. I nervously moved up a level to silver free skate and wasn't last. I injured my Achilles tendon doing the STARS tests (Paul Wylie signed the tape on my injury), and I couldn't do my dramatic skate, but I rebounded the next day to take bronze in my comedic "Rudolph gone bad" medley. Interestingly, the gold in my group went to former Atlanta FSC member and **Freestyler** columnist Beth Bilka, now skating in San Francisco! She skated as a TSA agent, donning rubber gloves to the tune of "Getting to Know You" - the judges almost fell over laughing!

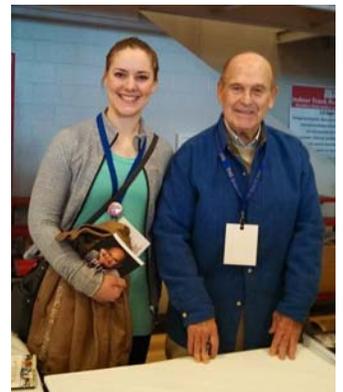
Wrap it all up with dinners with friends and gorgeous weather, and it was a great week!



Nancy and Heather



Nancy and former member Beth Bilka



Heather and Dick Button



**Florida Open**  
Central Florida FSC, Orlando, FL  
April 4 - 6

**JUNIOR LADIES**

**Free Skate**

Alice Qiao 2nd/5

**Short Program**

Alice Qiao 1st/5

**INTERMEDIATE LADIES**

**Free Skate, Grp. B**

Mingda Liu 4th/13

Natalie Martin 13th/13

**Short Program, Grp. A**

Natalie Martin 10th/12

**Short Program, Grp. B**

Mingda Liu 3rd/13

**Spins**

Natalie Martin 2nd/6

**JUVENILE GIRLS**

**Free Skate, Grp. A**

Emily Zhang 1st/11

Olivia Barnes 10th/11

**JUVENILE GIRLS**

**Compulsory Moves**

Olivia Barnes 2nd/4

**Jumps**

Olivia Barnes 3rd/8

**PRE-JUVENILE**

**Compulsory Moves, Grp. B**

Monica Kantor 5th/6

**Jumps, Grp. B**

Monica Kantor 5th/6

**PRELIMINARY GIRLS**

**Free Skate, Grp. A**

Triniti Fong 1st/8

**Spins**

Monica Kantor 5th/7

**Tri-States Memorial FS Championships**

Kalamazoo SC, Kalamazoo, MI

April 4 - 6

**NATIONAL SOLO DANCE**

**JUNIOR COMBINED DANCE**

Helena Fisher 3rd/5

**Free Dance**

Helena Fisher 2nd/5

**Short Dance**

Helena Fisher 5th/5

**PRE-GOLD PATTERN DANCES**

Helena Fisher 4th/4



**Way To Go, Martine!**

Congratulations to Collegiate member **Martine Szanto** and the Sacred Heart University team for their 4th place finish in the U.S. Figure Skating Eastern Section Intercollegiate Team Skating Conference. They placed 4th at the Cornell University, Liberty University, and University of Delaware competitions, and narrowly missed qualifying for the U.S. Intercollegiate Championships.

**7th Annual Ice Dance Weekend**

**June 6-8, 2014, The Cooler**

Don't miss our Ice Dance Weekend with ten hours of ice dance sessions, delicious food, and a dinner dance at Pappadeaux!



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 17.**



**Don't forget to sign up for the U.S. Figure Skating S.T.A.R.S. Camp on June 15 at The Cooler.**

**Registration Closes on June 1!**

**Awards Banquet**

**Sunday, May 18**  
**Country Club of Roswell**



# Tests Passed

## December - March

Maria Son	Senior Moves
Charles Liu	Juvenile Free Skate
Emily Zhang	Junior Moves
	Dutch Waltz
	Canasta Tango
	Rhythm Blues
	Preliminary Dance Test
	Novice Moves
Emy Palermo	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Alexa Phillips	Juvenile Moves
Vandana Krishnan	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
	Pre-Preliminary Moves
	Preliminary Moves
Rylee Manning	Preliminary Moves
Campbell Young	Preliminary Moves
Miranda Corbin	Pre-Preliminary Moves

## April

Madeleine Brown	Junior Moves
Jabe Roberts	Junior Moves
Kayla Moradi	Novice Moves
Nile Ziegler	Novice Moves
Grace Rathbun	Intermediate Free Skate
	Junior Moves
Maria Son	Intermediate Free Skate
Drew Bryant	Intermediate Moves
Blair Kim	Intermediate Moves (Supplemental)
	Intermediate Moves
Katie Sanyal	Juvenile Free Skate
Olivia Barnes	Juvenile Free Skate
Libby Bickford	Juvenile Free Skate
Emily Moosbrugger	Juvenile Free Skate
Christine Yen	Juvenile Free Skate
Jeslyn Choi	Juvenile Moves
Triniti Fong	Juvenile Moves
Morgan Sliker	Juvenile Moves
Emily Brothman	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Alexa Davila	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
	Intermediate Moves
Elvira Junnila	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Julia Kornetzke	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Claire Sosnow	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Judith Flair	Adult Bronze Moves
Caroline Riley	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Stephanie Amodeo	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Katie Kelley	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Katrina Morgan	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Athena Landon	Preliminary Free Skate
Katia Kochengina	Preliminary Moves
Bailey Snead	Preliminary Moves



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Haley Osenbaugh	3	Dana Graham	17
Aren Nielsen	5	Soucci Taylor	18
Anne Malacrea	6	Tim Dolensky	
Cynthia Kornetzke	7	Rena Hugh	19
Margaret Butlin		Catherine Hackney	20
Candace Goodwin	8	Shirley Isom	
Regina Brimeyer	9	Amanda Castelletti Dye	21
Dora Liu	10	Claire Sosnow	
Melody Wang		Miranda Corbin	23
Nancy Hoblack	13	Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	
Nicole Strain		Sharon Hyre	25
David Liu	15	DJ Bassett	27
Trewcci Taylor		Sunny Sanyal	
Allen Fong	16	Cheryl Faust	29
Lori McGarigle		Sydney Kosse	
Barbara Landon	17		



Hallie McGuinness

Leslie McGuinness



Blair Kim

## Test Session Protocol

All skaters are expected to arrive at the rink at least **one hour** prior to their warm-ups and tests.

The tentative schedule is always subject to change due to last minute cancellations, re-skates, or other circumstances.

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# Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
May Day Open	May 8 - 11	Gardens FSC, Laurel, MD	
Charleston Open	May 10	FSC of Charleston	
<b>Awards Banquet</b>	<b>May 18</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	<b>May 10</b>
<b>Ice Dance Weekend</b>	<b>June 6 - 8</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	<b>May 17</b>
<b>Atlanta Open</b>	<b>June 12 - 14</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	<b>May 9</b>
<b>S.T.A.R.S. Camp</b>	<b>June 15</b>	<b>USFS/Atlanta FSC</b>	<b>June 1</b>
Philadelphia Summer Competition	July 15 - 19	IceWorks SC	June 5
National Showcase	July 30 - August 2	USFS/Ice House SA Brighton, MI	
Lake Placid Ice Dance Champ.	July 30 - August 2	SC of Lake Placid Lake Placid, NY	
Peach Open and Classic	August 30 - 31	Georgia FSC, Duluth, GA	