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Aiken Advances to U.S. Championships

Winning the free skate and narrowly missing gold by scoring only .57 points below the leader, **Alexander Aiken** (Junior Men) claimed silver at the 2011 Eastern Sectional Championships and will represent the Atlanta FSC for the fourth consecutive time at the U.S. Championships in Greensboro, NC on January 22 - 30. At the 2010 U.S. Championships, he placed 10th, preceded by 7th (2009), 5th (2008), and 7th (2007). Alex also won silver at the 2006 U.S. Junior Championships at the intermediate level, and served as first alternate at the 2005 Junior Championships.



Alex

Tim Dolensky, the 2010 U.S. Championships Novice Men bronze medalist and 2010 Eastern Sectionals gold medalist, earned 5th place overall and will serve as first alternate. In September, 2010, Tim placed 4th in his first Junior Grand Prix assignment in Sheffield, Great Britain. At 2009 Easterns, he placed 5th at the novice level and also competed at the 2005 and 2006 U.S. Junior Championships in intermediate and juvenile.

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★	Alexander Aiken
★	Final 2nd/9
★	Free Skate 1st/9
★	Short Program 3rd/9
★	★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★



Jamie and Tim

Photo by Leon Qiao

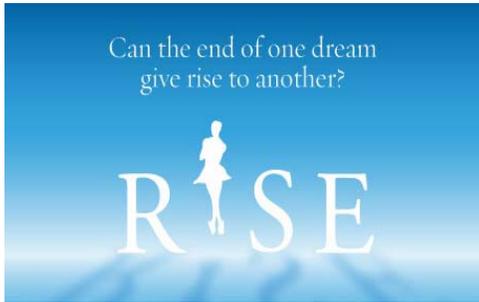
In her sixth consecutive bid at Easterns, **Jamie Kim** (Senior Ladies) duplicated last year's 7th place finish. She previously placed 9th (2009), 12th (2008), 11th (2007), 9th (2006, junior) and 5th (2005, novice).

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★	Tim Dolensky
★	Final 5th/9
★	Free Skate 5th/9
★	Short Program 5th/9
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★	Jamie Kim
★	Final 7th/12
★	Free Skate 7th/12
★	Short Program 8th/12
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U.S. Figure Skating Film Tribute - "RISE" - in Theaters on February 17



Tragedy Close to Home

On February 15, 1961, a tragic plane crash killed all members of the U.S. Figure Skating World Team as well as friends, family, judges, officials and coaches. The plane crash occurred in Brussels, Belgium, as the group was traveling to the World Figure Skating Championships in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

One of the U.S. coaches killed was Daniel "Danny" Ryan, 32, coach of ice dancers Diane Sherbloom and Larry Pierce, and father of Atlanta FSC coach **Sheryl Nolan**.



Daniel Ryan and Carol Ann Peters - 1953 US Ice Dancing Champions and 1953 and 1952 World Ice Dancing Bronze Medalists

After recovering from the shock of the crash, Ryan's widow, Canadian figure skater RoseAnne Paquette Ryan, supported her family - five young children, ranging in age from five to two weeks - by continuing to coach in Indianapolis, Ottawa, Canada, Lake Placid, and eventually Atlanta. Sadly, RoseAnne Paquette Ryan Wager died on November 13, 2010, surrounded by her family.



Christopher Nolan holds up one of his grandfather's world championship bronze medals.

Sheryl, of course, became a figure skater and coach. and her son, **Christopher**, continued the Ryan figure skating legacy, competing in the novice pairs event with his partner, Marissa Spector, at the 2009 AT&T U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Christopher subsequently ended his competitive skating career to focus on his college studies. RoseAnne, Sheryl, and Christopher were interviewed for the "RISE" film.

RISE Ticket Sales

The February 17, 2011 event commemorating the 50th anniversary will include uniquely choreographed figure skating performances, interviews with American figure skating legends, a red-carpet celebration, the premiere of the cinematic feature RISE and more. Featured narrators are Brian Boitano, Peggy Fleming, Dorothy Hamill, Scott Hamilton, and Michelle Kwan.



Hamilton, Hamill, Boitano, Fleming, Kwan

The pre-sale began on Friday, November 5. Tickets can be purchased by accessing the link below. All proceeds received by U.S. Figure Skating from RISE will be used to further the mission of U.S. Figure Skating's Memorial Fund, which awards approximately \$300,000 annually in grants and scholarships to skaters, recognizing performance both on and off the ice.

ATLANTA AREA PARTICIPATING THEATERS - One Night Only

North Point 8	6500 North Point Pkwy.	Alpharetta	8:00 PM
Fork and Screen Buckhead	3340 Peachtree Rd NE	Atlanta	8:00 PM
Perimeter Point 10	1155 Mt. Vernon Hwy.	Atlanta	8:00 PM
Avenue Forsyth 12	350 Peachtree Pkwy.	Cumming	8:00 PM
Discover Mills 18	5900 Sugarloaf Pkwy.	Lawrenceville	8:00 PM
Merchant's Walk Stadium Cinemas 12	1301 Johnson Ferry Rd.	Marietta	8:00 PM

TICKET PRESALES - \$15.00

http://www.fathomevents.com/advanceticketdetails.aspx?eventid=920&utm_source=USFSMember&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=RISE1961



Atlanta FSC Spring Spectacular
April 29, 30, May 1
Georgia On My Mind

Recruitment for our first club show in many years began on November 19 during the potluck dinner. The theme - Georgia On My Mind - centers on tourists visiting famous Atlanta landmarks, from the Georgia Aquarium and Atlanta zoo to the World of Coke and Centennial Park. And don't be surprised if a few local "celebrities" stop by!

Participation for each eligible* skater includes all practices and coaches' fees, two tickets for one show (April 29 or May 1), a cast member Awards Banquet ticket (May 1), and a costume. The participation fee is \$40.00/skater. The sign-up deadline is January 10.

The Atlanta FSC will also offer fantastic prizes for a ticket sales contest and a sponsor/ad sales contest. More details will be provided soon.

Many hands are needed to make our ice show a huge success. Please consider donating several extra hours as a volunteer for one of the following areas:

Costumes (Chair - Tea Junnila)
Chaperones (Chair - Leon Qiao)

Ticket Sales (Chair - Jan Brown)
Ushers (Chair - Christi Fisher)

To volunteer, please contact Peggy McCarthy, Volunteer Coordinator, at p.mccarthey@yahoo.com, 770-772-9751 (home) or 678-923-5277 (cell).

SIGN UP TODAY!



Food Donation Chair Needed for Competitions

The Atlanta Figure Skating Club is looking for an enthusiastic adult to serve as Chair of Food Donations for either the 2011 Magnolia Open (March) or Atlanta Open (June). The donated meals will be used in Coaches Hospitality during our competitions.

Duties include soliciting 4-8 local restaurants for meal donations, coordinating delivery with Coaches Hospitality, and writing thank you notes to restaurants.

If interested, please contact Peggy McCarthy, Volunteer Coordinator, at p.mccarthey@yahoo.com, 770-772-9751.

Special Event - Potluck Dinner - November 19

Winners & Prizes

Turkey Inspired:

Spin (Mackenzie Kisella)

Jump (Melody Wang)

Footwork (Grace Rathbun & Lily Xie)

Prizes: turkey breasts

Turkey Waddle Relay Team

Prizes: skate zipper pulls & skate autograph book



Power Stroking



Games



The Turkey Waddle



Appetizers & Drinks for Adults



Recruitment - Spring Show



POTLUCK DINNER

November 19



Happy Birthday, Christine!

Many Thanks to All Volunteers!
Special Events Committee
Chair - Tami Mickle

Barry Johnson
Tea Junnila

Leon Qiao
Louise Szanto

Coaches

Eric Bohnstedt

Anya Martynenko



Cake Walk Winners

Amanda Bao
Sky Cameron Johnson

Casey Mallory
Morgan Sliker

Maria Son



Approximately 150 members revel in On Ice Games, Fabulous Food, A Cake Walk, and Recruitment for Our Spring Show!



The Freestyler in color is online at atlantafsc.org.



SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Parastoo Mashinchi

What made you decide to start skating?

Just down the street from The Cooler, I attended Primrose for preschool and out of curiosity one day, my mom decided to take me skating because the rink happened to be nearby. I enjoyed skating very much, so my mom and I made a habit of going skating after she picked me up from school, and before I knew it, skating had grown into my life.

What keeps you motivated to continue skating?

No other sport can compare to skating. It is a combination of artistry and power on ice.

What is your weekly training regimen?

I skate before school every day and I also do off-ice.

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite element is the Biellmann because it seems so unique. My least favorite element is the Lutz because it's always felt awkward to me.

Favorite music/program.

My favorite program music is "Dark Eyes" because it's really fun to skate to, and I can really connect to it.

What is the most memorable, thrilling and/or embarrassing event of your skating career?

The most embarrassing event of my skating career happened during the Atlanta Open. I had skated a great program but I randomly fell at the end of my footwork. I guess the excitement got to me!

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I am a sophomore at Alpharetta High School. My favorite subjects are math and literature. I'm an honor roll student, and I take many rigorous classes. I strive to get the best grades and keep up with skating at the same time. I volunteer at various places throughout my community. I am also a very musical person, and I play the piano and violin.

Who is your favorite skater?

I love Sasha Cohen because of her artistry and her ability to capture the audience in her performance. Irina Slutskaya is also another favorite skater of mine because all her elements have so much power and her skating is so explosive.

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

A gymnast or a dancer.

Best advice you have ever received?

My mom always tells me that true success comes from the heart.

Whom do you admire most?

I most admire my mother because she is such an inspiration to me. She's always there for me, and she always offers me the best advice. She works so hard for me and without her, I would only be half of who I am.

Tell us about your family.

I have a younger brother, Shawn, 12. I also have two dogs, Lucky and Axel.

What are your future goals?

I am setting my goals high at attending a very prestigious college and becoming a doctor in the future. I will definitely continue to skate.

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

I am always very conscious to not step on side walk cracks. :)

My three favorite things are

Cruises, spending time with my family, and shopping with my mom.

Favorite word: *Success*

Least favorite word: *Hate*

What turns me off: *Ignorance*

Favorite quote: *"The three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense." – Thomas Edison*

Favorite book: *: Harry Potter series*

Favorite movie: *"The Pursuit of Happyness"*

Favorite song: *Currently, "Firework" by Katy Perry*

Sound I love: *The edges of my skates grinding into the ice*

Sound I dislike: *Squeaky violin strings*

I would never want to be: *A teacher*

Three words that best describe me: *Hardworking, determined, independent*

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: *Firstly, I would have to have an ice skate because the blade can actually be very useful. Secondly, I would need to have my favorite books to entertain me. Lastly, I would absolutely need to have some Nutella to survive.*

P.S. *Once I start something, I have to finish it. I never give up and leave something half way done.*





VOLUNTEER Movers & Shakers

John Richardson - The "Voice" of the Atlanta FSC

If records were kept for volunteerism like they are for baseball, John Richardson would be considered the Cal Ripken of announcing for Atlanta FSC competitions! John's longevity as Chair of Music and Announcing for the Magnolia Open and Atlanta Open has spanned more than a decade. Although the richness of his voice has propelled him on to regional and sectional appointments with U.S. Figure Skating, John cheerfully returns year after year to man his post up in The Cooler's blue or red music booth. In addition, John has served as secretary for the Atlanta FSC Board of Directors, chaired Ice Dance Weekend, and assisted with many test sessions. For John's continued dedication and service across announcing and other areas, the Atlanta FSC gratefully acknowledges him as our feature volunteer for December.

- Peggy McCarthy



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

I joined the club in October, 1981 when I moved here from Madison, WI where I was a coach and member of the Madison FSC. Because I moved here to work for a costume company in Buckhead, I was hit on to provide wardrobe for ice shows. I also skated and choreographed a few numbers using skaters' mothers who were volunteers in the club as a way of thanking them for their efforts. Back then we still had figures so I began trial judging to become a figure judge, another form of volunteerism.

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

My earliest contributions were costumes and hours spent helping with the huge ice shows the club produced back in the '80's. My first announcing gig was for a Parkaire ISI event. They had no announcer, and someone found me and said "Just go do this; we need a volunteer to take charge." The rest is history. I continued with the USFSA events for the club and announced my first regional in 2000 at The Cooler using announcer's manuals sent by the national chair, the historic Harry Gleason. Success and a sectional appointment have made that area of expertise my primary area of volunteerism. In addition I organized the first Ice Dance Weekend here in Atlanta in 2007 as well as the 2008 and 2009 weekends. I have helped with judges and PSA seminars, and stepping completely outside the box, I baked a cake for the cake walk for the potluck dinner.

Describe your accomplishments and goals as a skater.

Yes, I skate. My goal is to finish the moves in the field tests on the standard track as I have the adult gold test completed. I am currently working on novice moves. For accomplishments: 1996 Adult Silver Men's national champion – big and exciting surprise as I didn't even care to check the marks after skating; 1997 pewter medalist in Adult Silver Pairs with Maria Heckmann in a field of 18 – not bad for old people!; Adult Silver Men's "World Champion" at the first Mountain Cup in Grenoble France in 1999; Adult Silver Pairs "World Silver Medalists" at the same event with Maria Heckmann – quite an exciting week!!!

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

Cuz it's fun! Also being an announcer I get to meet all sorts of folks, and it gives me a sort of minor celebrity status!!! Way cool!!!

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

I have a BA in French and Political Science from Guilford College in Greensboro, NC. I have an advanced linguists degree in Albanian language and cultural studies from the Defense Language Institute, Monterey CA. I never used my degrees after my military service. I trained in Europe with Iris Baker, British ice dance coach for the Swiss National Team and became a coach in 1974 in Madison WI. From a lifetime interest and fascination with historical clothing, I became a theatrical costumer for a theatre company in Madison in 1975 and have continued that line of work ever since, having owned a company in Atlanta called Costume Architects which held a nationally recognized status in the industry for superior theatre and opera wardrobe.

I have a younger sister living in Camden, SC where our dad's family came before the American Revolution. I have a niece and three nephews, and three great nieces, daughters of my niece and her husband. My parents are both gone now. My hobby is model railroading, and my layout is good enough to be invited to be presented each autumn in a public open house by the national organization for modelers.

The most interesting fact: during the Vietnam War I was stationed in Italy as a SPY, doing voice intercept against the Eastern Bloc, mostly Albania. I won a commendation medal for my work in the Yom Kippur war in 1973 intercepting the Soviet airlift of military equipment to the Egyptian military. Very exciting job!!

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Tests Passed

Jan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan

Rachel Sinclair	2	Maurice Davila	20
Susan Johnson		Harry Flair	22
Samantha Reese	3	John Richardson	24
Jean Liang	7	Kamayla Ko	
Fatheia Ahmeda	9	Leon Qiao	
Melissa Rainey		Sonmi Son	
Sky Johnson	11	Korina Shapiro	26
Susan Choe		Jingqian Jiang	28
Sherri Martin	12	Joyce Jiang	29
Parastoo Mashinchi	13	Peggy McCarthey	29
Lily Xie	15	Tinatin Kozmava	30
Nile Ziegler	16		

July, August

MacKenzie Kisella	Intermediate Moves
Laurie Sanii	Willow Waltz
Breanna Voyce	Senior Moves

October

Belen Bricchi	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Drew Bryant	Preliminary Free Skate
Andrea Carrasquilla	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Anne Cole	Preliminary Moves Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Alexa Davila	Preliminary Moves
Grace Elowe	Intermediate Free Skate
Helena Fisher	Juvenile Free Skate
Wendi Hiller	Senior Moves
Tatiana Kozmava	Rocker Foxtrot and Solo American Waltz and Solo
Gloria Lewis	Fiesta Tango
Casey Mallory	Fiesta Tango
Natalie Martin	Preliminary Free Skate
Kayla Moradi	Juvenile Moves
Anna Pittman	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Teara Preston	Juvenile Free Skate
Grace Rathbun	Juvenile Moves
Olivia Shapiro	Juvenile Moves

Feb

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb

Kristen Rausch	1	Tinsley Cohen	12
Olivia Shapiro	2	Cheyenne Conover	16
Julia Kornetzke	4	Alice Qiao	17
Lynette Stewart		Kara Horning	
Frank Amodeo	5	Kristin Hiller	21
Lydia Gokmen	6	Nicole Reed	24
Rahly Osenbaugh		Della Duncan	25
Amy Abernathy	7	Eric Bohnstedt	
Bill Roberts	9	MacKenzie Kisella	27
Emily Haar	11	Maria Son	
Michelle Wise		Emma Hardymon	28
Natalie Mueller	12		

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>
2011 U.S. Junior FS Championships	December 14 -18	Salt Lake FSC, Salt Lake City, UT
Holiday Ice Spectacular	December 18	Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre
NATIONALS ROAD TRIP	January 29	Atlanta FSC
2011 U.S. FS Championships	January 22 - 30	Greensboro FSC. Greensboro, NC
RISE Film Debut	February 17	USFS, Local theaters
2011 Eastern Adult Sectional Championships	February 25 - 27	Pittsburgh FSC, Pittsburgh, PA
Blades in Bama	February 26	Birmingham FSC, Pelham, AL
MAGNOLIA OPEN	March 11 - 13	Atlanta FSC



Happy Holidays!

