



Rink Link

October/November 2015

2015 Annual Twin City Figure Skating Association Recognition Dinner

September 27 ~ hosted by the Braemar City of Lakes FSC

2016 Minnesota State Champions



Left to Right: (seated) Master Intermediate/Novice Ladies - Colleen Bloom, St. Paul FSC;
Intermediate Ladies - Wren Warne-Jacobsen, St Paul FSC; **Pre Juvenile Girls** - Jessica Martinelli, Duluth FSC;
Pre Preliminary Girls - Jessica Robeck, Northern Blades NSC FSC; **Preliminary Girls** - Sydney Dorvil, Braemar City of Lakes FSC
Juvenile Girls - Sunny Choi, Three Rivers FSC; **Novice Ladies**: Diana Zhu, St Paul FSC;
Junior Ladies Michelle Hedges, FSC of Bloomington; **Adult Bronze** - Kathy Hockin, Starlight IDC;

Left to Right: (standing) Adult Gold - Bianca Dickson, St Paul FSC;
Open Pre Juvenile Ladies - Logan Mahoney, FSC of Bloomington; **Open Juvenile Ladies** - Susan Van Amber, New Ulm FSC;
Preliminary Boys - Daniel Borisov, Eden Prairie FSC; **Juvenile Boys** - Jim Wang, St Paul FSC;
Novice Men - Andrew Sena, FSC of Bloomington; **Adult Silver** - Bonnie Goranski, FSC of Bloomington

Not Pictured:

Master Inter/Novice Men - Christopher Williams, FSC of Minneapolis; **Senior Ladies** - Coco Kaminski, Starlight Ice Dance Club;
Master Jr/Sr Ladies - Ari Pressman, St. Paul FSC; **Intermediate Men** - Jonathan Yang, St. Paul FSC

Special Minnesota State Trophies & Presentations



**Wakefield Trophy
St. Paul FSC**
TCFSA Club with the most placement points



Loni Keenan Accepted the Marlys Larson Award
Award Team Braemar Junior Team
highest qualifying competition placement

Lisa Venne presents the **Bette Snuggerud Award** to **Joanna Liu**



Lisa Venne presents the **Jimmy Disbrow Award** to **David Kaufmann**



Minnesota Skating Scholarship Fund
Fund President Lori Rothmund thanked TCFSA for donation.



Bev Arneson was honored for **40 years of Judging!**



The Champion For Skating Award
2015 Winner ~ Mike Itzin

Special recognition of officials:




Janet Carpenter / 50 Year Judging



Jan Mattson/ 40 Year Judging


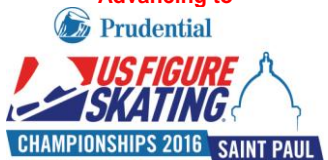
2016 UPPER GREAT LAKES QUALIFYING ROUNDS ~ OCTOBER 4-8, 2015

<p>Novice Ladies Group A Emma Enebak, FSC of Bloomington Nov A - 2 Eva White, St Paul FSC - 7 Kirby Goodman, Starlight IDC - 10 Emma Cobian, FSC of Bloomington - 13</p> <p>Novice Ladies Group B Diana Zhu , St Paul FSC - 1 Madalyn Moree, Starlight IDC 2 Silvia Hucec, FSC of Bloomington - 3 Sydney Ullman, Northern Blades FSC - 6 Gracie Bryant, St Paul FSC - 9 Isabel Garcia, Starlight IDC - 12</p> <p>Novice Ladies Group C Makenna Leik, Northern Blades FSC - 6 Georgia Van Offeren, St Paul FSC -12</p> 	<p>Intermediate Ladies Group A Kylie Gibson Northern Blades FSC - 8 Berit Cummings Lake Minnetonka FSC - 9 Haley Jostes Starlight IDC - 13 Julia Olson Northern Blades FSC - 15</p> <p>Intermediate Ladies Group B Wren Warne-Jacobsen, St. Paul FSC - 2 Amanda Peterson, FSC of Bloomington - 3 Lily Zieg, St Paul FSC - 10 Lucy Mayer, Starlight IDC - 12 Tess Jensen, Starlight IDC - 13</p> <p>Intermediate Ladies Group C Grace Ying, St Paul FSC - 1 Julia Bennett St Paul FSC - 10</p> <p>Intermediate Ladies Group D Sophie Leither Elk River FSC - 4 Alison Neumann, St Paul FSC - 6 Janet Kang, Dakota FSC - 7 Olivia Pope, FSC of Bloomington - 8 Olivia Slack, FSC of Bloomington - 9 Isabelle Chapman Braemar City of Lakes FSC - 11 Sydney Berrier, Starlight IDC - 13</p>	<p>Juvenile Girls Group A Sunny Choi, Three Rivers FSC - 1 Casi Reiser, Northern Blades FSC - 11 Dani Reiser, Northern Blades FSC - 13 McKenna Shoberg, St Paul FSC - 15</p> <p>Juvenile Girls Group B Emma Schroeder, Rochester FSC - 9 Kathleen Martinus, St Paul FSC - 12</p> <p>Juvenile Girls Group C Abbie Symanietz, St Paul FSC - 7 Rea Banerjee, FSC of Bloomington -12 Abigail Magnusson, Lake Minnetonka FSC - 14</p> <p>Juvenile Girls Group D Sophia Chez FSC of Bloomington - 2 Britta Hornbeck Edge FSC - 7 Tyra Schmalzbauer Northern Blaces FSC - 12 Sadie Gibbs St Paul FSC - 14</p>
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2016 UPPER GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

<p>Senior Ladies Joanna Liu (8,8,9) St. Paul FSC</p> <p>Senior Men Ryan Santee (1,2,2) Rochester FSC</p> <p>Junior Ladies Julia Hussian (2,4,3) FSC of Bloomington Juliana Welter (12,8,9) Braemar City of Lakes FSC Riley Shore (9,10,10) St Paul FSC Kelly Medd (15,16,16) Starlight IDC</p> <p>Junior Men Colton Johnson (2,2,2) FSC of Bloomington</p>	<p>Novice Ladies Madalyn Moree (2,4,2) Starlight IDC Silvia Hucec (6,2,3) FSC of Bloomington Diana Zhu (3,7,7) St. Paul FSC Makenna Leik (17,14,15) Northern Blades FSC Sydney Ullman (14,16,16) Northern Blades FSC</p> <p>Novice Men Andrew Sena (2,2,2) FSC of Bloomington David Kaufmann (4,4,4) Rochester FSC</p>	<p>Intermediate Ladies Wren Warne-Jacobsen, St Paul FSC (1, 1,1) Amanda Peterson, FSC of Bloomington (14, 10, 11) Sophie Leither, Elk River FSC (17,15,16) Grace Ying, St Paul FSC (19, 16,18)</p> <p>Intermediate Men Jonathan Yang, St Paul FSC - (2,2,2)</p> <p>Juvenile Girls Sunny Choi, Three Rivers FSC - 2 Sophia Chez, FSC of Bloomington - 9</p> <p>Juvenile Boys Jim Wang, St Paul FSC - 7 Jaden Schwab, St Paul FSC - 8</p>
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QUALIFYING COMPETITION RESULTS

 <p>Nov 17-21, 2015 Cleveland OH</p> <p>Senior Men Ryan Santee(6,7,7) Rochester FSC</p> <p>Junior Men Colton Johnson (7,5,5) FSC of Bloomington</p> <p>Junior Ladies Julia Hussian (14,12,14) FSC of Bloomington</p>	<p>Novice Ladies Silvia Hucec (10,9,9) FSC of Bloomington Madalyn Moree(8,12,11) Starlight IDC</p> <p>Novice Men Andrew Sena (7,11,10) FSC of Bloomington David Kaufmann (11,9,11) Rochester FSC</p> <p>Intermediate Ladies Wren Warne-Jacobsen (1,2,2) St. Paul FSC</p> <p>Intermediate Men Jonathan Yang (3,2,2) St. Paul FSC</p>	<p>Intermediate Pairs Berit Cummings, Lake Minnetonka FSC & Jabe Roberts, Atlanta FSC (3,2,3) Anika Olson & Mitchel Markkanen, Northern Blades NSC FSC (5,4,5)</p> <p>Intermediate Dance Janet Kang, Dakotah FSC & Jabe Roberts, Atlanta FSC (6,5,5) Makenna Leik , Northern Blades NSC FSC & David Kaufmann, Rochester FSC (5,6,6)</p> <p>Juvenile Girls Sunny Choi 10 Three Rivers FSC</p>	<p>Juvenile Pairs Vedanth Jonnalagadda & Samhita Jonnalagadda , Dakotah FSC ~ 5</p> <p>Juvenile Dance Paulina Brykalova/ Daniel Brykalov - St. Paul FSC (3,3,3) Nila Cooper, & Marcellus Krueger , St. Paul FSC (9,10,10) Zige Wang & Jim Wang, St. Paul FSC (15,12,13) Madalyn Moree, Starlight IDC & William Thome, St. Paul FSC (11,14,14) Megan Thomas & Nathan Rothenberger, Dakotah FSC (12,15,15)</p>	<p>Advancing to  January 15-24, 2016 ~ Minnesota</p> <p>Intermediate Ladies Wren Warne-Jacobsen - St. Paul FSC</p> <p>Intermediate Men Jonathan Yang - St. Paul FSC</p> <p>Intermediate Pairs Berit Cummings, Lake Minnetonka FSC & Jabe Roberts, Atlanta FSC</p> <p>Juvenile Dance Paulina Brykalova & Daniel Brykalov, St. Paul FSC</p>
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25 Years of supporting Minnesota Skaters!

2015/2016 Harris Collins Awards

Since 1991, Minnesota Skating Scholarship has awarded over \$200,000 to deserving Minnesota figure skaters in need of financial assistance.

Please Consider Making A Tax-Deductible Contribution Today: We are very grateful to the many skating families, fans, former skaters, coaches, and others who generously help us support Minnesota skaters. The Minnesota Skating Scholarship needs your *tax-deductible* support. Our skaters greatly appreciate and benefit from all donations. Please consider making a gift to remember someone who loved skating. Or consider honoring someone by making a contribution in his or her name to celebrate a special event such as a birthday or holiday or to recognize a personal accomplishment or to just say "thank you." You and your honoree will receive a personal note from us and will be acknowledged in the Twin City Figure Skating Association newsletter. Please contact Herb Morgenthaler at (612) 926-9560 or send a check to Herb at 3851 Beard Ave S., Minneapolis MN 55410-1040.

Harris Collins Awards help skaters whose Home Club is in Minnesota and who are motivated, show promise and love skating, but need financial assistance to continue in our sport. Skaters who fit these guidelines and plan to continue to skate are encouraged to apply for Awards. The Awards are intended for the reimbursement of direct expenses incurred for figure skating education and skill development.

How to Apply for a Harris Collins Award: Please read the qualification requirements carefully:

- Be an USFS member and be an USFS eligible skater,
- Be recommended by an official from his or her Minnesota Home Club,
- Have financial need (with complete supporting data shown on the Application),
- Have passed the USFS Intermediate Free, Bronze Dance, or Intermediate Pair Test by September 1, 2015
- Have competed in USFS qualifying competitions detailed on the form, and
- Have your Application postmarked and mailed to Minnesota Skating Scholarship **by February 4, 2016**

We look forward to considering your Application and being able to further support Minnesota skaters. For further information, please telephone Herb Morgenthaler at (612) 926-9560, Anne Klein at (952) 906-3358, or Janet Carpenter at (952) 935-0814. The 2015/2016 Harris Collins Award Application will be posted on the TCFSA website – www.tcfsa.org.

To make your tax-deductible donation to Minnesota Skating Scholarship, contact Herb Morgenthaler at 612-926-9560 or Herbmn61@usewireless.com ~ or mail to MSS %Herb Morgenthaler, 3851 Beard Ave S, Minneapolis MN 55410

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2015 Marlys Larson Minnesota Gold Scholarship Awards

The Marlys Larson Minnesota Gold Scholarship Award rewards figure skaters whose home club is in Minnesota and who are motivated, dedicated, and have shown perseverance in figure skating and have passed their USFS Gold Free Style Test. The awards are intended for the reimbursement of direct expenses incurred for figure skating, education, and further development. All Minnesota figure skaters who have passed their USFS Gold Free Style test in 2015 are encouraged to apply. The 2015 Marlys Larson Award Application will be posted on the TCFSA website – www.tcfsa.org.



January 15 - 24, 2016

In partnership with the U.S. Figure Skating Association, the Twin City Figure Skating Association, Xcel Energy Center and Visit Saint Paul proudly welcome the 2016 U.S. Figure Skating Championships to Minnesota's capital city!

All-Event Ticket Packages are on sale now!

www.2016uschampionships.com



GOLD ♀ IST ~ Lisa Reimann ~ Roseville FSC

Lisa Reimann passed the Senior FS test on August 7. Lisa is a Junior at Moundsview Senior High and is coached by Rose Esteb. She began skating classes in kindergarten but can still remember her parents bringing her to a pond when she was just a toddler.

Lisa is working towards her fourth Gold Medal in Solo Senior Free Dance and plans to keep involved in skating by coaching.



GOLD ♀ IST ~ Kelly Jiang ~ Northern Blades FSC

Kelly, a Senior at Wayzata High School, passed the Senior FS test in the Spring. She is coached by Karen Olson, Rose Esteb and Peter Biver.

She began skating at the age of 3 and began competing around the age of 8. She is currently working on Freestyle 9 and plans on continuing to skate in college and someday become a coach.

Kelly plans to take a year off to do mission work and then attend the University of Minnesota. She is undecided on her major but is considering psychology, kinesiology, and orthodontology.

Skating has taught Kelly the importance of perseverance and persistence and that our minds are powerful! She has learned that if she truly believes in herself, she can do anything. It's really hard to beat someone who never quits!



GRADUATING SENIORS PROGRAM

Several years ago, U.S. Figure Skating launched its Graduating Seniors Program to recognize the achievements of those individuals graduating from high school who continued their training in figure skating while pursuing their academic studies.

The purpose of this program is to honor and credit those qualified graduates for their achievements during high school through the presentation of a certificate to the skater during a school function or recognition opportunity. Recognition is proudly awarded on behalf of the U.S. Figure Skating Program Development Committee to those high school graduates who meet the necessary application criteria.

High school graduates who apply by March 1st and meet the required criteria are awarded certificates based on their highest skating achievements during high school as noted on their online application.

The program's structure features an online application, specific application criterion and an award program that is now divided into four level designations: platinum, gold, silver and bronze. The specific level designation is awarded to the applicant based upon their highest verified test achievement or competitive accomplishment according to the following measures:

2016 GRADUATING SENIORS PROGRAM CERTIFICATE LEVEL CRITERIA

PLATINUM LEVEL:

International competitor in singles, pairs, ice dancing, synchronized skating

U.S. Championships competitor in singles, pairs, ice dancing at the novice, junior, senior levels

U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships competitor at the novice, junior, senior levels

GOLD LEVEL:

U.S. Championships competitor in singles, pairs, ice dancing at the juvenile or intermediate level*

*(*Formally the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships)*

Sectional championships competitor in singles at the novice level or above

U.S. Synchronized Championships competitor at the intermediate level

Gold medalist in free skate, pairs, ice dancing and/or moves in the field

SILVER LEVEL:

Nation's Cup Theatre On Ice competitor

Sectional competitor in pairs, ice dancing, synchronized skating at the intermediate level or above

Regional championships competitor

Dance tests passed at the silver through pre-gold levels

Free skate, pairs, moves-in-the-field tests passed at the juvenile through junior levels

BRONZE LEVEL:

National Showcase competitor

National Theatre On Ice competitor

National Solo Dance Series Championships Competitor

Dance tests passed at the preliminary through pre-silver levels

Free skate, pairs, moves-in-the-field tests passed at the pre-preliminary through pre-juvenile levels

In late spring, following the application review process, a congratulatory letter, award certificate and lapel pin (in corresponding level medal color) are sent to the applicant. The intent of this is to not only recognize the skater for their accomplishments in skating, but to also have the award materials presented to the skater in front of their peers during a school function or recognition opportunity such as senior award night, athletic awards banquet, special honors program or graduation ceremony.

The Graduating Seniors Program Award helps to bridge the gap from high school to college and gives skaters a sense of pride for what they have achieved throughout their high school career. Aside from the personal satisfaction and peer recognition stemming from being an awardee in the 2016 Graduating Seniors Program, many applicants also choose to list this accolade on their collegiate applications and resumes. If you are interested in listing this award distinction on your college applications, contact [Gia Witmer](#).

The feedback received from skaters, parents and figure skating clubs in regards to the program has been all positive.