

THE BLADE



Congratulations to **Bella Golomb** and **Skylar Weirens** for qualifying for the US Figure Skating Championships in Detroit, Michigan where they earned 6th place in Free Dance and 10th place finish overall in Juvenile Dance at their 1st Nationals!

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NSC Figure Skating Club

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Save the Date

Northern Blades Champions Clinic

Northern Blades invites all members to a free skating clinic! The clinic will be run by **Janet Champion & Damon Allen** from the Broadmoor World Arena in Colorado Springs, CO. More information to come!



Quadruple Gold Medalist



Makenna Leik
Gold Dance Test





SKATERS SECTION



New Member Spotlight



Isabel Cheng

Age: 10

School: Maple Grove

Fun Fact: Isabel likes dance, tennis & reading

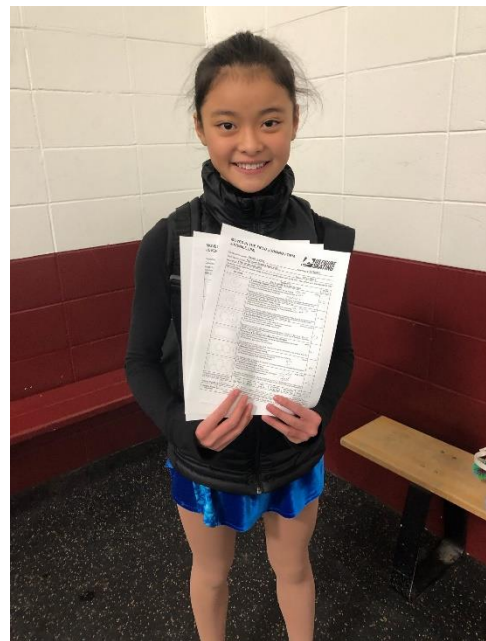


Mari Castilleja

Age: 11

School: St. Odilia School

Fun Fact: Always up to new adventures



Lydia Heyn

Age: 13 Years Old

School: 7th Grade, Homeschool

Fun Fact: She loves dogs, is a very talented artist, & loves to shoot her BB gun





SKATERS SECTION ★

New Member Spotlight



Siena Tao

Age: 12

School: Maple Grove

Fun Fact: Siena likes drawing, reading & tennis



Mallory Stanchfield

Age: 10

School: Mora Elementary

Fun Fact: Mallory broke her arm when she was 3 at the lumberjack show at our local county fair. She was able to go to the same one at the State Fair that year, and they made her a chair and told the story of the "broken arm."

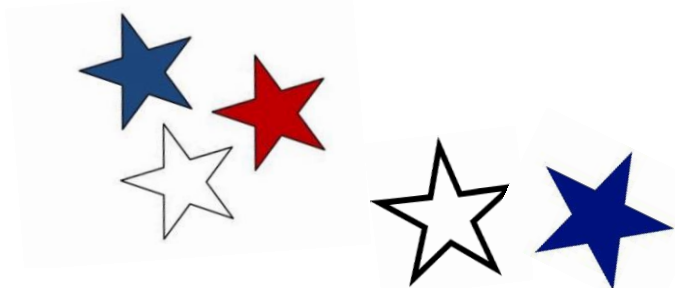


Cora Severson

Age: 9

School: Turtle Lake Elementary

Fun Fact: Has 4 sisters and loves skiing





SKATERS SECTION



New Member Spotlight



Age: 9 **Audrey Lee**

School: Turtle Lake

Fun Fact: Audrey has 2 sisters and a brother all of them know how to skate either figure or hockey

Not Pictured

Allison Zhang, Age 9, 4th Grade

Nathan Ledwith, Age 10, 5th Grade



Jr Board Spotlight

MaKayla Dostal

My name is MaKayla Dostal. I have been skating for over 5 years. I am 13 years old and in 8th grade at Roosevelt Middle School in Blaine. I have three brothers and two dogs. My mom took me skating a few times when I was little and I fell in love with it. I begged to take lessons and she put me in Learn to Skate at the Schwan Super Rink. After a year, Coach Maria talked to me about competing and I loved my first competition, Frosty Blades. I joined the Northern Blades NSC FSC so that I could compete at Rising Stars. I now compete at the Preliminary Level and have passed Freestyle 6 & Pre-Juvenile Moves. My coaches are Karen Olson and Rodrigo Menendez. My favorite skating memories are from our annual Ice Show and this year will be my 6th time skating in it! Outside of skating, I enjoy spending time with my friends, reading, drawing, and learning make-up techniques. I decided to join the Junior Board because I wanted to help create camaraderie within our club and plan fun events. I hope to see the Junior Board grow and get more involvement from other skaters in the future.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following skaters!

Gold Medalist

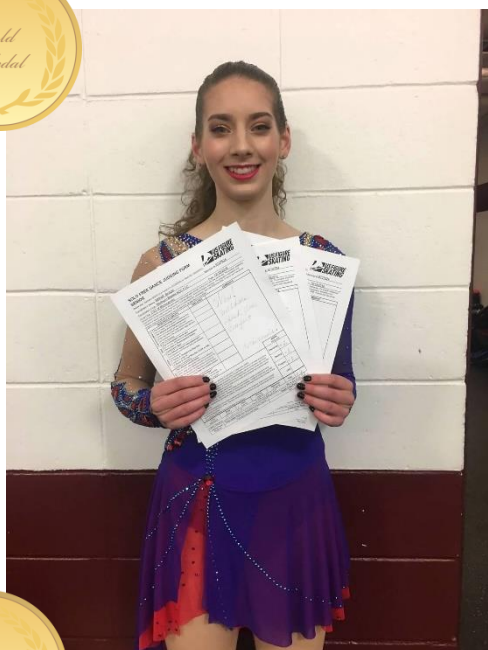


*Ava Privratsky
Senior Moves in the Field*



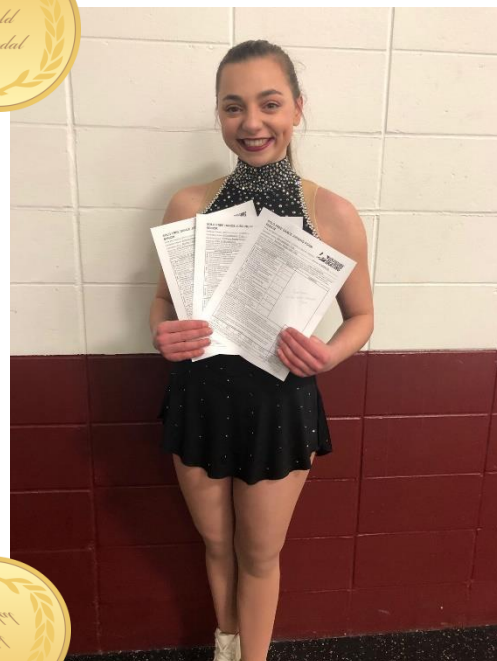
*Katelyn Lawrence
Senior Moves in the Field*

Double Gold Medalist



*Bridget McNeff
Senior Solo Free Dance*

Double Gold Medalist



*Tyra Schmalzbauer
Senior Solo Free Dance*

TESTING

Tests Passed Since Summer issue of The Blade Published

Gabriella Boman

Preliminary Moves in the Field

Isabel Cheng

Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field

Claire Cotton

Novice Moves in the Field

Erin Darang

Intermediate Free Skate

Intermediate Moves in the Field

Juvenile Free Skate

Alaina Fish

Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field

Preliminary Free Skate

JoJo Fitzel

Intermediate Free Skate

Isabella Giacomini

Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field

Preliminary Free Skate

Emily Giese

Juvenile Free Skate

Bella Golomb

Juvenile Free Skate

Maggie Harris

Preliminary Moves in the Field

Lydia Heyen

Juvenile Moves in the Field

Pre-Silver Dance Test

Katelyn Lawrence

Senior Moves in the Field

Makenna Leik

Gold Dance Test

Samantha Mattson

Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field

Bridget McNeff

Senior Solo Free Dance

Emily Miller

Novice Free Skate

Megan Nicholls

Juvenile Free Skate

Pre-Juvenile Free Skate

Taylor Nicholls

Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field

Ava Privratsky

Senior Moves in the Field

Katalina Pugh

Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field

Tyra Schmalzbauer

Senior Solo Free Dance

Paige Schumacher

Preliminary Moves in the Field

Cassie Spartz

Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field

Coryna Stanchfield

Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field
Preliminary Free Skate

Siena Tao

Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field

Aleksa Uhde

Pre-Preliminary Free Skate

Ella Uhde

Pre-Juvenile Free Skate

Sydney Ullman

Pre-Silver Dance Test

Selina Wang

Juvenile Free Skate

Skylar Weirens

Juvenile Free Skate

Lilian Werdel

Preliminary Free Skate

Allison Zhang

Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field


Pre-Preliminary Free Skate

Amy Zhang

Juvenile Free Skate

Juvenile Moves in the Field

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September	October	November
Bella Golomb (9/6)	Madison Staggert (10/7)	Lilian Werdel (11/1)
Charlotte Herrick (9/14)	Alison Bird (10/11)	Audrey Anderson (11/5)
Olivia Rowe (9/18)	JoJo Fitzel (10/11)	Kylie Gibson (11/5)
Ava Privratsky (9/20)	Sidney Green (10/12)	Lydia Heyen (11/15)
Alaina Fish (9/27)	Gemma Kaufman (10/15)	Chelsey Henry (11/7)
Katelyn Lawrence (9/29)	Taylor Nicholls (10/15)	Rachel Pietsch
Emma Anderson (9/30)	Hannah Beck (10/23)	Aleksa Uhde (11/14)
	Emily Miller (10/24)	Sydney Brannick (11/15)
	Kassidy Miller (10/28)	Ruby Werdel (11/16)
	Delaney Sieber (10/29)	Landry Fast 11/19
	Lexie DeVries (10/30)	Cassie Spartz (11/26)
		Charlotte Hemmila (11/28)

December	January
Briana Odell (12/2)	Lori Giese (1/8)
Denise McNeff (12/7)	Erin Darang (1/12)
Erica Kolstad (12/12)	Gabriella Boman (1/16)
Olivia Romo (12/16)	Makenna Leik (1/16)
Claire Cotton (12/20)	Emily Bruesehoff (1/23)
Lily Engelke (12/23)	Kelly Gibbs (1/25)
Cora Severson (12/23)	Mallory Stanchfield (1/26)
	Ava Hartvigsen (1/31)





Date	Event
2/1 – 2/3	Frosty Blades Competition
2/17	Applications for Francesca Hope and Dreams Scholarship Due
2/24	Northern Blades Champions Clinic 8 AM
2/24	February Northern Blades Exhibition
3/16	March Northern Blades Exhibition
4/13	April Northern Blades Exhibition
4/15	January – April Pictures due on Shutterfly Site

Francesca Hope & Dreams Scholarship

Northern Blades skaters in grades 9 – 12 or Collegiate members are eligible to apply for the Francesca Hop & Dreams Scholarship.

The goals of the scholarship are:

- To promote the continued education of Northern Blades NSC skaters.
- To give more skaters the opportunity to apply for the scholarship over an increased number of years.
- To make the scholarship available to skaters at any skating level.
- To promote the Northern Blades NSC Figure Skating Club name through meeting a community service requirement.
- To encourage the continued active involvement of collegiate members in the Northern Blades Club.
- To strengthen the scholarship process and provide an opportunity to extend the scholarship beyond the original 5-year commitment.
- To promote the opportunity to fund the scholarship through tax deductible donations.

For more information refer to the 12/19/18 email from Tania Uhde or 1/22/19 Facebook update on the Club Facebook page.

Board Member Spotlight

April Gibbs



I am the treasurer for the Northern Blades figure skating club. I am a wife and a mother of 3 girls. Ages 16, 13 and 11. I work full time as a CMA for Fairview. We have a busy house full of family, friends, a dog and 3 cats. There is hardly ever a dull moment! My daughter, Kelly, age 13, is the figure skater in the family. She started off skating at age 8 in Forest Lake in their learn to skate program, but it was only offered part of the year. She enjoyed it so much she wanted to do it year round, so we had to explore other options for lessons for her. We decided to give Schwan Super Rink a try, and she loves it! She decided to join the Northern Blades club a little over 1 year ago. Skating can be such an individual sport. Being in the club has brought her closer to her skating friends. It is neat to see how talented these kids are. I love watching them all progress in their skating journey.



2018-2019 Officers & Board Members

President	Molly Fitzel
Vice President/ Sanctions	Jane Schaber
Secretary	Tania Uhde
Treasurer	April Gibbs
Test Chairs	Mel Berghuis Mellissa Giacomini Lori Giese
SafeSport Chair	Molly Fitzel
Competition Chairs	Molly Fitzel Rachel Harris
Junior Board Advisor	Rachel Harris
Fundraising	Open
Hospitality	Charity Stanchfield
Membership	Tania Uhde

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