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## Message from the President

### The Different Facets of Figure Skating



U. S. Figure Skating (USFS), the Professional Skaters Association (PSA) and the Ice Skating Institute (ISI) recognize and support each other's role in the development of figure and recreational skating in the United States. U. S. Figure Skating is the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport as designated by the U.S. Olympic Committee, meaning the rules of the sport. The PSA is the organization of teaching and performing skating professionals, which provides and promotes the education and certification of figure skating coaches. The ISI is the organization of ice rink owners, operators, instructors, participants, builders and suppliers which supports the development and operation of ice rinks and provides and also promotes recreational ice skating programs in the US.

Perspective must be maintained for the relative roles of each of the three major groups in figure skating. They are organized separately for good reasons and we need to be aware of the individual goals and relationships. TFSC is a USFS sanctioned figure skating club. It represents its members to the USFS. The rink is owned by a separate group and their goal is to make some money in the business of rink operation. Their national group is ISI. Their professional standards group is the PSA. Their employment comes from the Director of Skating at the rink. Their revenue is generated by tending to the needs of the skating members of the club as well as the general public skaters at the rink. They ultimately take direction from

the rink. PSA developed an Official Rating System for member coaches who want to validate their skating and teaching experience. Ratings are an assurance to clubs, rinks, skaters, parents and the general public that the coach is technically qualified to instruct at the level in which they are rated regardless of background and skating achievement. Ratings are given at increasing levels of Registered, Certified, Senior and Master. The effort required to achieve each progressive level is measurably more difficult and demanding. After a rating is earned, the coach must take a mandatory number of educational credits to maintain it.

The USFS officials (the judges, referees, accountants and technical crews) work very hard for their appointments and are greatly admired and respected for their achievements. The Board of Governors of TFSC has the same level of respect for the work of the PSA members. USFS has redoubled its efforts to support the programs of PSA and its coaches in improving the quality of coaching in the U.S. I think it is important to recognize those coaches who show the commitment and dedication to the sport of figure skating for the benefit of all figure skaters.

There is a new member involved in skating in Tulsa and that is the BOK Center. This year BOK Center hosted an outdoor rink as part of their "Winterfest" event. Winterfest concluded with "Skate Day" on February 14, 2009 and skaters performed exhibitions not all of whom were members of the Tulsa

FSC. Winterfest and Skate Day were events organized and operated by BOK, not by Tulsa FSC. We should all be thrilled at the success of these events because they promoted the sport and allowed Tulsa skaters to shine while demonstrating the public demand for ice sports in Tulsa. Before skate day was half over, 3500 people attended, the supply of skates was exhausted and there was a two hour wait to skate. Tulsa FSC would welcome an invitation to be more involved in similar BOK skating events in the future.

The Tulsa Figure Skating Club is managed by a Board of Governors and has been in existence in Tulsa for over 70 years. The Board consists of members who were elected by the membership and serve in a volunteer capacity giving time, effort and often personal funds for the betterment of the Tulsa skating community. Tulsa FSC is responsible for testing, club ice, social functions, education, competitions, community relations and the operations of the club. The club conducts fundraisers from time to time to support club activities. The sponsorship program serves a dual function-fundraising and community involvement in the sport of figure skating. The Tulsa FSC board welcomes your suggestions to benefit the skating community and promote a positive experience for all skaters.

*Jennifer DeAngelis, President*

*John Martens, Treasurer*

# TFSC Academic Achievements

## Club Members Make First Semester Honor Roll



Jessica Barber,  
7th grade, Thoreau  
Honor Roll  
Also took ACT as part  
of Duke university TIP



Madeleine Marshall,  
9th grade, Cascia Hall  
Gold Honor Roll



Abby Fain  
Liberty Elementary,  
Broken Arrow  
Honor Roll



Alexandria Sipes  
Cascia Hall  
Silver Honor Roll



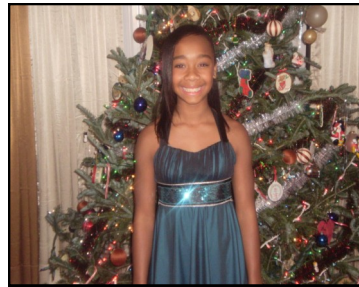
Kelsey Bedore  
Bixby Middle School  
Honor Roll



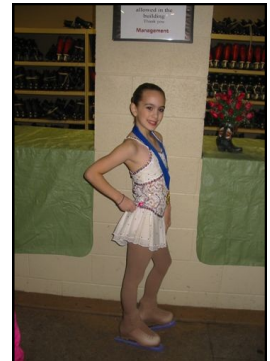
Claire Wood  
Cascia Hall  
Silver Honor Roll



Katelyn Karnuth  
11th grade  
Augustine Christian  
Academy  
Honor Roll—Summa cum  
Laude



Meagan Potts  
Memorial High School  
Honor Roll / 4.0 Fall Semester



Samantha Overton,  
5th grade  
Oak Crest Elementary  
Honor Roll  
Won School  
Geography Bee and  
was finalist in Spelling  
Bee.



Amber Base  
11th grade  
Broken Arrow High School  
& Tulsa Tech  
Honor Roll  
Was inducted into National  
Honor Society on Feb. 19



Brittany Schmucker  
Cascia Hall  
Gold Honor Roll

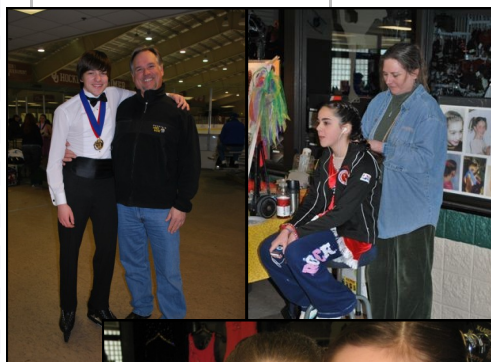
## Sooner State Games 2009 ~ RESULTS

	Compulsory	Free Skate	Short Prog	Artistic	Footwork	Spins
Alexandria Sipes					1	2
Amanda Stephens		2				2
Amber Base		1				1
Angie Simants	1	1		4		
Annika Reetz	3	2				
April Brinson	4	1				
Bailey Slane	2	4		3		2
Brittany Schmucker					1	1
Brooke Rogers					2	
Brooklyn Branch	3	3				2
Carly Rooks	2	2				
Claire Wood					2	1
Cory Tate-Sullivan					1	
Danika Burton		2	1			
Elizabeth Robinson		2			1	3
Ellie Gilbreath	3	2				
Emily Enterline	3	3				
Faith Bilbruck	2	3				
Garrett Jensen						
Hope Kelley	2	2				
Jamie Rooks		3				1
Jillian Good		2 - TIE		3		
Jillian Masters		2				2
Jordan Jonckowski	2	3-TIE				2
Kailyn Merchant	1	2		1		
Katelyn Karnuth	1	1				1
Katherine DeAngelis	2					4
Katie Smith		3		2		
Katy Palmer	1	1				1
Kelsey Bedore	2	3				1
Laurel Newhouse	2	1		1		
Lauren Hendrickson	4	3		2		
Laurene Smith	1	2 - TIE				
Lillian Swearingen	2	1				
Madeline Marshall	2	4				3
Madison Jensen	3					1
Makensie Barrett		3		3		
Mary Joyce	2	3				
Meagan Tharp		1		2		
Mia Provenzano	3	2				
Michelle Han		2	2			2
Nicole Han		1	3			3
Paige Westmoreland					2	1
Paige Wheeler		1	1			
Peyton Lissau	3	3		1		2
Riley Phipps	2	1 - TIE				
Rozina Taguchi	1					
Samantha Overton	1	1		4		
Stephen Brower					1	
Taylor Jonckowski	1	3				3
Violet Brinson	1	1				

# Sooner State Games 2009 ~ RESULTS

DANCE:	Hickory Hoedown	Compulsory	Free Dance	Foxtrot	Tango
Alexandria Sipes		1		1	
Brittany Schmucker					1
Brooke Rogers	1				
Claire Wood				1	
Cory Tate-Sullivan		2	1		
Garrett Jensen	3	1	1		
Katherine DeAngelis	2	1	1		
Stephen Brower		1		2	

TEAM ENTERTAINMENT:	
Team Tulsa	
BRONZE - 1st Place	GOLD - 1st Place
April Brinson	Amber Base
Violet Brinson	Brooklym Branch
Garrett Jensen	Danika Burton
Madison Jensen	Linda Cuccio
Hope Kelley	Katherine DeAngelis
Peyton Lissau	Kate-Lynn Duethman
Kailyn Merchant	Christina McHargue
Samantha Overton	Meagan Potts
Annika Reetz	Angie Simants
Elizabeth Robinson	Alexandria Sipes
Rozina Taguchi	Ashley Young
Meagan Tharp	



Pictured from top right: Katie Smith, Katy Palmer & Kelsey Bedore, Samantha Overton, Team Tulsa Gold, Peyton Lissau & Jordan Jonckowski, Brittany Schmucker & Bailey Slane, Alexandria Sipes & Danika Burton, Katherine DeAngelis, Brooklyn Branch, Amanda Stephens & Kelsey Bedore, Stephen Brower.

# Sooner State Games 2009

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Lady in Red Creations	

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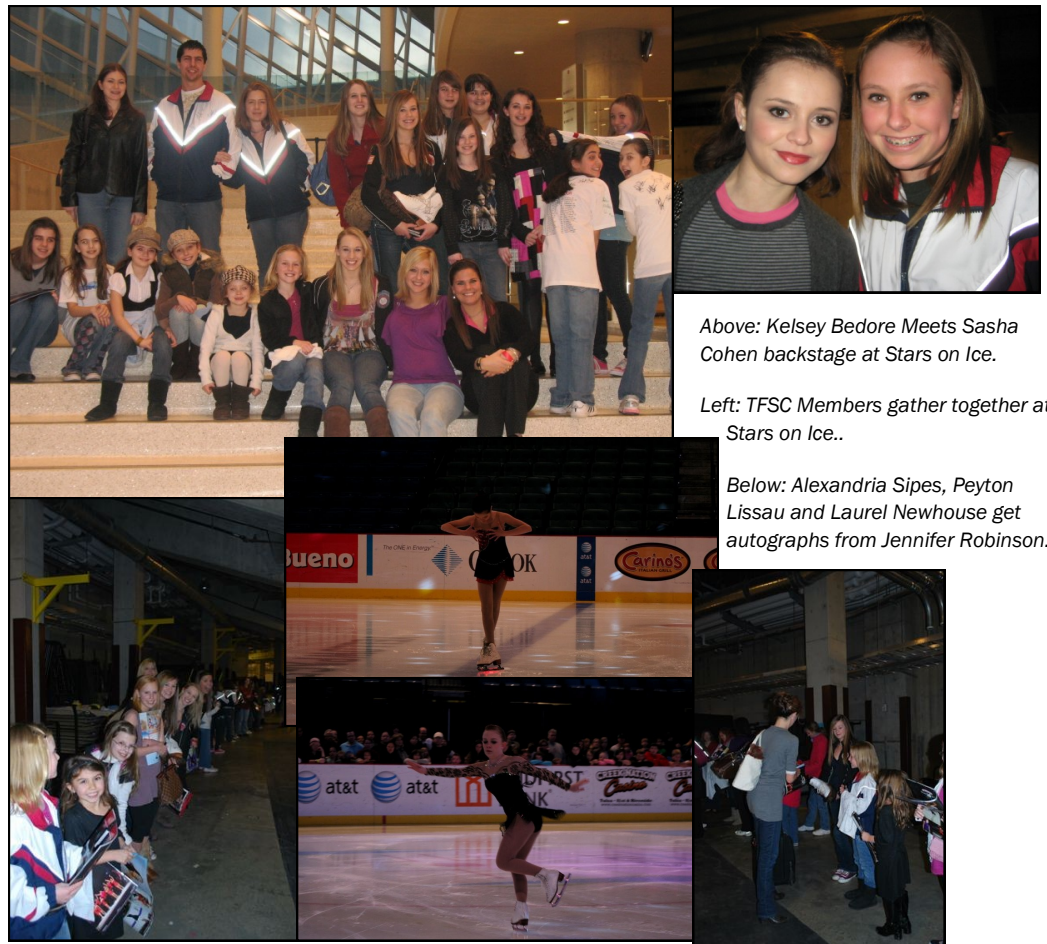
TFSC wishes Jack Vest, TFSC member and long-time supporter of the Club, a fast recovery from his recent fall. Our thoughts are with you.

# TFSC Members Meet Top Skaters at Stars On Ice

Smucker's Stars on Ice tour came to Tulsa's BOK Center for a spectacular show on February 15, 2009. Several TFSC members enjoyed a special opportunity to meet with the celebrity skaters backstage after the show, putting many of the skaters face-to-face with their long-admired idols.

Though not organized by TFSC, several TFSC members skated exhibitions on Saturday, February 14. Skating before hundreds of people who had come for the BOK Skate Event, the exhibitions brought high visibility to the Club and figure skating as a sport.

*Right: TFSC members line up after Stars on Ice to meet with celebrity skaters. Above Center: East McMillan skates during the Exhibition. Below Center: Bailey Slane skates during the Exhibition.*



Above: Kelsey Bedore Meets Sasha Cohen backstage at Stars on Ice.

Left: TFSC Members gather together at Stars on Ice..

Below: Alexandria Sipes, Peyton Lissau and Laurel Newhouse get autographs from Jennifer Robinson.

## Upcoming 2009 Competitions

Mark your calendars for these upcoming competitions:

<b>Skate Kansas City</b>	April 2-5, 2009	Ice Sports KC	Shawnee, KS
<b>Skate Dallas</b>	April 24-26, 2009	Polar Ice Star Center	Dallas, TX
<b>Spring Spectacular</b>	May 9, 2009	Oilers Ice Center	Tulsa, OK
<b>Wichita Mid-Continent Invitational</b>	June 13-14, 2009	Wichita Ice Center	Wichita, KS
<b>Broadmoor Open</b>	June 24-28, 2009	World Arena	Colorado Springs, CO
<b>Cannon Texas Open</b>	July 10-12, 2009	Dr. Pepper StarCenter	Dallas, TX
<b>State Games of America</b>	July 30–August 2, 2009	Colorado Springs World Arena	Colorado Springs, CO

Snapshots from....

February 14, 2009

## 2009 Friendship Skate TFSC Celebrates Valentines' Day with Friends & Fun



### **TFSC Skaters Show Artistic Talent Off-Ice**

Lily Swearingen, Katherine DeAngelis and Kara Grace Mirando had their artwork selected to be displayed at the Gilcrease Museum through March 1, 2009. Congratulations to each of them on this special accomplishment.

**Local Laurels**  
**January**  
**2009**



*Congratulations to the following skaters:*

**Senior Moves**

- Ashley Higgs
- East McMillan
- Claire Wood

**Junior Moves**

- Danika Burton

**Intermediate Moves**

- Abigail Fain

**Pre-Juvenile Moves**

- Kaitlyn Palmer

**NEXT TEST SESSIONS:**

- Saturday, March 7
- 7:00 am—10:30 am
- Saturday, April 18
- 2:15 pm—4:45 pm



*Above: East McMillan and Claire Wood at the January Test Session.*

**Spring Fundraiser**



The Spring Fundraiser will be from March 7th - March 28th. (Cards will be delivered weekly through April 4th). The Spring fundraiser allows you to make money for your skater account and the club. The club uses the money to bring in coaching seminars and have parties during club ice. Half of the profits go directly into your skating account and are available for such items as coaching fees, ice time or even competition fees.

This year, instead of live plants, we will be selling gift cards to Sanders Nursery. Sanders Nursery and Distribution Center is one of Oklahoma's largest and most respected nurseries. We are offering two types of cards. \$25.00 gift card or a \$10.00 gift card. The cost of the \$25.00 card will only be \$20.00 so that is real a bargain for your customers. With the gift cards the customers will be able to buy directly from the Nursery and choose the exact plants and colors they want. They will also not be limited to the delivery date of the plants.

Sanders spring flowers flats are around \$15.00 and their hanging baskets are around \$12.00.

Sanders Nursery has two locations:

Broken Arrow Nursery Address:  
20705 E. 161st St.  
(918) 486-1500  
(4-1/2 miles south of Creek Turnpike off 193rd E. Ave.)

Inola Address:  
13302 E. 590 Road  
(918) 543-2589  
(Just over the River on 412)

Another coming opportunity to make some money is by selling your used dresses and skates. We offer a used dress/equipment event yearly during the Spring Spectacular competition. Look for packets on the club bulletin board, coming soon. The way this works is you get to name the price for the dress. The club gets a small percentage of the sales and you get the rest.



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GOLD



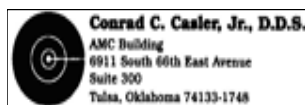
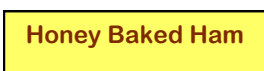
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