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## Coaches in Our Sport

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. The coaches offer a real challenge. 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. The club needs the co-operation of the rink and the coaches, but it clearly has its own self-interest to support USFS.

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 first step before a Rating is to pass the Basic Accreditation (BA) exam. After passing the BA exam, the coach can then apply for the ratings exams. Kim Borgos reports the following ratings held by staff at our rink: Boyko Alexiev – BA; Jane Wilson – BA; Gretchen Bashforth– BA and Certified Sports Science; Phyllis Hudson– BA, Senior Sports Science and Registered Freeskate; and Kim Borgos– BA and Master Sports Science.

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



John Martens  
President, TFSC

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.

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## Tulsa Figure Skating Club Welcomes New and Renewing Sponsors

Tulsa Figure Skating Club welcomes our new Gold (\$1,000) sponsor, Too Much Fun Key West Vacation planning. Visit [TOOMUCHFUNKEYWEST.com](http://TOOMUCHFUNKEYWEST.com) to find out more about their vacation packages. We would also like to thank renewing bronze



Skater, Stephanie McKay, with her Mom-Interior Designer Jan McKay, and the rest of the Ethan Allen Design team.



(\$250) sponsor: Ethan Allen Home Interiors/Jan McKay, Interior Designer. Ethan Allen is located at 6006 South Sheridan. Hours of operation are 10-6 Monday through Saturday and 1-5 Sundays. Stop by and see Jan for your home furnishing and interior design needs.

Prospective sponsors can choose to participate with us at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze level with annual funds of \$2,500, \$1000, \$500, or \$250 respectively. The main benefit to the sponsor is in the form of advertising and name recognition. Twenty percent of the sponsor money solicited by a skater is deposited into that skater's individual account and managed by the club treasurer. You can use that money to help defray personal skating costs such as coaching fees, ice time, equipment costs, competition fees, etc... If you would like to approach a potential sponsor, contact Judy Banner at [judy@tulsafsc.com](mailto:judy@tulsafsc.com) for a packet.

We welcome our new and renewing sponsors and thank you for your support. See page 8 for a complete listing of current club sponsors.

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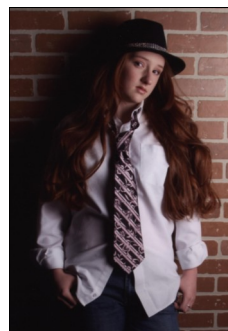
Jan McKay would like to thank club members who sent cards, flowers, food and well wishes after her recent hip replacement surgery. Her recovery is going well.



## Club Members in the Spotlight



**Amanda Sowell**, honor student at Riverfield Country Day School, played the lead role of "Alice" in the January 2008 production of the play Through the Looking Glass at Riverfield Country Day School.



**Paige Westmoreland**, honor student at Thoreau Demonstration Academy qualified and attended Technology Student Association Nationals in Nashville. With 5,000 students participating, Paige finished 5th in the Technology Writing Challenge and 11th in Digital Photography!



Cascia Hall 8th grade honor students, **Alexandria Sipes**, **Madeleine Marshall**, & **Claire Wood** are members of the Cygnet Society of the Tulsa Ballet. The Cygnet Society is an educational outreach for eighth grade girls. The program is designed to offer interested young ladies the privilege of experiencing an insiders view of the art while building confidence, making new friends and instilling a lifelong appreciation of the ballet.

**Hope Wheeler** recently received the following USFS Judging appointments: Regional Singles & Pairs Referee and Regional Dance Referee.

The TFSC is proud of your hard work and accomplishments.



# TFSC Members Making Their School Honor Roll

## Skaters with a **STRAIGHT A AVERAGE** Fall Semester of the 2007-2008 School Year

**Megan Banner** - 7th grade at Jenks Middle School, **Jessica Barber** - 6th Grade at Thoreau Middle School, **Kate Goodwin** - 5th grade at Riverfield Country Day School, **Brittany Guevara** - 4th grade at Calvert School ATS Program for homeschoolers. Brittany trains in Colorado Springs. **Michelle Han** - 6th grade at Cascia Hall, **Nicole Han** - 4th Grade at Monte Cassino, **Madison Keitges** - 4th Grade at Baylor Elementary in Owasso, **Payton Keitges** - Owasso 6th Grade Center gifted/talented program, **Madeleine Marshall** - 8th grade at Cascia Hall, **Hannah Richardson** - 6th grade Claremore Central Upper Elementary (no picture available). **Nicole Richardson** - Freshman at Claremore High School (no picture available). **Brittany Schmucker** - Freshman at Cascia Hall, **Amanda Sowell** - 6th grade at Riverfield Country Day School, **Paige Westmoreland** - Freshman at Thoreau Demonstration Academy.



**Megan Banner**



**Jessica Barber**



**Kate Goodwin**



**Brittany Guevara**



**Michelle Han**



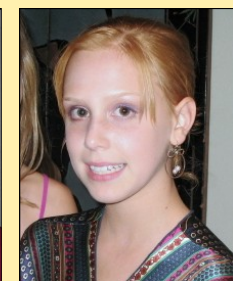
**Nicole Han**



**Madison Keitges**



**Payton Keitges**



**Madeleine Marshall**



**Brittany Schmucker**



**Amanda Sowell**



**Paige Westmoreland**

Other skaters making their school honor roll include: **Danika Burton** - 7th Grade at Jenks Middle School, **Abby Fain** - 4th Grade at Liberty Elementary, **Brooke Rogers** - 5th Grade at Moore Elementary. **Stephanie McKay** - Union 8th grade Center, **Alexandria Sipes** - 8th grade at Cascia Hall, **Paige Wheeler** - Junior at Cascia Hall, **Claire Wood** - 8th grade at Cascia Hall.



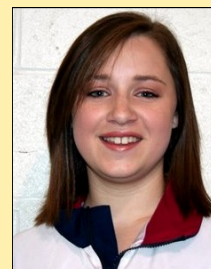
**Danika Burton**



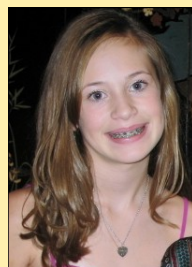
**Abby Fain**



**Brooke Rogers**



**Stephanie McKay**



**Alexandria Sipes**



**Paige Wheeler**



**Claire Wood**

**The Tulsa Figure Skating Club  
congratulates you all on  
your academic success.**

# 2008 U.S. Junior Championships

11/26/07 - 12/1/07 Salt Lake City, Utah

The dance teams of **Brittany Schmucker & Charles Meadows** and **Alexandria Sipes & Stephen Brower** with coach, **Kim Borgos** represented the Tulsa Figure Skating Club at the 2008 U.S. Junior Championships! (pictured at right with club President and Vice-President, John Martens and Mary Anne McGivern)



**Results:**

**Juvenile Dance Qualifying Round Group A** (teams in event - 16)  
8th place - Brittany Schmucker & Charles Meadows

**Juvenile Dance Qualifying Round Group B** (teams in event - 17)  
11th place - Alexandria Sipes & Stephen Brower

**Juvenile Dance Final Round** (teams in event - 18)  
15th place - Brittany Schmucker & Charles Meadows



Brittany Schmucker & Charles Meadows



Alexandria Sipes & Stephen Brower

## Thank You

We would like to thank the Tulsa Figure Skating Club for their generous support. A big thank you to John and Mary Anne for making the trip with us. We are very grateful for the time we spent with you in Salt Lake City. We would also like to thank Diane Wood for organizing the press conference and party before we left. It was an honor to represent the Tulsa Figure Skating Club and we couldn't have done it without your well wishes and support.

Alexandria Sipes & Stephen Brower  
Brittany Schmucker & Charles Meadows  
Kim Borgos

## Hold The Dates... July 25, 26, & 27, 2008 For The Inaugural Skate Oklahoma!

With the lack of venue in Tulsa for the continuation of Skate Tulsa, the search was on for a suitable location and event. In conjunction with the Oklahoma City FSC and the Artic Edge Arena in Edmond, OK, we were able to relaunch the competition and call it Skate Oklahoma. *Jennifer DeAngelis and Mary Anne McGivern* are the Co-Chairs for the competition. More information will follow as it develops. Please check the [www.tulsafsc.com](http://www.tulsafsc.com) website for details.

# Holiday Showcase and Club Holiday Party December 15, 2007 - Oilers Ice Center

To view more pictures go to <http://picasaweb.google.com/Kevin.Slane/Christmas2007> and  
<http://picasaweb.google.com/bannershots/HolidayShowcase>



## Club News & Events

### Tulsa Figure Skating Club to Host 2008 Sooner State Games

March 1-2, 2008 at the Tulsa Civic Center  
Entry Forms Available at [www.tulsafsc.com](http://www.tulsafsc.com)

#### Publicity

Please contact **Diane Wood** at 269-4462 if you would like to help with publicity for Sooner State Games. Let Diane know if you would like to help with posters for your school, church, or other location to announce Sooner State Games. We will have a press room at the competition with refreshments to accommodate local media who wish to cover the events.

#### Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for Sooner State Games to serve as runners, work the registration desk, work the practice ice desk, ice monitors, etc... *Runners need to be 10 years of age or older.* If you would like to help, please contact **Jennifer DeAngelis** at [jdeangelis@brewsterlaw.com](mailto:jdeangelis@brewsterlaw.com) or **Amie Jonckowski** at [threegirlsandaguy@yahoo.com](mailto:threegirlsandaguy@yahoo.com)

#### Get Your Dresses Ready!

Tulsa FSC will host a dress round-up during Sooner State Games. Sales information packets will be available the first week of February by the bulletin board at the Oilers Ice Rink. Questions, Please call **Susan Westmoreland** at 625-4239

### TFSC 70th Anniversary Platinum Jubilee Celebration and Reception February 29th at the Doubletree Hotel, Tulsa

*Details coming soon*

Come on out and help us celebrate our 70th year of existence as a figure skating club. Club members past and present will be on hand to celebrate the occasion.

#### Club Jackets

We offer two different club jacket designs. Bottom left is a wind suit type jacket. Bottom right is a lighter weight and more fitted design. Both jackets are personalized with the skater's name. Matching pants are available with either design. They are custom jackets so measurements are required. Orders can be taken at any time. The jackets are made by different companies. If you are interested in ordering the wind suit type jacket (bottom left) contact **Kathy Gibson** at [Kathy@tulsafsc.com](mailto:Kathy@tulsafsc.com). For the fitted type jacket, contact **Judy Banner** at [Judy@tulsafsc.com](mailto:Judy@tulsafsc.com).



#### Friendship Skate

February 9th, 2008

Grab a friend and have them join us for Club Ice on Saturday, February 9th. Each skater will receive a free guest pass to be used on this date. We will have fun activities on the ice and a Valentine Friendship Party. This session will be mixed and open to all skaters for the entire club ice time.

## Club News & Events (Continued)



### Poinsettia Fundraiser

**Thirty-one skaters participated selling a total of 887 plants.**

After all expenses, a profit of \$3,274.81 was reported.  
 \$1,590 to individual skater accounts  
 \$1,684.81 Net Revenue to the club

**\*\*Skater accounts were credited \$2 for each plant sold.  
 (if you are unsure of the number of plants you sold,  
 contact Judy Banner or Mark DeAngelis)**

#### Top 5 Sellers

Katherine DeAngelis	116 Plants
Claire Wood	100 Plants
Jannelle Babb	92 Plants
Brooke Rogers	82 Plants
Jillian Masters	51 Plants



Judy Banner  
Fundraising  
Chair



Top seller, **Katherine DeAngelis**, (pictured at left) won a T-shirt from TFSC online store. **Nicole and Michelle Han** (pictured at right) won the drawing for a 10 freestyle session gift certificate.



**Thank-You to all those who participated!  
 A special thanks to club sponsors Neal Sperry at Wachovia and Frontier Energy who helped sell club poinsettias at their businesses!**

### Welcome New Member!

Garrett Jensen

### Local Laurels

*Submitted by Heidi Fain, Test Chair*



#### Tests Passed November & December, 2007

#### Preliminary Moves

Joseph Wilson

#### Pre-Preliminary Moves

Emily Movahed

#### Juvenile Freeskate

Brittany Guevara

#### Pre-Preliminary Freeskate

Emily Movahed

#### Solo Dutch Waltz

Amy Langford

#### Solo Canasta Tango

Amy Langford

#### Solo Swing Dance

Paige Westmoreland

#### Swing Dance

Charles Meadows  
 Cory Tate-Sullivan  
 Joseph Wilson  
 Claire wood

#### Solo Cha Cha

Amber Base  
 Paige Westmoreland

#### Cha Cha

Joseph Wilson  
 Claire Wood

#### Solo Fiesta Tango

Paige Westmoreland

#### Fiesta Tango

Joseph Wilson  
 Claire Wood

#### Solo Hickory Hoedown

Alexandria Sipes

#### Hickory Hoedown

Kathy Gibson  
 Cory Tate-Sullivan

#### Solo Willow Waltz

Alexandria Sipes  
 Claire Wood

### Visit The TFSC Online Store

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 "online store" link



Mark DeAngelis  
Membership  
Chair

### Pro-Rated Memberships

Each Year on January 15th, the Tulsa Figure Skating Club pro-rates its Skating Memberships to encourage new members to join the Club midway through the season and that time is now upon us. New Membership forms are up on the Club Board with the following changes. New Member Basic Memberships (below Pre-Preliminary) are now \$95.00 down from \$150.00. New Regular Memberships are now \$130.00 down from \$220.00. Skaters who are renewing or have been a Tulsa FSC Member sometime since July 1, 2004 are not eligible for the pro-rated Membership and will be viewed as a Membership Renewal. Please see our Membership information for all of the details. If you have any questions please contact our Membership Chairman, Mark De Angelis.

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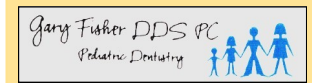
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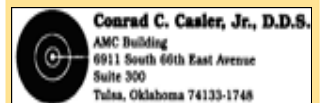
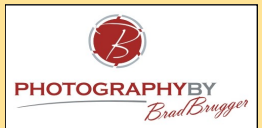
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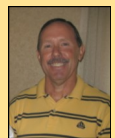
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**Editorial note**

Please email any pictures or newsletter content to Judy Banner at [Judy@tulsafsc.com](mailto:Judy@tulsafsc.com) for consideration for the March/April newsletter. **Deadline for submission is March 1st.**

**Mark Your Calendars**

Saturdays September– May	<b>Club Ice</b>	Oilers Ice Center 10:15 - 11:45 10:15 Low, 10:45 Mixed, 11:15 High) Low (Basic - Preliminary); High (Pre-Juvenile and up)
January, 20-27, 2008	<b>State Farm USFS Championships</b>	St Paul, MN
Feb. 29 - Mar 2	<b>Sooner State Games</b>	Tulsa Convention Center (Tulsa FSC)
TBA - During Sooner State	<b>Test Session</b>	Tulsa Convention Center (Tulsa FSC)
April 3-5	<b>Skate Kansas City</b>	Overland Park, KS (Kansas City FSC)
April 24-26	<b>Skate Dallas</b>	Grapevine, TX (Dallas FSC)
May 2-4	<b>Wichita Ice Dance Weekend</b>	Wichita, KS
May 17	<b>Spring Fling Basic Skills Competition</b>	Oilers Ice Arena, Tulsa, OK
June 13-15	<b>Mid-Continent Invitational</b>	Wichita, KS (Wichita FSC)
June 24-29	<b>Broadmoor Open</b>	Colorado Springs, CO (Broadmoor FSC)
July 11-13	<b>Cannon Texas Open</b>	Plano, TX; (Stars FSC)
July 25-27	<b>Skate Oklahoma</b>	Artic Edge Arena, Edmond (Tulsa & OKC FSC)
July 23-26	<b>Skate Detroit</b>	Detroit, MI (Detroit FSC)
July 30 - Aug 2	<b>Lake Placid Dance Competition</b>	Lake Placid, NY
August 1-3	<b>Heart of America Invitational</b>	Overland Park, KS (Silverblades FSC)
August 6-10	<b>Colorado Championship</b>	Arvada, CO (Mile High FSA)
August 6-10	<b>National Showcase</b>	Rochester, MN (Rochester FSC)
August 14-17	<b>Dupage Open</b>	Dupage, IL (Dupage FSC)
August 17	<b>Arctic Edge Open Basic Skills</b>	Arctic Edge Arena, Edmond, OK
Aug 29 - Sep 1	<b>Houston Fall Invitational</b>	Sugarland, TX (Houston FSC)
Sept. 19-21	<b>Pony Express Championships</b>	St. Joseph, MO (St. Joseph FSC)
October 10-14	<b>Southwestern Regional's</b>	Colorado Springs, CO (Broadmoor FSC)
Nov. 14 (tentative)	<b>Blazing Blades Basic Skills</b>	Oklahoma City, OK (Blazers Ice Center)
Nov. 11-15	<b>Midwestern Sectional Championship</b>	Houston, TX (TX Gulf Coast FSC)
Dec. 8-13	<b>Junior National Championship</b>	
January 18-25, 2009	<b>2009 State Farm USFS Championship</b>	Cleveland, OH

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