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## From the President...

### Tulsa Figure Skating Club Members and Supporters:

The 2013-14 skating season is in full swing with our skaters having already competed at Sooner State Games and Skate Dallas. The Broadmoor Open in Colorado Springs is around the corner in June, followed by the Texas Cannon Open in July and National Showcase in August. Our club skaters have worked hard to maintain our historic reputation for competitiveness and success in all disciplines of figure skating. To continue this spirit, Tulsa FSC is very excited to announce the formation of the Tulsa Figure Skating Club Competitive Team.

2013 marks the Tulsa FSC's 75th anniversary and our club has an exciting year planned. There is a summer show the club is hosting in conjunction with Oilers Ice Center for July 20, 2013. In the Fall, the plan is to again host the Spooktacular Competition for the basic skills skaters and we will again bid to host Sooner State Games in March 2014. Club Ice will be held the first Saturday of each month starting in September.

Tulsa FSC has prospered these 75 years due to the dedication of its members, coaches and officials who work selflessly to create a positive skating experience for the skaters. We all share the passionate belief in our common goal to support our athletes in their path to achieve success.

The fellowship among our skating community is as important as their success in figure skating. We are here to serve the skaters and look forward to a successful season!

We are launching fundraising efforts to assist skaters in the cost of competing. Look for more information soon about our sponsorship program, bake sales and other fundraising plans. Updates will be posted on the bulletin board at the rink and on our website at tulsafsc.com. Thank you for your continued support of the Tulsa Figure Skating Club.

Sincerely,

**Jennifer DeAngelis**

President, Tulsa Figure Skating Club



# TFSC Prepares to Celebrate Its 75th Anniversary

In 2013, the Tulsa FSC will celebrate its 75th anniversary, marking a historic milestone as one of the country's oldest figure skating clubs. Watch for upcoming details on celebration plans!



## National Showcase: A Competition in Theatrical Skating

*TFSC Skaters Prepare for 2013 National Showcase in Cape Cod, MA*

National Showcase fuses artistic creativity with figure skating for single skaters, duets, small ensembles of three to seven and production numbers of eight to thirty. National Showcase offers the categories of light entertainment, dramatic entertainment and extemporaneous improvisation to singles skaters. Many who have observed National Showcase have remarked on the uniqueness and variety of the programs.

Singles participating in light or dramatic entertainment programs perform under spotlights, as do duets. All other events are performed under full house lighting.

National Showcase is truly a festival of inspiration and skaters who qualify are strongly encouraged to participate. The top four skaters within an artistic event qualify for National Showcase as long as they meet test requirements. This includes non-qualifying competitions with showcase events or all-showcase competitions.

Tulsa has achieved great success at past National Showcase competitions, with Paige Westmoreland winning the 2008 National Champion title, Juvenile Light Champion Stephanie McKay, Preliminary Dramatic Madison Jensen and 4th place Mini Ensemble Tulsa Sweeps. We wish them luck this year!



Madison Jensen



Katherine DeAngelis



Group Tulsa Sweeps: Katherine DeAngelis, Meagan Tharp, Madison Jensen, Laurel Newhouse

# Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors! GOOD LUCK!



Jamie Rooks



Danika Burton



Bailey Slane

## TFSC Enjoy Friendship and Recognition at Annual Awards Banquet



Left:  
Taylor  
Jonckowski,  
Jamie  
Rooks,  
Danika  
Burton



Below: Ryen Guthrie and  
Renee Schmucker



Left: Skye Clark  
Below: Samantha Overton



Right:  
Ellie  
Gilbreath,  
Kara Grace  
Mirando,  
Peyton  
Lissau



Left: Laurel  
Newhouse



Above: Katharine DeAngelis and Meagan Tharp  
Left: Jordan Jonckowski and Renee Schmucker



## Tulsa FSC Annual Awards Banquet

In May of every year, Tulsa FSC has an awards banquet attended by skaters and families. This awards banquet is rich in tradition and history and has been a part of our club events for decades. The awards that are presented are named for members of our club who have contributed to the collective spirit that drives Tulsa FSC. Other awards are given to recognize skaters who have improved their skills, demonstrated character and depth at competitions and enjoyed success in the previous skating year.

In addition to the awards presented, there is a general membership meeting for the club where the election results for the board of governors are announced and to discuss the business of the club that occurred in the previous fiscal year. We welcome participation and input at this meeting and throughout the year by our club members.

### 2013 TULSA FSC AWARDS:

#### Most Improved Skating Awards:

Consideration is given to the number and level of tests passed and participation and placement in competitions entered.

MIF under 12-Jordan Jonckowski

MIF Over 12-Katherine Deangelis

FS under 12-Ellie Gilbreath

FS over 12-Danika Burton

Dance under 12-Kara Grace Miranda

Dance over 12-Skye Clark

#### Stephanie Anne McKay Artistry and Fellowship Award:

This award was created to honor Stephanie Anne McKay who died on October 9, 2008. The criteria for this award include unique creativity, artistry and originality, sportsmanship and nurturing a positive skating environment.

**Winner: Meagan Tharp**

#### John Martens Die Hard Award:

This award is given to a club member, usually an adult, who has served the club and its members above and beyond the call of duty.

**Winner: Tammy Palmer**

#### Manny Grabel Award:

This award is in honor of Manny Grabel, former president of Tulsa FSC. The criteria for this most prestigious award are dedication to the sport and club, good sportsmanship, good work ethic and good progress.

**Winner: Jamie Rooks**



## 2013 Competition Schedule

*Dates are tentative*



May 11, 2013	Spring Spectacular	Tulsa, OK
June 7-9, 2013	Heart of America Invitational	Kansas City, KS
June 26-29, 2013	Broadmoor Open	Colorado Springs, CO
July 12-14, 2013	Cannon Texas Open	Farmers Branch, TX
July 31-August 4, 2013	State Games of America	York, PA
August 1-3, 2013	National Showcase	Hyannis, MA
August 8-11, 2013	DuPage Open	Hoffman Estates, IL
August 9-11, 2013	Wichita Mid-Continent Classic	Wichita, KS
September 2011	Houston Invitational	Houston, TX
October 11-15, 2013	2014 Southwestern Regional Championships	Grapevine, TX
November 19-23, 2013	2014 Midwestern Sectional Championships	Detroit, MI
January 5-12, 2014	2014 U.S. Figure Skating Championships	Boston, MA

## TFSC Skaters Participate in S.T.A.R.S. Off-ice Training

Peyton Lissau and Ellie Gilbreath, coached by Boyko Alexiev, traveled to Dallas to participate in the 2013 S.T.A.R.S. program. S.T.A.R.S. (Standardized Testing of Athleticism to Recognize Skaters) is an off-ice fitness assessment and development program designed to support USFSA's existing testing and competition progressions. Its development is based primarily on the need to promote all-around fitness, push and maintain athletic ability, prepare physically for more complex skills and reduce potential for injury. Both girls scored in the 95th percentile or above (according to the program's national averages) in many of the exercises. Well done girls!



## Join the Tulsa Figure Skating Club!

**\*\* Applications due July 1, 2013 \*\***

With a 75 year tradition of excellence in figure skating, TFSC has a rich heritage, including past and current members who have medaled in regional, sectional and national competitions. Also among our ranks are several Olympic participants, national, Olympic and world-ranked judges and past and current officers of the United States Figure Skating Association.

Joining the Tulsa Figure Skating Club provides you with USFS registration (required for testing and competing), a subscription to USFS Skating magazine, testing privileges, seminar discounts and access to private club ice (offered the 1st Saturday of each month starting in September).

### Not a Skater?

Become a Friend of Tulsa Figure Skating!

This non-skating, non-voting membership supports the figure skating community at a lower cost and is perfect for parents, grandparents, friends and family of past and current skaters.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [WWW.TULSAFSC.COM](http://WWW.TULSAFSC.COM).

TFSC to Host  
Summer Ice  
Skating  
Show on July  
20



The Tulsa Figure Skating Club in conjunction with Oilers Ice Center will host a summer skating show on July 20, 2013. The show will feature a variety of programs including solos, duets and group numbers from all age and skill levels. Information will be posted soon on the TFSC bulletin board.

Skating Skills  
Seminar to be  
Held June 8

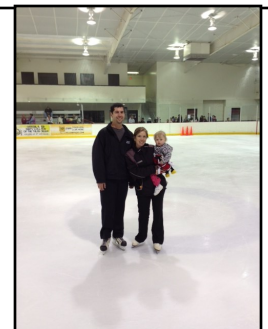


Mark your calendars and plan to participate in a skating skills seminar on June 8 at Oilers Ice Center. Taught by our fantastic coaches, the seminar will feature classes focusing on edges, moves, spins and jumps for all levels from basic skills to the higher levels. Sign-up at the rink to secure your place. Cost for TFSC members is \$40 for 3 hours packed with classes on all aspects of figure skating.

## A Special Welcome to Riley Hudson!

We warmly welcome newly turned 2-year old Riley Hudson, daughter of coaches Matt and Jessie Hudson and granddaughter of coach Phyllis Hudson to the TFSC family. Riley has already made fast friends with skaters and parents alike and is a wonderful addition to the rink.

Congratulations to Jessie, Matt and Phyllis!



# Competition / Test Results

## Skate Dallas April 25-28, 2013 Grapevine, Texas

### Preliminary Spins Group B

Kara Grace Mirando—3rd place

### Novice Artistic

Katherine DeAngelis—1st place

### Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Group C

Kara Grace Mirando—6th place

### Novice Men Short Program

Josiah Curley—4th place

### Preliminary Compulsory Moves Group C

Kara Grace Mirando—6th place

### Novice Men Free Skate

Josiah Curley—4th place

### Intermediate Short Program Group A

Ellie Gilbreath—8th place

### Intermediate Short Program Group C

Peyton Lissau—5th place

### Intermediate Free Skate Group A

Ellie Gilbreath—6th place

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**Next Test Session:**

**May 30**

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## TFSC Announces Formation of Competitive Team

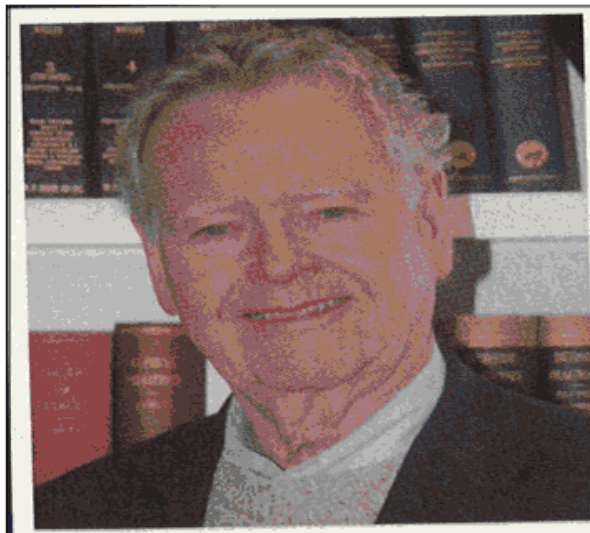
New in 2013, the TFSC announces the formation of the Tulsa Figure Skating Club Competitive Team. The Competitive Team will be comprised of skaters who have passed Pre-Preliminary Free Skate and above and are actively competing in the 2013 season. Skaters must compete in at least one competition outside of Tulsa.

Qualifying skaters must submit an application form (available soon on [www.tulsafsc.com](http://www.tulsafsc.com) and competition photo.





## **TULSA FIGURE SKATING CLUB SALUTES:**



**Dr. Hugh Graham**

**Dr. Graham competed as a men's singles skater and as a pairs skater with his sister, Margaret Anne. He placed third at the 1955 United States Figure Skating Championships. In 1953-54, he and Margaret competed at the U.S. Championships where they earned a silver medal and at Worlds where they placed fifth. He served as President of the United States Figure Skating. He has been a figure skating judge for 60 years. Dr. Graham was inducted into the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 2004. He has had multiple terms as President of Tulsa Figure Skating Club. Tulsa Figure Skating Club's success for 75 years is largely attributable to the ongoing contributions of Dr. Graham. Dr. Graham continues to be a beloved pediatrician in Tulsa.**



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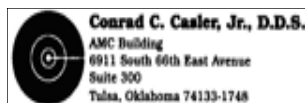
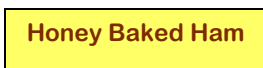
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