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Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section athletes moving forward to compete at the 2019 Skate Canada Challenge

Edmonton – The Gary W. Harris Canada Games Center saw figure skaters from across Alberta and North West Territories this week, competing at the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championship.

“The Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championship was a spectacular event” says Section Chair, Donna Moses. “In this beautiful new facility many skaters achieved their goal of winning a medal or skating a personal best.”

68 skaters from the Section have advanced to compete at the 2019 Skate Canada Challenge in Edmonton November 28 – December 2nd where they strive to qualify for the 2019 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships in Saint John, New Brunswick, January 14-20, 2019.

“It has been our pleasure to have more than 250 skaters at RDC’s main campus, competing at our Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre over the last several days,” says Joel Ward, Red Deer College President & CEO. “These talented young athletes are on an exciting path within their sport, and we look forward to welcoming those who advance, as well as athletes from across the nation back to our campus for the 2019 Canada Winter Games in February.”

The 2019 Sectional Championship, which also acted as a test event for the upcoming Canada Winter Games, was hosted by the Red Deer Skating Club and their team of volunteers ensured the event ran smoothly.

Many dignitaries assisted through-out the week with Opening Ceremonies and Medal Presentations which included:

Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Mr. Oneil Carlier,
MLA Red Deer South, Ms. Barb Miller,
Deputy Mayor, County of Red Deer Ms. Christine Moore
President, Red Deer College, Mr. Joel Ward
Chair, Alberta Figure Skating Foundation (Presenting sponsor), Ms. Karen Pollock
Sport Development Consultant, Alberta Sport Connection, Mr. Marvin Dobish
Chair, Canada Winter Games, Ms. Lyn Radford
Board Member, Canada Winter Games, Mr. Allan Ferchuk
Board Member, Canada Winter Games, Ms. Nicole Lorrain

“When judges comment that it was an amazing event, with great skating we know that our coaches, staff and volunteers are doing an exceptional job” says Section Chair Donna Moses.

The competition was also livestreamed, providing the opportunity for the Section to showcase some of our best skaters to audiences across Canada.

Past champions of the Section include 2 time Olympic medalist and 2018 World Champion Kaetlyn Osmond, four-time World Champion Kurt Browning, 2002 Olympic Champion Jamie Salé, and 1982 World Bronze medalist Brian Pockar.

Background:

Skate Canada: Alberta – NWT/Nunavut is dedicated to the principles of providing safe and inclusive programs, enabling everyone to participate in skating throughout their lifetime for fun, fitness, and achievement. Skate Canada: Alberta – NWT/Nunavut (“Section”) is a non-profit sport organization and is the provincial governing body for the sport of figure skating in Alberta, NWT and Nunavut. The Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section is committed to excellence in the delivery of quality skating programs and services.

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