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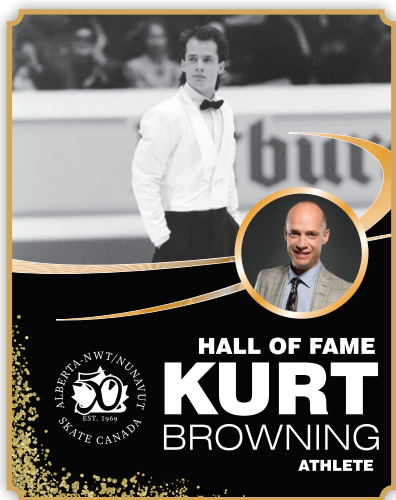
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SKATECANADA
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2019 SECTION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

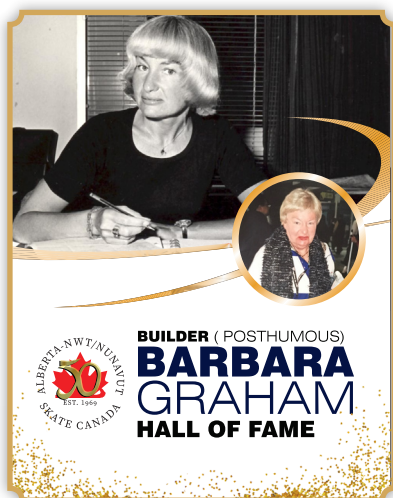
KURT BROWNING



Born in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, and known as the “Kid from Caroline”, Kurt Browning started skating on the outdoor rink when he was 3 years old. He moved to Edmonton to train at the Royal Glenora Club at 16 years of age with coach Michael Jiranek...and the rest is history. He is a 4-time Canadian Champion and 4-time World Champion. He represented Canada in three Winter Olympics, 1988, 1992, and 1994, and earned the privilege of carrying the Canadian flag during the opening ceremonies of the 1994 Games. Browning’s other achievements include three Canadian Professional Championships and three World Professional Championships.

BARBARA GRAHAM

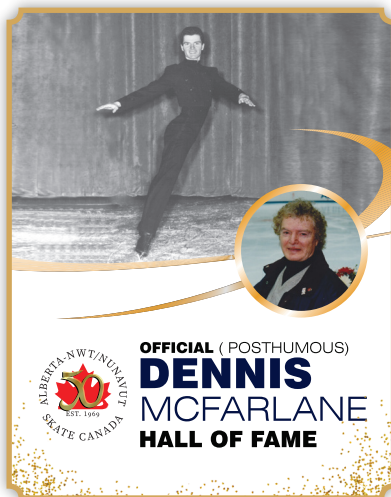
A legend in the sport of figure skating, Barbara Graham was respected and revered for her knowledge, fairness and integrity by skaters, coaches, judges and administrators in Canada and world wide. As the first Technical Director of the Canadian Figure Skating Association from 1972 to 1991, Barbara’s used her skating, teaching and judging background to develop the sport in Canada. She established Skater Development and Athlete Monitoring Programs and created the National Coaching Program. In 1999, Barbara settled in Edmonton as the Skating Development Specialist for Alberta-NWT/Nunavut and spearheaded many projects for skaters and coaches in the Section. Barbara passed away on May 8, 2004 and will always be remembered as “the lady in the stands with the sunglasses.”



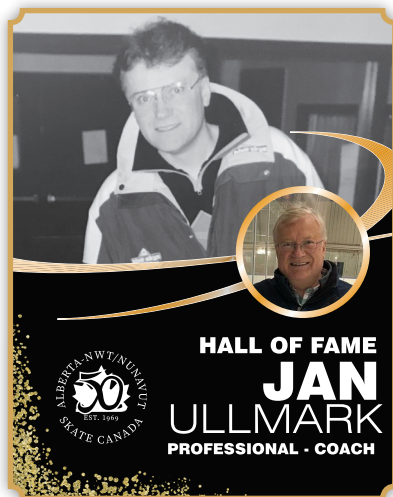
2019 SECTION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

DENNIS MCFARLANE

Dennis McFarlane had a long standing love of figure skating. A former national competitor in three disciplines, Dennis began judging when he was a teenager. He reached the highest possible ranks as an ISU World Judge and referee in singles, pairs and dance. Dennis judged at 3 Olympics, 9 World Championships and 50 major international competitions. One of his most exciting judging experiences was being on the panel when Elizabeth Manley won a silver medal at the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympic Games. Prior to his passing in 2011, Dennis celebrated his Diamond Anniversary for 60 years of judging and received Skate Canada Honorary Official status in recognition of his service to figure skating.



JAN ULLMARK



For the past 50 years, Jan Ullmark has been contributing to the sport of figure skating as one of the elite coaches in Canada. A former Swedish National Figure Skating Champion and international competitor, Jan moved to Alberta in 1973. Under Jan's leadership as Director of Skating at the Royal Glenora Club in Edmonton, the club rose to prominence as one of Canada's top training centres, consistently producing national and international competitors at all levels. He has been involved as a seminar leader at provincial and national training camps and skater development seminars where he offered his knowledge and support to skaters, coaches and parents. Jan, along with his wife Cynthia, have organized and held a skating camp in Canmore for the past 20 years "Skating Vacation". Jan inspires enthusiasm and

passion for the sport at all levels and is truly a caring individual who is willing to share his knowledge, techniques and stories as he continues to develop the skaters of tomorrow.

2019 REGION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

EDMONTON REGION	Harris Kurie Arianna Trieu George Longay Lynne Koper Michelle Deng Monica Desmarais Monique Moore	CanSkate Athlete Award Program Assistant Award STARSkate Athlete Award Volunteer Coach Award CompetitiveSkate Athlete Award Officials Award Volunteer Award
NORTHWEST REGION	Margo Miller Kelsey Ungstad Ashley Tuttle	CanSkate Athlete Award Program Assistant Award STARSkate Athlete Award
CALGARY REGION	Khloe Grbavac Shaylyn Jackson Marcy Fodness Paige Simpson Kaiya Ruiter Kristen Belcourt Alison Bonney-Gregson	CanSkate Athlete Award Program Assistant Award Volunteer Award STARSkate Athlete Award CompetitiveSkate Athlete Award Officials Award Volunteer Coach Award
SOUTH REGION	Kesler Mack Shayleen Mann Brooklyn Watmough Travis Hillier	CanSkate Athlete Award Program Assistant Award STARSkate Athlete Award Volunteer Coach Award
PEACE REGION	Matthew Borges Annika Behnke Doug Vandemark	CanSkate Athlete Award STARSkate Athlete Award Volunteer Award
CENTRAL REGION	Scarlett Addison Mackenzie Hudson Camryn McDougald Marie-France Caddy Donna Randal	CanSkate Athlete Award Program Assistant Award STARSkate Athlete Award Volunteer Award Volunteer Coach Award
NWT REGION	Annalee Monkman Brianna Goodwin Claire Lehmann Kim Mabbitt	CanSkate Athlete Award Program Assistant Award STARSkate Athlete Award Volunteer Award
NORTHEAST REGION	Declan Morgan Haileigh Mercier Kaiya MacDougall Shauna Neufeld Tracey Zilkie	CanSkate Athlete Award Program Assistant STARSkate Athlete Award Volunteer Award Volunteer Coach Award

MARILYN CHIDLOW VOLUNTEER AWARDS



Marilyn Chidlow is a native of Ponoka who has been involved in every level of skating volunteerism from the local club level through to the National Board level as the Skate Canada President from 2000 to 2006. Marilyn's heart has always been with grassroots skating as demonstrated by her commitment to the development of the CanSkate Program while she was the National Recreational Skating Chair. The Section has been the beneficiary of Marilyn's talent and commitment for several decades and it is the Section's great honor to have named this award after such a fine individual.

2019 MARILYN CHIDLOW VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Amanda Knock, Innisfail SC

Anne Marie Behnke, Peace River SC

Bruce Poon, Figure 8 SC

Cami Reber, Northern Lites SC

Carmella Oscienny, Hay River FSC

Cheryl Fedor, Cold Lake FSC

Christiane Myslicki, Lake Bonavista FSC

Denise Bjornson, Fairview Silver Blades

Diane Podolas, Blackfalds SC

Donna Ford, Wainwright SC

Felice Gladue, Beaumont SC

Gail Hibbs, Wild Rose FSC

Jackie Rathwell, Cremona SC

Jackie Hampton, Grande Prairie SC

Jamie Ballak, Cochrane FSC

Jennifer Wagenaar, Southern Alberta SA

Jonathan Garbutt, Calgary North Edge SA

Julie Wilcox, Beaverlodge FSC

Kaleena Riewe, Grimshaw SC

Karen Oloske, Gibbons SC

Karla Cove, Manning FSC

Karla Powell, Foothills SC

Karri Cales, Lethbridge SC

Katia Chernetsov, Calgary Synchronized SC

Kelsey Volz, Marwayne SC

Kenda Goyette, Okotoks SC

Kim Carroll, Northern Lights SC

Kim Breen, Bonnyville SC

Kim Groves, Drumheller SC

Lindsay Wagner, Lloydminster SC

Linsey Prout, Pincher Creek SC

Loree Biensch, Centennial FSC

Lori Whalley, Calalta FSC

Louise Reid, Twilight FSC

Marie-France Caddy, Lacombe SC

Megan Smyth, St. Albert Skating Center

Melanie Schneider, Noralta SC

Nadean Crooks, High Prairie FSC

Norine Hori, Canmore SC

Olivia Tran, Ice Palace FSC

Rebecca Welch, Fliteway SC

Renee DuBourdieu, Strathmore SC

Rikki-Lee De Groen, Edmonton Synchronized SC

Rosalie Harder, La Crête SC

Stacey Will, Springbank FSC

Stefanie Clarke, Grovedale FSC

Susan Lamash, Gateway SC

Tracy Molnar, Tri Area SC

Trisha Kelly, Red Deer SC

Trisha Rue, Irma SC

Yvette Haggerty, Athabasca SC

2019 SKATE CANADA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

SECTION COMPETITIVE SKATE ATHLETE AWARD



KAIYA RUITER

Kaiya had an outstanding 2018-2019 season, being crowned the 2019 Canadian Novice Women's Champion and winning gold at the 2019 Canada Winter Games. Kaiya believes in leading by example and she has an amazing work ethic. She is polite and kind to all members in her club and to everyone she meets. Kaiya enjoys volunteering her time to assist with her club's CanSkate program every week.

SECTION STARS SKATE ATHLETE AWARD



BROOKLYN WATMOUGH

Brooklyn is a great role model for the younger skaters and is a fantastic representation of the qualities that are so vital to the STAR program. She truly loves to skate and is even skating on a synchronized skating team that didn't have enough skaters of the right age to compete. She demonstrates great work ethic and is positive and encouraging toward her fellow skaters. She treats everyone at the arena with respect and exemplifies good sportsmanship.

SECTION VOLUNTEER AWARD



MONIQUE MOORE

Monique contributes countless hours to figure skating in her club and the Edmonton Region. As President of the Ice Palace FSC she volunteers for various club and board activities and ensures all members of the club have a memorable skating experience. Monique is Past Edmonton Region Representative and still continues as a member of the Edmonton Region Committee to help wherever she can.

ELIZABETH SWAN MEMORIAL AWARD

The Elizabeth Swan Memorial Award recognizes an individual for their dedication and contributions to the discipline of Synchronized Skating in Canada.

JENNIFER BETTS

The recipient of the Elizabeth Swan Memorial Award is Jennifer Betts. Jennifer has always had a strong passion for synchronized skating. Over the past 35 years, Jennifer has committed herself to developing as a Synchronized Skating official, as a Canadian Level Referee, International Technical Controller and ISU Judge. Jennifer has also volunteered her time on the Section Board of Directors and the Section Officials Coordinating Committee.



2019 SKATE CANADA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

VOLUNTEER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD



LAURIE FINNEY

Laurie has dedicated over 25 years of volunteer service to the sport of figure skating in the Section. She has always had a passion for skating and always strives to give back and lend a helping hand. Laurie started to trial judge at 14 years of age and volunteered at test days and competitions in Calgary and Southern Alberta. A highlight for Laurie was volunteering at the 1972 World Championships.

SECTION PROGRAM ASSISTANT AWARD



SHAYLYN JACKSON

Shaylyn is an extraordinary young woman and Program Assistant. She always has a smile on her face and is pleasant to be around. She takes her love of skating and brings it to CanSkate and Pre-Can. Shaylyn excels at supporting the skaters, younger Program Assistants and CanSkate coaches.

SECTION CANSKATE ATHLETE AWARD



DECLAN MORGAN

Declan is 8 years old and loves skating. He has a dedicated program assistant to skate with him and they are such a great team. Being on the Autism spectrum is not an obstacle for Declan or anyone else when he is on the ice. He is focused, engaged and genuinely happy to be learning and advancing his skating skills.

SECTION OFFICIALS AWARD



KRISTEN BELCOURT

Kristen has been an invaluable volunteer to the officials' community in the Section. She is an active evaluator, judge, referee and has been the Tech Rep for many competitions this season. Kristen also volunteers her time as a member of the Section's Competition Committee and she is one of the Section's Central Registration Leads.

SECTION VOLUNTEER COACH AWARD



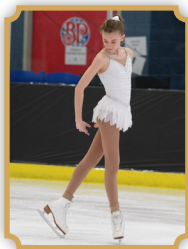
LYNNE KOPER

Lynne is a dedicated coach that shows a true passion for the sport. Lynne is known in the skating world, not only for her dedicated work with her skaters but also for her incredible selflessness to the sport. She volunteers countless hours on many committees at the Section and National level, working on important developmental projects for figure skating.

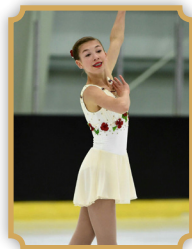
2019 ALBERTA FIGURE SKATING FOUNDATION

MERIT AWARDS

The Alberta Figure Skating Foundation Merit Awards recognize a skater or team that exemplifies an outstanding and memorable performance as selected by the Officials at the event.



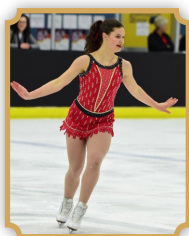
KYRA PIEKEMA
STARSkate Merit Award
STAR 6 Women



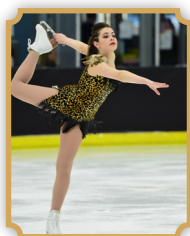
MIKALA CUTLER
Sectionals Merit Award
Pre-Novice Women

CHERNIAWSKI STARSKATE AWARDS

In honor of the Cherniawski family for their dedication to figure skating in the Section, these awards are presented to the STARSkate Championships Triathlon gold medalists.



MADISON KOWALUK
Gold Triathlon



KARLEE MACMILLAN
Silver Triathlon



JUSTINA SCHULZ
Bronze Triathlon

QUADRUPLE GOLD AWARDS

Addison Pehl, Gateway SC
Jackson Behiel, Calalta FSC
Isabella Oszust, Okotoks SC
Jennifer Peters, Calalta FSC
Joshua Burger, Calalta FSC
Presley Busch, Glencoe Club
Kiera Fischer, St. Albert SC
Kendra Hawkins, Calalta FCS

Jennifer Hong, Gateway SC
Larissa Kelly, Calgary Winter Club
Vienna Nodwell, Springbank FSC
Jessica-Lee Behiel, Calalta FSC
Katie Burgess, Springbank FSC
Guadalupe Raed Di Bari, Calalta FSC
Mairyn Dumanowski, Cochrane SC

Erin Pettapiece, Derrick SC
Mia Saunders, Calalta FSC
Josh Venema, Calalta FSC
Mara Will, Springbank FSC
Amy Hong, Ice Palace FSC
Kyla Murray, Calalta FSC
Grace Pele, Calalta FSC

TRIPLE GOLD AWARDS

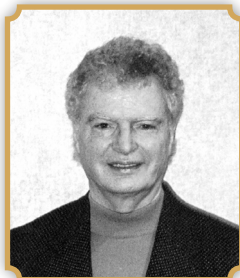
Tori McAlley, Skate Ponoka
Taylor Babcook, Tri Area SC
Alanna Hickey, Noralta SC
GJ Kmiecik, Carstairs SC

Makayla Michel, Extreme Edge SC
Jocelyne Campbell, Carstairs SC
Morgan Blanchard, Skate Ponoka
Marissa Kobetitch, Okotoks SC

Keara Grovet, Lacombe SC
Michelle Hong, Gateway SC
Erika de Ruiter, Leduc SC

2019 ALBERTA FIGURE SKATING FOUNDATION

DENNIS MCFARLANE AWARD



This award is in memory of Dennis McFarlane. A former National competitor in three disciplines, Dennis began judging when he was a teenager. He reached the highest level recognized by the International Skating Union when he achieved World and Olympic Judge and Referee status in singles, pairs and ice dance. He was one of only a few judges in Canada to have held ISU Referee status in all disciplines at the same time.

One of his most exciting judging experiences was being on the panel when Elizabeth Manley won the silver medal at the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympic Games. Prior to his passing in 2011, he received Skate Canada Honorary Official status and celebrated 60 years of officiating.

MICHELLE DENG

The recipient of the Dennis McFarlane Award is Michelle Deng. Michelle was the highest placing Section skater in the Pre-Novice Women category at the 2019 Skate Canada Challenge, where she placed 4th.



PAT SPRAGUE AWARD



This award is in memory of Pat Sprague, a long-time figure skating organizer and volunteer. Pat was a dedicated mother of two skaters who was very active in the figure skating community.

For 20 years she acted as Chair of the Wild Rose Figure Skating Competition. Those years of dedicated volunteer work were a contributing factor to the success of the event. She was also a Board member and Past Chair of the Alberta Figure Skating Foundation and was known as a wonderful volunteer with a respect for all aspects of the sport.

SOLSTICE OPEN

The recipient of the Pat Sprague Award is Solstice Open. This team was the highest placing synchronized skating team at the 2019 Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships.



2019 SECTION AWARDS & BURSARIES

WINNIE SILVERTHORNE AWARD

This award is named in the memory of Winnie Silverthorne, one of Alberta's great figure skating coaches. Born in England, Winnie was a former pairs skater with her brother Dennis. The Silverthorne's placed fourth at the ISU World Championships and fifth at the 1948 Olympics. In 1950 Winnie moved to Ontario, Canada and became a figure skating coach.

She later moved to Calgary where she coached at the Glencoe Club followed by the Calgary Winter Club. Winnie coached skaters of all levels and ages, including many gold medalists and Canadian Championship competitors. Her longtime student, the late Brian Pockar, was a three-time Canadian Men's Champion and 1982 ISU World Championship bronze medalist.



KEEGAN MESSING

The recipient of the Winnie Silverthorne Award is Keegan Messing. Keegan is the 2019 Canadian Bronze medalist and 2019 World Championship competitor.

TOLLER CRANSTON MEMORIAL FUND ATHLETE AWARD

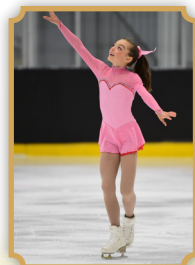


Named after the late skater who helped to revolutionize the sport, the Toller Cranston Memorial Fund Athlete Award was created to celebrate young skaters who display exceptional artistry on ice at the Canadian National Novice and Junior Championships. In a sport that has evolved to favor technical difficulty and feats of athleticism, Toller was known for his freedom of expression and dramatic showmanship on the ice. The recipients of the Toller Cranston Memorial Fund Athlete Award are Dawson Nodwell & Kaiya Ruiter.



DAWSON NODWELL

KAIYA RUITER



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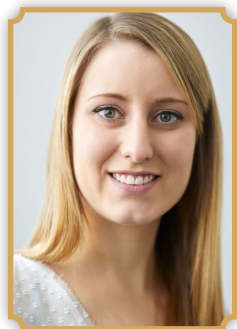
JOHN VIPOND OFFICIAL'S SCHOLARSHIP

John Vipond was an active volunteer and official in our Section. He mentored many officials and served on his local Club Board and was the first Chair of the Alberta Section Board. He was a man who believed wholeheartedly in figure skating and everything it has to offer. His encouragement to continue a connection to skating through officiating was invaluable in the development of new officials.

The John Vipond Official's Scholarship is awarded to an official who is striving towards becoming an accomplished official. While aiming to reach a higher level of officiating through experience or training opportunities, the official is attending a post-secondary institution while working on achieving this goal.

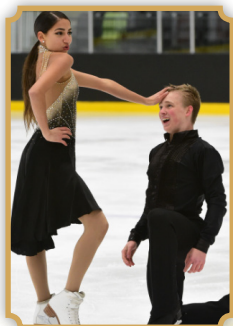
KATIE BADIOR

The recipient of the John Vipond Official's Scholarship is Katie Badior. Katie is a Novice Level Singles Judge while attending post secondary education.



SECTIONAL LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

The Sectional Legacy Scholarship is supported by the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Endowment Fund. The scholarship is provided to an athlete/team who has achieved success over several competitive seasons. This athlete/team, through their body of work, demonstrates a dedication to the sport, works hard to perfect their skill and has represented their club proudly within the Section.

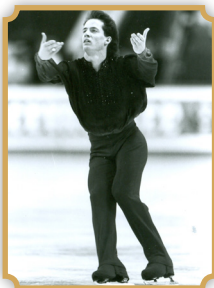


ISABEL MCQUILKIN & JACOB PORTZ

The recipients of the Sectional Legacy Scholarship are Isabel McQuilkin & Jacob Portz.

2019 SECTION AWARDS & BURSARIES

KURT BROWNING AWARD



Nicknamed the 'Kid from Caroline', Alberta's Kurt Browning revolutionized the sport of figure skating with his unique combination of strong, yet graceful jumps, creativity and charismatic appeal. In 1988, he entered the record books as the first athlete to complete a quadruple jump in World competition, forever changing the face of men's figure skating.

One of Canada's greatest male skaters, Browning captured four ISU World Championship titles. His unparalleled success and style earned him legions of fans around the world and many honours, including the prestigious Order of Canada. Joining the professional ranks in 1994, he continues to grace the ice with a presence like no other.

HALEY GILLET

The recipient of the Kurt Browning Award is Haley Gillett. Haley was the highest placing Section skater in the Junior Women category at the 2019 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships.



BRIAN POCKAR AWARD

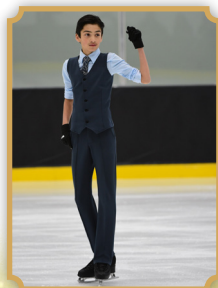


A native Calgarian, Brian Pockar won the Canadian men's figure skating title three times culminating with a bronze medal at the ISU World Championships in 1982.

His success as an amateur carried into the professional ranks where he won events such as the prestigious World Professional Championships. Off the ice, Brian provided commentary for CTV Sports and became a respected figure skating analyst. His contributions were also felt in his numerous volunteer roles, including his participation as a member of the Advisory Committee for the 1988 Calgary Olympic Games Organizing Committee.

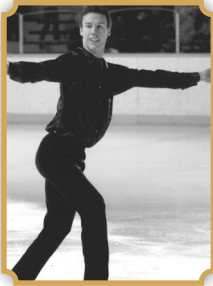
JAYDEN JOHNSON

The recipient of the Brian Pockar Award is Jayden Johnson. Jayden was the Juvenile Men U14 Champion at the 2019 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships.



2019 SECTION AWARDS & BURSARIES

JESSE SMITH MEMORIAL AWARD



This award is in memory of Jesse Smith. Jesse spent his entire life pursuing his passion and love for skating. He achieved his dream of competing at the senior level and upon his retirement from competitive skating, Jesse toured professionally with Disney on Ice. Being a perfectionist, he mastered every piece of music that he played on the piano. Watching Jesse skate, his appreciation of music was evident. Jesse is remembered as being humble, determined, passionate, courageous and his philosophy of life was "Discover it, Live it".

Jesse lost his battle with cancer on November 7, 2013 and the Fort Macleod FSC and Jesse's family are honored to remember him through this award.

KENTO NAKASHIMA

The recipient of the Jesse Smith Memorial Award is Kento Nakashima. Kento won the Pre-Juvenile Men U11 event at the 2019 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships.



ALBERTA FIGURE SKATING FOUNDATION



The Alberta Figure Skating Foundation is committed to recognizing the achievements of dedicated skaters at all levels. Since 1975, the Alberta Figure Skating Foundation has been supporting figure skaters and promoting their development through scholarships, sponsorship and awards. The Alberta Figure Skating Foundation relies solely on donations, volunteer fundraising efforts and memberships to fund all of its programs, competitions and events.

For more information on the Alberta Figure Skating Foundation or to become a member, please visit: www.albertafigureskatingfoundation.ca

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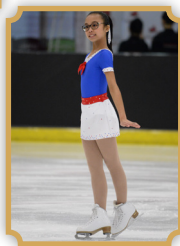
PRE-JUVENILE WOMEN AWARDS

The recipients of the Pre-Juvenile Award are Hailey Diep, Pre-Juvenile Women U11 and Kassandra Royol Pre-Juvenile Women U13. These recipients were the gold medalists in their respective categories at the 2019 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships and the 2019 STARSkate Championships.



HAILEY DIEP

KASSANDRA ROYOL



SHANTELL HALE AWARDS



Shantell Hale was born in 1978 and started her skating career with the Strathcona Figure Skating Club. She had big dreams, a bubbly personality and always a friendly smile and greeting.

When she passed away, Shantell was on the Alberta Figure Skating Team and was one of the top junior ladies in the Section. Skating was her life, her dream, her passion - everything she did centered around skating.

Shantell will always be remembered for the beautiful, extraordinary young lady she had become and this award keeps her dreams alive.

The recipients of the Shantell Hale Award are Angelina Grant, Juvenile Women U12 and Juliette Thievin, Juvenile Women U14. These recipients were the gold medalists in their respective categories at the 2019 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships.



JULIETTE THIEVIN

ANGELINA GRANT



2019 SECTION AWARDS & BURSARIES

JAMIE SALÉ SPECIAL OLYMPICS SKATER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

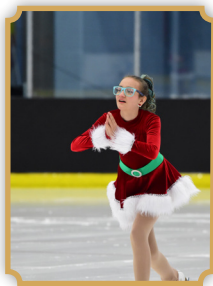


Jamie first competed as a singles skater, winning the bronze medal in junior women at the 1994 Canadian Championships. That same year she won the bronze medal with her pairs partner Jason Turner and they were named to the 1994 Canadian Olympic Team. In 1998 her partnership was formed with David Pelletier and they became Olympic and World Champions.

Jamie has been a tireless champion of Special Olympics for many years and is a passionate advocate on behalf of the Special Olympics Movement's athletes, coaches and volunteers. The Section is pleased to name this award in Jamie's honor as a tribute to her career and to her passion, support and dedication of the Special Olympics Movement.

MORIAH VAN'T LAND

Moriah is one of the hardest working athletes in her club with a deep determination to achieve her goals. She loves to skate so much that she is also a member of the Lethbridge Ice Angels Elementary Synchronized Skating Team. Moriah enjoys being on the ice and loves the team atmosphere of skating with others. Her accomplishments this season are winning gold at the Special Olympics Alberta Winter Games, gold at the Calgary Region STARSSkate Invitational and taking home a bronze medal at the 2019 STARSSkate Championships.



GATEWAY SKATING CLUB POST-SECONDARY BURSARY



In honour of their 50th anniversary in 2014, the Gateway Skating Club introduced the Gateway Skating Club Post-Secondary Bursary. This Bursary encourages skaters to continue competing while pursuing post-secondary education.

ASHA GUMPINGER & JOSH BRAUNER

Asha and Josh have a full-time training schedule while attending post-secondary. Josh is working towards his Bachelor of Health Science/Bioinformatics and Asha is working towards her Bachelor of Arts and Education Degree.



2019 SECTION AWARDS & BURSARIES

COACH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Ravi Walia

The recipient of the Coach Achievement Award is Ravi Walia. Ravi Walia is the Skating Director and Head Coach of Ice Palace FSC. Over the years, many of his skaters have seen tremendous success at the national and world levels. This past year, Ravi coached Aurora Cotop, 2019 Canadian Silver Medalist and Matthew Newnham, 2019 Canadian Novice Men's Bronze Medalist. His love for figure skating is infectious. Ravi enjoys sharing his experiences and knowledge with all club members and he ensures that others are recognized for their great accomplishments and successes. Ravi is the heart and soul of the Ice Palace FSC, with his hard work, passion, experience, knowledge and dedication ensuring the success of the club.

BARBARA GRAHAM AWARD

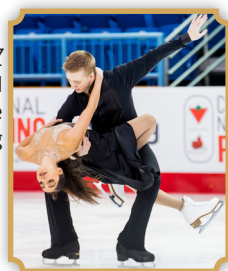


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Her great love and passion for figure skating was supplemented by her outstanding technical knowledge and ability to envision, develop and establish programming to support the progression of the sport. Following her retirement from the CFSA, Barbara traveled overseas and was State Coaching Director for the Ice Skating Association of Queensland, Australia. She later returned to Canada and settled in Edmonton where she was the Skating Development Specialist for the Section.

Isabel McQuilkin & Jacob Portz

The recipients of the Barbara Graham Award are Isabel McQuilkin & Jacob Portz. This team won the bronze medal at the 2019 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships in the Novice Dance event.



2019 SECTION AWARDS & BURSARIES

PAT FISCHER AWARD

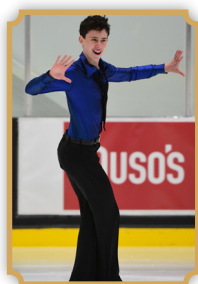


The Pat Fischer Award is in the memory of Pat's dedication as a volunteer and official. An invaluable member of the figure skating community in Alberta, Pat officiated at numerous test days and competitions each year. She achieved Gold Evaluator and Junior Competitive Singles status and was a respected judge and mentor.

Her vast knowledge and experience was utilized as a resource to assist fellow judges and evaluators and to educate coaches. As well as officiating, Pat also volunteered as a Section accountant and technical representative for competitions. She was President and Past-President of Calalta Community Figure Skating Club and was a member of the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Board of Directors as Officials Coordinating Committee Chair.

WILLIAM ODDSON

The recipient of the Pat Fischer Award is William Oddson. William was the highest placing Section skater in the Pre-Novice Men's category at the 2019 Skate Canada Challenge where he was 6th.



CREATING THE EDGE FOR LIFE AWARD



VALERIE LAFERRIERE

Valerie is an extremely dedicated adult skater who pushes herself to work hard to compete in multiple competitions throughout the season. She competes in both interpretive and freeskate and enjoys performing in her club's ice show. Valerie comes to the arena ready to give it her all and she is constantly pushing herself to go further, be faster and achieve more.

SPIRIT & PASSION OF SKATING AWARD



JULIE DAYTON

Julie Dayton has been an active adult skater for about 10 years. She trains at 4 days a week and in addition to her full-time career as a school teacher she volunteers her time coaching with the 'Inclusive Skating' program. Julie is also a coach of skaters with special needs to help them reach their full potential while sharing with them her love of skating.

2019 ATHLETE RECOGNITION



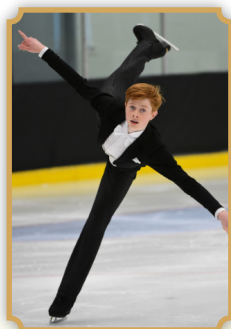
MICHELLE DENG
PRE-NOVICE WOMEN
2019 Canada Winter Games, Gold

GRACE PELE & JOEL PORTZ
PRE-NOVICE DANCE
2019 Skate Canada Challenge, Silver
2019 Canada Winter Games, Silver



SAVANNA MARTEL & KOBI CHANT
PRE-NOVICE DANCE
2019 Skate Canada Challenge, Bronze
2019 Canada Winter Games, Bronze

MATTHEW NEWNHAM
NOVICE MEN
2019 Skate Canada Challenge, Silver
2019 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Bronze
2019 Canada Winter Games, Gold



2019 ATHLETE RECOGNITION



KEEGAN MESSING

SENIOR MEN

2019 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Bronze

2018 Skate Canada International, Silver

2018 Nebelhorn Trophy, Gold

ISABEL MCQUILKIN & JACOB PORTZ

NOVICE DANCE

2019 Skate Canada Challenge, Gold

2019 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Bronze

2019 Canada Winter Games, Bronze



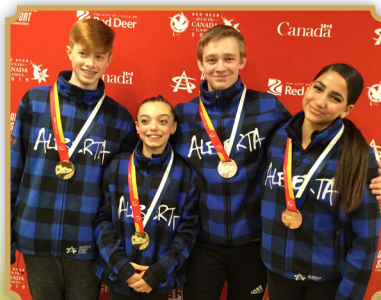
KAIYA RUITER

NOVICE WOMEN

2019 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Gold

2019 Canada Winter Games, Gold

2019 Bavarian Open, Bronze



LONG SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

25 YEAR COACH

Kim Slopak Weeks
Shirley Solkowski

25 YEAR OFFICIAL

Wendy Kelly
Sharon Dingle
Eldon Gjesdal
Don Peddle

50 YEAR COACH

Paul Thomas
Jan Ullmark
Cynthia Ullmark
Bernard Ford
Greg Folk

50 YEAR OFFICIAL

Adele Bonetti



CLUB & SKATING SCHOOL RECOGNITIONS

50 YEARS

Drayton Valley SC
Fairview Silver Blades SC
Fort Saskatchewan SC
Medicine Hat SC

60 YEARS

Lethbridge SC

70 YEARS

Crowsnest Pass SC



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