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**2020 SECTION  
AWARDS RECOGNITION**

**SKATECANADA**  
ALBERTA-NWT/NUNAVUT





Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut recognizes its partners, supporters and sponsors for their commitment to figure skating in the Section.



# 2020 REGION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

EDMONTON REGION	Swasti Sharma Chloe Gauvreau Amy Schendel Crystal Halko Hye Jin Cho Tracy Moran	CanSkate Athlete Award Program Assistant Award STARSkate Athlete Award Volunteer Coach Award CompetitiveSkate Athlete Award Volunteer Award
NORTHWEST REGION	Hadley Wilson Graysyn Schlitter Taeva McKay Sheena Oulton	CanSkate Athlete Award Program Assistant Award STARSkate Athlete Award Volunteer Award
CALGARY REGION	Avianah MacDonald Cassidy Domenico Diana Peters Alyrra Lindsay Mia Saunders & William Oddson Tara Alldred-Gundesen Nicole Grenon	CanSkate Athlete Award Program Assistant Award Volunteer Award STARSkate Athlete Award CompetitiveSkate Athlete Award Official Award Volunteer Coach Award
SOUTH REGION	River Lee Mackenzie Hurn Grace Lloyd Olea Taboulchanas	CanSkate Athlete Award Program Assistant Award STARSkate Athlete Award Volunteer Coach Award
PEACE REGION	Dreya Krahn Elyssa McLellan Kyra Sauve Sherry Senyk	CanSkate Athlete Award Program Assistant Award STARSkate Athlete Award Volunteer Award
CENTRAL REGION	Mailee Marek Kailyn Knock Corey Ovie Andrea Phagoo Christy Rivet	CanSkate Athlete Award Program Assistant Award STARSkate Athlete Award Volunteer Award Volunteer Coach Award
NWT REGION	Kamdyn Alexie Alexandra James Miah Harris Alexandra Hook	CanSkate Athlete Award Program Assistant Award STARSkate Athlete Award Volunteer Award
NORTHEAST REGION	Radek Dallaire Ruben Thomas Sophie Kroeker Carolyn Penosky	CanSkate Athlete Award Program Assistant Award STARSkate Athlete Award Volunteer Award

# MARILYN CHIDLOW VOLUNTEER AWARDS



Marilyn Chidlow is a native of Ponoka who has been involved in skating volunteerism from the local club level through to the National Board 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.

## 2020 MARILYN CHIDLOW VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

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| Ainsley Doren, Ice Edge SC              | Karyn McNeill, Lacombe SC                |
| Allison Reynolds, Pincher Creek SC      | Kathy Drysdale, Grovedale FSC            |
| Anjeanette Klein, Barrhead SC           | Kelly Lajeunesse, Tri Area SC            |
| April Steele, Lakeside FSC              | Kelsey Ungstad, Athabasca SC             |
| Barb Nakashima, Taber FSC               | Kerri Brauner, Wild Rose SC              |
| Carla Feist, Lloydminster SC            | Krystal Cardinal, Blackfalds SC          |
| Carolyn Clayton, Marwayne SC            | Lana Ference, Bonnyville SC              |
| Christine Heggart, Rocky FSC            | Lana Marchinko, Red Deer SC              |
| Christine Bateman, Strathmore SC        | Marilyn Peterson, Ice Palace FSC         |
| Colette Parsons, Noralta SC             | Marilyn McKnight, Lake Bonavista FSC     |
| Debra Dolhun, Airdrie SC                | Natalie Lindsay, Calalta FSC             |
| Elise Romanyshyn, Smoky Lake FSC        | Natasha Knopf, Fairview Silver Blades    |
| Erin Adams, St. Albert Skating Centre   | Noriko Ohsada, Canmore SC                |
| Gesche Tallen, Springbank FSC           | Sheila Bryant, Cochrane SC               |
| Jacqueline Jorgensen, Cold Lake FSC     | Sherry Senyk, Northern Lights SC         |
| Janet Clamp, Southern Alberta SA        | Shylah Hrycauk, Beaumont SC              |
| Jasmin Jarisch, Gibbons SC              | Tammy Finnerty, Edmonton Synchronized SC |
| Joanne Nielsen, Calgary Synchronized SC | Tracy Finkbeiner, Brooks FSC             |
| Juanita Gorenuiuk, Norlight SC          | Trina Vy, Fliteway SC                    |
| Karla Cove, Manning FSC                 | Yvonne Nyrose, Okotoks SC                |
| Karli Wilson, Whitecourt SC             |  |

# 2020 SKATE CANADA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

## SECTION COMPETITIVE SKATE ATHLETE AWARD



*MIA SAUNDERS & WILLIAM ODDSON*

Mia is an accomplished dancer who is currently working towards her Vocational RAD Ballet Examinations. She also participates in contemporary, jazz, ballroom and hip hop. Will is an accomplished ballroom dancer. He is currently training to compete at the Pre-Championship level. Both skaters have a very positive attitude whether training or competing. They demonstrate drive and determination in all they do and are always willing to cheer others on or offer help wherever needed.

## SECTION STARS KATE ATHLETE AWARD



*AMY SCHENDEL*

Amy is a dedicated STARSkater and SynchroSkater (the youngest member on her team to compete at the 2020 Skate Canada Synchro Championships). She volunteers in many capacities at her skating clubs, in the community, and at school. Amy is a dedicated, positive and hard-working person. She has made consistent improvement in all areas of her skating development. Success has come in both skill evaluation and the performance aspects. She is a role model to skaters in her club and inspires others to be the best they can be.

## SECTION VOLUNTEER AWARD



*DIANA PETERS*

Diana Peters has been a valuable and dedicated volunteer at Calalta FSC since 2011 where she began by volunteering at every single event that season. Her contributions to the club have been vast and she has volunteered thousands of hours as Chair for competitions and special events, host of seminars and fun days, liaison with the City of Calgary to promote Calalta, the sport of figure skating and lobby for a revitalized Jimmie Condon.

## EVENT VOLUNTEER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



*DONNA KORMOS*

As Local Organizing Committee Chair for the 2020 Skate Canada Challenge, Donna Kormos went above and beyond the assigned volunteer role at the event, making a positive difference. She is always keen to mentor and is an exemplary role model for other volunteers. Donna has a passion for figure skating and it shows in her commitment to ensuring that the volunteers feel supported for the event and enjoy their experience.

# 2020 SKATE CANADA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

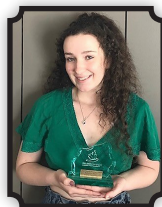
## VOLUNTEER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



*DONNA MOSES*

Donna's life-long passion for figure skating is evident through the volunteer roles she has held. As President of the Claresholm SC for 21 years, South Region Representative, Regions Committee Chair, and Vice-Chair on the Section Board. Most recently, she served as Section Chair from 2015 to 2019. Donna's dedication, knowledge, and attention to detail was outstanding. Her contributions are lasting and continue to make an impact on our Section. Her calm, kind demeanor and loving support of figure skating will always be remembered.

## SECTION PROGRAM ASSISTANT AWARD



*CHLOE GAUVREAU*

Chloe always has a smile on her face, is encouraging, and brings her enthusiasm to the ice. As a program assistant she takes initiative and tries new activities and techniques. Chloe is patient and creative with the young skaters and always eager to learn and improve her skills. Chloe has an inviting personality that welcomes and encourages skaters of all levels in the club.

## SECTION CANSKATE ATHLETE AWARD



*RIVER LEE*

River is truly a joy to coach and a perfect role model for the CanSkate program. She demonstrates enthusiasm for learning and aspires to be in the STARSkate program. River is typically the first one to step on the ice. She asks questions, helps clean up and is there to help the little ones if they need a hand... yet River is only 5 years old herself!

## SECTION OFFICIALS AWARD



*TARA ALLDRED-GUNDESEN*

Tara is a Gold Evaluator and Senior Judge who has volunteered thousands of hours at Calgary area test days and events all over the Section. She strives for excellence in all that she does and is respected greatly by fellow officials. She often trades work shifts as a community nurse so she can help at a week-day test day or a weekend competition.

## SECTION VOLUNTEER COACH AWARD



*CHRISTY RIVETT*

Christy has the desire to inspire the love of skating in all skaters. Whether its through stuffed animals, bubbles, or games and activities, she goes the extra mile to make skaters want to keep coming back. She makes it fun for them even when learning something difficult, she still manages to get them to smile while they are doing it.

# 2020 SECTION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



## **SHEENA MEURIN**

*OFFICIAL INDUCTEE*

Sheena volunteered for over 40 years with Skate Canada as a judge, referee, technical controller, evaluator and clinic leader. Sheena became a judge in 1975, and over the years she has developed a rich history of volunteerism. Whenever the call went out to serve, Sheena readily accepted the task.

At the Section level she served as Judges Chair and Skater Development Chair. At the national level Sheena served on the National Judges Committee and Skater Development Committees. She also served on the International Judges Committee.

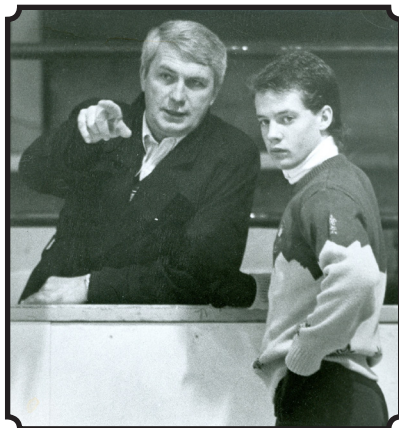
Sheena's knowledge and dedication greatly benefited the athletes. She gave countless hours to monitoring skaters in Alberta and across Canada. She had many special moments watching the skaters grow, gain experience and reach their goals. Sheena considers the time spent judging on panels, monitoring athletes, and being a part of the Kurt Browning era to be the highlights of her officiating career.

## **MICHAEL JIRANEK**

*PROFESSIONAL, COACH INDUCTEE*

Throughout his coaching career, Michael Jiranek has earned an excellent reputation as a coach of provincial, divisional, national and international figure skaters. He was highly regarded for the confidence, calmness, and love of skating that he instilled in his skaters.

Four-time World Champion Kurt Browning and Canadian Champion Lisa Sargeant are among the skaters whom he has coached. Both skaters won national senior singles titles in 1990 making him the first Canadian coach in twenty one years to achieve the distinction.



Michael's coaching career spanned over 40 years and he retired in 2015. He was inducted into the Alberta Hall of Fame in 1995 and into the Skate Canada Hall of Fame in 2003. Among his coaching awards, Michael Jiranek was the recipient of the 1989 Alberta Coaching Recognition Award; 1990 Alberta Coach of the Year; 1990 Amateur Sports Awards Coach of the Year; 1989 to 1991 Coaching Excellence Awards.



# 2020 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](http://www.albertafigureskatingfoundation.ca)

## MERIT AWARD

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



### *MAJA HUSAIN*

The recipient of the Merit Award for the 2020 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships is Maja Husain. The officials at the event selected Maja as the recipient for the Merit Award for her outstanding Novice Free program.

# 2020 ALBERTA FIGURE SKATING FOUNDATION

## 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 Leading Edge Series Champions.



*CHIARA LONG*  
STAR 6 Women



*CALEB HOVELAND*  
STAR 6 Men



*HARU PEARSE*  
STAR 8 Women



*SADIE NICHOLSON*  
STAR 10 Women



*KYLA MURRAY*  
Gold Women



*MICHELLE XIAO*  
Pre-Juvenile U13 Women

## QUADRUPLE GOLD AWARDS

Amelia Johnston, Calalta FSC  
Anneke Johnston, Calalta FSC  
Anson Chung, Gateway SC  
Baillie Collins, Springbank FSC  
Grace Johnson, Springbank FSC  
Janae Milgate, Camrose SC  
Karlee MacMillan, Sylvan Lake FSC

Kelly Clements, Wild Rose FSC  
Madison Kowaluk, St. Albert Skating Centre  
Megan Tucker, Calgary Winter Club  
Mikala Cutler, Ice Palace FSC  
Nikki Jugovic, Thorncliffe Greenview SC  
Torri Hollstein, Calalta FSC  
Victoria Newton, Tri Area SC

## TRIPLE GOLD AWARDS

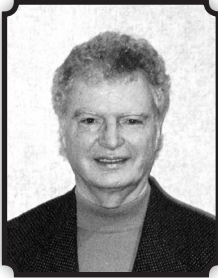
Ainsleigh Lucki, Stettler FSC  
Anna Sweeny, Foothills FSC  
Bobby Joe Donovan, Olympia SC  
Catharina Brosinsky, Bashaw SC  
Emily David, Skate Ponoka

Emily Morse, Vulcan SC  
Erin McKean, Springbank FSC  
Hannah Pisko, Delburne FSC  
Hannah Illing, Thorncliffe Greenview SC  
Inna Pityn, Ice Palace FSC

Josef Burger, Crowchild SC  
Kalee Rupp, Cold Lake FSC  
Kennedy Jackson, Innisfail SC  
Mychala Collier, Ice Palace FSC  
Sydney Biensch, St. Albert SC

# 2020 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.

### ANGELINA GRANT

The recipient of the Dennis McFarlane Award is Angelina Grant. Angelina was the highest placing Section skater in the Pre-Novice Women category at the 2020 Skate Canada Challenge, where she placed 8th.



## 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.

### BLACK GOLD OPEN

The recipient of the Pat Sprague Award is Black Gold Open. Black Gold Open was the highest placing team at the 2020 Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships.



# 2020 SECTION AWARDS & BURSARIES

## BARBARA GRAHAM INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Barbara was involved in all aspects of High Performance skating. She worked with local to international skaters in achieving their dreams. In 2001 Barbara was inducted into the Skate Canada Hall of Fame in the Builder category. The Barbara Graham International Award is given to an athlete or team who has reached greatness at the Provincial and National level and is focused on achieving excellence at the International level. The athlete or athletes represent the best in sports, and are role models for all skaters.

### KEEGAN MESSING

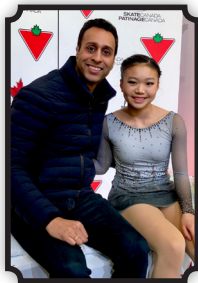
The recipient of the Barbara Graham International Award is Keegan Messing. Keegan has a heart of gold. He will always give everything he's got, but he also recognizes the accomplishments of his competitors and is genuinely happy for them. Authentic, kind, accessible to fans and young skaters alike, and successful on the international scene. Our Section is so lucky to have had this young man on our team since 2014. We are proud to honor him with the Barbara Graham International Award.



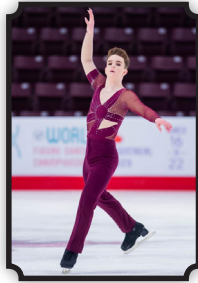
## TOLLER CRANSTON MEMORIAL FUND ATHLETE AWARD



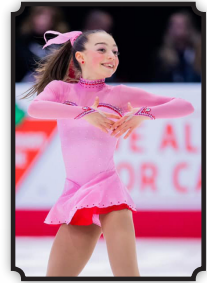
Named after the late skater who helped to revolutionize the sport, the Toller Cranston Memorial Fund Athlete Award was created to celebrate young skaters who display exceptional artistry on ice at the Canadian National Novice and Junior Championships. In a sport that has evolved to favor technical difficulty 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 Hye Jin Cho, Tim Pomares, and Kaiya Ruiter.



*HYE JIN CHO*



*TIM POMARES*



*KAIYA RUITER*



# 2020 SECTION AWARDS & BURSARIES

## JOHN VIPOND OFFICIAL'S SCHOLARSHIP

John Vipond was an active volunteer and official in our Section. He mentored many officials, 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. He encouraged life-long participation in skating through officiating, and that was invaluable in the development of new officials.

The John Vipond Official's Scholarship is awarded to an official who is striving to become an accomplished official. While on their pursuit of reaching a higher level of officiating, the recipient must also be attending a post-secondary institution.

### *MONICA DESMARAIS*

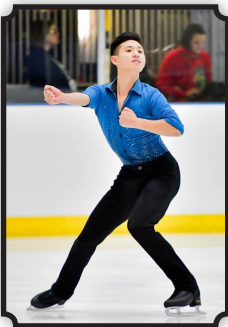
Monica is a well respected Official in our Section and is also held in high regard by officials from other Sections who have had the opportunity to work with her. She contributes her calm demeanor and excellent technical knowledge to every Technical Panel she sits on. Away from the rink, Monica leads a very busy and active life.

This past year, she returned to post-secondary education to become a Teacher.



## 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.

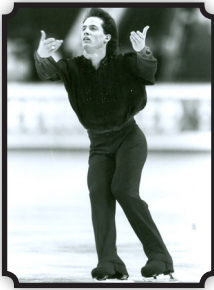


### *ERIC LIU*

Eric is a member Skate Canada's NextGen Team and has represented Canada at 5 Junior Grand Prix events. He improved immensely this season in particular, placing 2nd in the Senior Men's event at Skate Canada Challenge and 7th at the National Championships. He has persevered through many obstacles and learned many important life lessons. Eric is a very determined athlete who has a great love for skating. He has achieved success over several competitive seasons, and that body of work speaks for itself.

# 2020 SECTION AWARDS & BURSARIES

## KURT BROWNING AWARD

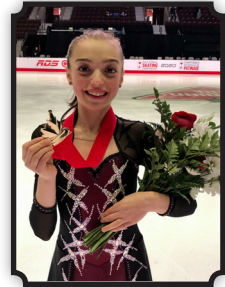


Nicknamed the 'Kid from Caroline', Alberta's Kurt Browning revolutionized the sport of figure skating with his unique combination of strong, yet graceful jumps, creativity and charismatic appeal. In 1988, he entered the record books as the first athlete to complete a quadruple jump in a World's competition,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

### *KAIYA RUITER*

The recipient of the Kurt Browning Award is Kaiya Ruiter. Kaiya was the highest placing Section skater in the Junior Women category at the 2020 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships where she took home the gold medal.



## 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.

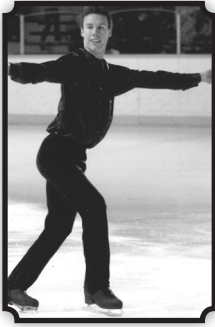
### *KENTO NAKASHIMA*

The recipient of the Brian Pockar Award is Kento Nakashima. Kento was the Juvenile Men U12 Champion at the 2020 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships.



# 2020 SECTION AWARDS & BURSARIES

## JESSE SMITH MEMORIAL AWARD

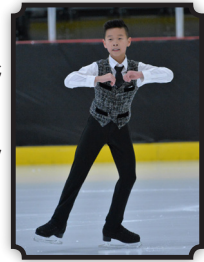


This award is in memory of Jesse Smith. Jesse spent his entire life pursuing his passion and love for skating. He achieved his dream of competing at the senior level and upon his retirement from competitive skating, Jesse toured professionally with Disney on Ice. Being a perfectionist, he mastered every 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.

### TRAVIS TRANG

The recipient of the Jesse Smith Memorial Award is Travis Trang. Travis was the Pre-Juvenile Men Champion at the 2020 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships.



## WINNIE SILVERTHORNE AWARD

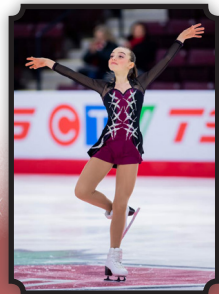


This award is named in the memory of Winnie Silverthorne, one of Alberta's great figure skating coaches. Born in England, Winnie was a former pairs skater with her brother Dennis. The Silverthorne's placed fourth at the ISU World Championships and fifth at the 1948 Olympics. In 1950 Winnie moved to Ontario,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

### KAIYA RUITER

As the 2020 Canadian Junior Women Champion, Kaiya is self-motivated, extremely focused, and dedicated to both on-ice and off-ice strategic plans. She has a fantastic support team of parents, siblings and coaches. She is extremely competitive and knows what she needs to do to be her best in the most pressure filled situations.

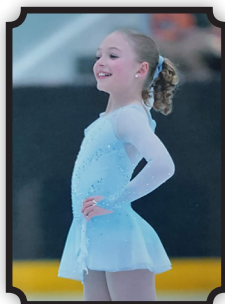


# 2020 SECTION AWARDS & BURSARIES

## PRE-JUVENILE WOMEN AWARD

### TESSA MACKINNON

The recipient of the Pre-Juvenile Award is Tessa MacKinnon. Tessa was the gold medalist of the Pre-Juvenile Women U11 at the 2020 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships.



## SHANTELL HALE AWARDS

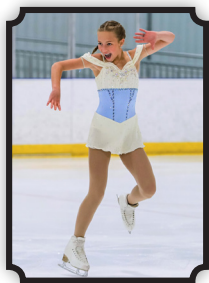


Shantell Hale was born in 1978 and started her skating career with the Strathcona Figure Skating Club. She had big dreams, a bubbly personality and always a friendly smile and greeting.

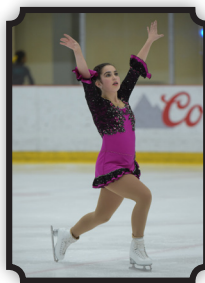
When she passed away, Shantell was on the Alberta Figure Skating Team and was one of the top junior ladies in the Section. Skating was her life, her dream, her passion - everything she did centered around skating.

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 Emerson Hill, Juvenile Women U12 and Indiya McNutt-Holland, Juvenile Women U14. These recipients were the gold medalists in their respective categories at the 2020 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships.



EMERSON HILL



INDIYA MCNUTT-HOLLAND





# 2020 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 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.

### MEG OHSADA

The recipient of the Jamie Salé Special Olympics Skater Achievement Award is Meg Ohsada. Meg is constantly striving to improve. She competed in the Calgary Region Invitational this year in preparation for her trip to Thunder Bay for the National Winter Games in February.

She has become a role model to other skaters at her club. Particularly mentoring a young CanSkater, who is not letting her challenges stop her from loving to skate. Meg provides encouragement and guidance for this young skater.



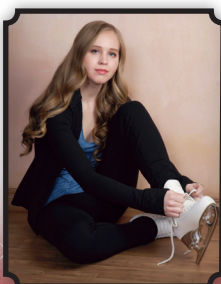
## GATEWAY SKATING CLUB POST-SECONDARY BURSARY



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.

### ARIANA ALFORD

The recipient of the Gateway Skating Club Post-Secondary Bursary is Ariana Alford. Ariana is a full-time student at the University of Calgary in her second year of Engineering. She trains 14 hours a week, including off-ice. Ariana became a CanSkate coach when she was 16 because she loves the sport and wanted to share that with the younger generation. She is dependable, professional and very easy to work with.



# 2020 SECTION AWARDS & BURSARIES

## COACH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



### *CINDY WONG-LARSON*

Cindy has successfully trained numerous athletes, from CanSkate and up. This season she co-coached a pair team that competed at their first National Championships. Her love for coaching extends outside of the arena, and she is present at all club events. She is always willing to lend a hand and serves as a mentor to Fliteway's young coaches and coaches to be, not only encouraging a love for skating, but a love for teaching as well.

## BARBARA GRAHAM AWARD

The Barbara Graham Award is named in memory of Barbara Graham, one of Skate Canada's Hall of Fame members and a Canadian skating legend. A former Canadian Junior Pairs Champion and world level judge, Barbara was Technical Director for the then Canadian Figure Skating Association (CFSA) from 1972 to 1991.



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.



### *EMMA YU & DANIEL YU*

Emma Yu and Daniel Yu won gold at the 2020 Skate Canada Challenge in the Pre-Novice Dance event. They had a successful year placing first in every competition that they competed in. Emma and Daniel are serious athletes. They have high aspirations for competing at the Novice level next season and they hope to represent Canada internationally some day. They have the work ethic and determination to succeed.

# 2020 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.

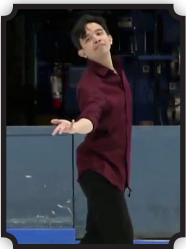
Her vast knowledge and experience was utilized as a resource to assist fellow judges and evaluators and to educate coaches. As well as officiating, Pat also volunteered as a Section accountant and technical representative for competitions. She was President and Past-President of Calalta Community Figure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

## ANSON CHUNG

The recipient of the Pat Fischer Award is Anson Chung. Anson was the highest placing Section skater in the Pre-Novice Men's category at the 2020 Skate Canada Challenge where he finished 10th overall.



## CREATING THE EDGE FOR LIFE AWARD



## DERICK ECHEVARNA

Derick is the epitome of dedication and hard work. He skates any chance he can get including some early morning sessions. He never complains about being tired and is always ready for the next challenge. He pays close attention to detail and strives for perfection on his edges and turns. Derick is a shining example that hard work pays off.

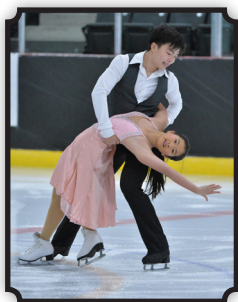
## SPIRIT & PASSION OF SKATING AWARD

## RITA LAM

Rita started figure skating at age 34. Learning to skate as an adult can be a bit scary, but Rita rises above her fear every day she steps on the ice. Her enthusiasm is contagious at the arena. She is always telling the younger skaters that if she can try, then so can they.



# 2020 ATHLETE RECOGNITION



*EMMA YU & DANIEL YU*  
PRE-NOVICE DANCE  
2020 Skate Canada Challenge, Gold

*MIA SAUNDERS & WILLIAM ODDSON*  
NOVICE DANCE  
2020 Skate Canada Challenge, Bronze  
2020 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Bronze

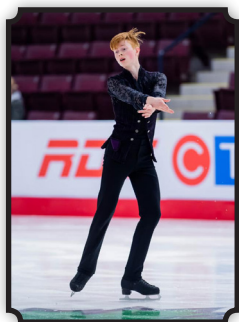


*ISABEL MCQUILKIN & JACOB PORTZ*  
JUNIOR DANCE  
2019 ISU Junior Grand Prix - Riga Cup, 11th

*KAIYA RUITER*  
JUNIOR WOMEN  
2019 ISU Junior Grand Prix - Riga Cup, 11th  
2019 ISU Junior Grand Prix - Egna-Neumarkt, 6th  
2020 Skate Canada Challenge, Gold  
2020 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Gold  
2020 Bavarian Open, Gold  
2020 World Junior Figure Skating Championships, 31st



# 2020 ATHLETE RECOGNITION



*MATTHEW NEWNHAM*

JUNIOR MEN

2020 Skate Canada Challenge, Bronze



*ERIC LIU*

JUNIOR MEN

2019 ISU Junior Grand Prix - Riga Cup, 8th

SENIOR MEN

2020 Skate Canada Challenge, Silver



*KEEGAN MESSING*

SENIOR MEN

2019 Autumn Classic International, Bronze

2019 ISU Grand Prix - Skate America, 4th

2019 ISU Grand Prix - Cup of China, 4th

2020 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Bronze

2020 ISU Four Continents, 8th

# 2020 ATHLETE RECOGNITION SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The “7 Wonders of Alberta” and their coaches had a fantastic time in Thunder Bay at Nationals bringing home 7 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 bronze – the team’s best results ever!

**McKenna Husband**  
Level 1 Free Skate, Bronze

**Amber Harriman**  
Level 4 Free Skate B, Gold  
Level 2 Ice Dance, Gold

**Emma Bittorf**  
Level 2 Free Skate, Gold

**JorDen Tyson**  
Level 5 Free Skate, Silver  
Level 1 Ice Dance, Gold

**Meg Ohsada**  
Level 3 Free Skate, Gold  
Level 3 Ice Dance, 4th

**Kennedy Zaystoff**  
Level 6 Free Skate, Gold  
Level 4 Ice Dance, Gold

**Eleanor Saubak**  
Level 4 Free Skate A, Bronze  
Level 2 Ice Dance, Silver

**Special  
Olympics  
Alberta**



# LONG SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

## 25 YEAR COACH

Heather Glassford  
Ben Sauve

## 25 YEAR OFFICIAL

Jeff Lukasik  
Michelle Stockal  
Joanne Thompson

## 50 YEAR OFFICIAL

Deb Alsen



**SKATECANADA**  
ALBERTA-NWT/NUNAVUT

# CLUB & SKATING SCHOOL RECOGNITIONS

## 25 YEARS

Clive FSC  
La Crete FSC  
Wild Rose FSC

## 50 YEARS

Alix FSC  
Brooks FSC  
Federation SC  
Fort Smith FSC  
Gleichen FSC  
Grimshaw FSC  
Hanna FSC  
Hay River FSC  
Sherwood Park FSC  
Westlock FSC  
Wetaskiwin & District FSC

## 60 YEARS

Foothills FSC  
Calalta FSC



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