

# RESILIENCE

*and Reinvention*



**2022**  
**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.



# 2022 REGION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

## CALGARY REGION

Claire Hammond  
Isabella Hazelton  
Logan Mierau  
Tasha Olson  
Uma Zagele  
Robin Forsyth

CanSkate Athlete Award  
Program Assistant Award  
STAR Athlete Award  
Volunteer Award  
CompetitiveSkate Athlete Award  
Official Award

## CENTRAL REGION

Paige Kelly  
Jesse Johnston  
Kira MacPhee

CanSkate Athlete Award  
Program Assistant Award  
STAR Athlete Award

## EDMONTON REGION

Geneva Schellenberger  
Katie Wallace  
Elsa Philips  
Ravi Walia  
Annika Behnke & Kole Sauve  
Marilyn Peterson

CanSkate Athlete Award  
Program Assistant Award  
STAR Athlete Award  
Volunteer Coach Award  
CompetitiveSkate Athlete Award  
Volunteer Award

## NORTHEAST REGION

Piper Breen  
Brooklyn Madden  
Elizabeth Dyck  
Kim Mercier

CanSkate Athlete Award  
Program Assistant Award  
STAR Athlete Award  
Volunteer Award

## NORTHWEST REGION

Talayla Kosinski  
Victoria Ferguson  
McKenna Danyluk

CanSkate Athlete Award  
Program Assistant Award  
STAR Athlete Award

## PEACE REGION

Gio Tuazon  
Lucy Clarke  
Jillian Derksen

CanSkate Athlete Award  
Program Assistant Award  
STAR Athlete Award

## SOUTH REGION

Daytona Bradley  
Molly Wickstrom

CanSkate Athlete Award  
STAR Athlete 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.

## 2022 MARILYN CHIDLOW VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Alison Bonney-Gregson, Calalta FSC

Angela Bennett, Edmonton Synchronized SC

Ann Hussey, Grande Prairie SC

Ashling Kelly, Red Deer SC

Carolyn Garritano, St. Albert Skating Centre

Chris Langmead, Noralta SC

Christin Trofimenkoff, Northern Lights FSC

Din Lau, Canmore SC

Irene Liew, Lake Bonavista FSC

Jennifer Kuharski, Okotoks SC

Judy Neves-Saccomanno, Ice Palace FSC

Kaye Aitchison, Tri Area SC

Margo Butterfield, Lacombe SC

Rhonda Danyluk, Whitecourt SC

Sandra Jardine, Athabasca SC

Shane Schulz, Gibbons SC

Tammy Prah, Lakeside FSC

Tasha Olson, Calgary Synchronized SC

Tenealle Scheps, Foothills SC

# 2022 SKATE CANADA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

## SECTION COMPETITIVE SKATE ATHLETE AWARD



*ANNIKA BEHNKE/KOLE SAUVE*

Annika and Kole are the 2022 Sectional Pre-Novice Pairs Champions and the 2022 Skate Canada Challenge Pairs Bronze medalists. In 2020 both Annika and Kole, and their families moved to their current training centre in order to train in a competitive atmosphere and have greater access to on and off ice training. Their dedication and passion for figure skating shines daily as they train both individually and in Pairs. Their work ethic and positive attitudes are an example to all around them.

## SECTION STAR ATHLETE AWARD



*ELSA PHILLIPS*

Elsa loves to skate. Elsa attends all available on ice and off ice sessions while also sharing her passion for skating by volunteering as a Program Assistant with Pre-CanSkate and CanSkate. She competes at STARSkate competitions with the goal of achieving Quad Gold. Elsa is a high achieving and engaged role model for other skaters.

## SECTION VOLUNTEER AWARD



*KIM MERCIER*

Kim has been volunteering for her club for many years including holding two positions on the club executive. Each season she completed the registration of all the club's skaters while also ensuring the STARSkate Assessments are up-to-date. In addition, Kim can be found planning club events and ensuring a great experience for all skaters.

## SECTION VOLUNTEER COACH AWARD



*RAVI WALIA*

Not only is Ravi a coach of Provincial, National and International competitors but a tireless advocate for the sport of figure skating. Ravi volunteers at the National level as a Skate Canada Director-at-Large, as well as sitting on the Skate Canada External Relations, Membership Policy, and High Performance Committees as well as being an ISU level technical specialist. Ravi's depth of knowledge is gained by his many contributions to our Section including: Return to Play Advisory Committee, Competitions and Coach Advisory Committees as well as the Athlete Development Committee.



# 2022 SKATE CANADA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

## SECTION PROGRAM ASSISTANT AWARD



*JESSE JOHNSTON*

Jesse embodies the philosophies of Skate Canada. Every time he steps on the ice, he is pleasant and full of positive energy. Jesse does whatever he can to ensure all skaters are enjoying the sport, whether it is cracking a joke to make them laugh or offering them words of encouragement. He is thoughtful, knowledgeable and always working to improve himself as an assistant to both CanSkate and CanPowerSkate programs.

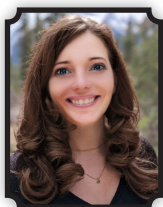
## SECTION CANSKATE ATHLETE AWARD



*PAIGE KELLY*

Paige has watched her sister skate for years and is working hard to progress from CanSkate to STARSkate. Paige's winning attitude and excellent work ethic will go a long way in making her future skating goals achievable. Paige displays passion and spirit when she steps on the ice. She constantly has a smile on her face and is always up for the next challenge.

## SECTION OFFICIAL AWARD



*ROBIN FORSYTH*

Robin contributes exponentially, not only to her home club and local community skaters, but on a much larger scale within the Section and at National Competitions. The effort Robin contributes to all events as a Technical Specialist and Technical Controller, really illustrates her passion and dedication into all stages and development of skating. Robin also volunteers her time as the Co-Lead of the Official's Committee and has provided outstanding support in the training and leadership of Section officials.

Robin approaches skaters with an equal passion, whether it's CanSkate, STARSkate, Special Olympic athletes or Competitive skaters.

Robin was also recognized at the Skate Canada Awards Banquet for her outstanding volunteerism at the Club and Section level where she received the 2022 National Volunteer Award.

# 2022 SECTION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



## **ROSEMARY MARKS**

*OFFICIAL INDUCTEE (POSTHUMOUS)*

Rosemary Marks had a long and distinguished history in skating, which began in her native Winnipeg and continued here in Edmonton. She was involved since 1949 as a skater, judge, team leader, and Board member. Rosemary won the Junior Women's Canadian Championship in 1952 and placed 6th a year later in Senior Women. Rosemary moved to Alberta in 1963 and went on to officiating and became a highly respected Canadian-level singles Judge for over 50 years.

With a deep commitment to volunteerism, Rosemary also served as a Director for the 1975 Skate Canada International, the 1994 Canadian Figure Skating Championships, and the 1996 World Figure Skating Championships.

Adding to this amazing resume, Rosemary served as a Skate Canada (CFSa) Team Leader for many International and World competitions, including the 1988 Olympics in Calgary. Her positive influence reached so many athletes in Alberta and across the country as she was always willing and available to help the skating community and was always a champion for our Section skaters.



## **MARILYN CHIDLOW**

*BUILDER INDUCTEE*

Marilyn Chidlow started skating as a recreational activity, not knowing where it would take her over the next 40 years. Like many volunteers, she became involved locally (at the Ponoka Skating Club), and soon was serving on the Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Board of Directors, as well as Committees at the National level. Marilyn became a member of the Skate Canada Board in 1987. She was elected Vice President in 1992, and in 2000, she was elected President. She continued in that role until 2006.

In 2013, she retired from her volunteer career, after nearly four decades of service. Her involvement in the development of CanSkate, Skate Canada's flagship learn-to-skate program, was monumental. As well, Marilyn was actively involved in large-scale events. She was a Director for the extremely successful 1994 Canadian Figure Skating Championships and the 1996 ISU World Figure Skating Championships. She oversaw the organization of the 2001 ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the 2003 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, and the 2006 ISU World Figure Skating Championships. Marilyn's ability to build strong interpersonal relationships with members of the ISU helped Skate Canada to be seen as a leader throughout the skating world.



# SUE CUTMORE MEMORIAL SPIRIT AWARD

Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut is proud to announce a new award that has been created in the memory of Sue Cutmore. Sue passed away in August 2020, and it is the wish of her family to create an annual award for skaters to honor the 40 years that she dedicated to the sport of figure skating.

Sue Cutmore was a successful pairs skating competitor at the national level. She coached for over 25 years at the Calgary Glencoe Club, and Edmonton's Royal Glenora and Ice Palace Figure Skating Clubs. She guided skaters all the way to the Canadian Championships.

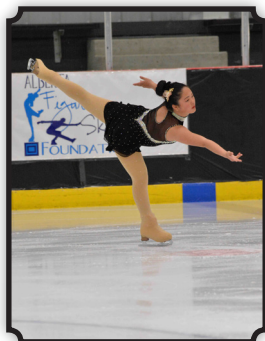


In the late 1970's, Sue formed the first synchronized skating teams in Alberta, and while she was predominantly a Singles and Pairs coach, she had a natural knack for synchro. She founded the Edmonton Precision Skating Club in 1979, which under her exceptional direction went on to win many national titles. Sue was sought after to coach seminars across Canada, the US, and even Australia.

In 2004, Sue joined the Section Office as the Coaching & Officials Development Coordinator. She then took on the role of Skater Development & Talent ID Advisor, and her title changed to Manager, Athlete Development. She worked in that role until 2007, and in that time countless skaters were the beneficiary of Sue's guidance, expertise, and mentorship.



SAVANNAH LONG



SERENA WU

The recipients of the Sue Cutmore Award are Savannah Long, STAR 5 U10 and Serena Wu, STAR 5 U13. These recipients were the gold medalists in their respective categories at the 2022 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut STARSkate Championships.

# 2022 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  
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## TRIPLE GOLD AWARDS

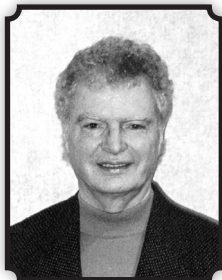
Adrianna Davis, Centennial FSC  
Amanda Wilson, Whitecourt SC  
Amber Dutton, Gateway SC  
Amy Warnke, Wetaskiwin FSC  
Devan Korsiger, Innisfail FSC  
Lauren Penman, Carstairs SC  
Teagan Scott, Grimshaw FSC

## QUADRUPLE GOLD AWARDS

Atlee Graham, Red Deer SC  
Brooklyn Watmough, Lethbridge SC  
Emma Butler, Thorncliffe Greenview Ice SC  
Erin Higa, Ice Palace FSC  
Jessica McDonald, Noralta SC  
Julia Chua, Gateway SC  
Madison Donaghy, Red Deer SC  
Madison Moore, Ice Palace FSC  
Sofya Fursova, Ice Palace FSC  
Zoe Cascadden, Crowchild SC

# 2022 ALBERTA FIGURE SKATING FOUNDATION

## DENNIS MCFARLANE AWARD

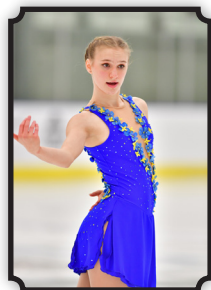


This award is in memory of Dennis McFarlane. A former National competitor in three disciplines, Dennis began judging when he was a teenager. He reached the highest level recognized by the International Skating Union when he achieved World and Olympic Judge and Referee status in singles, pairs and ice 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.

### *KASSIDY SINCLAIR*

The recipient of the Dennis McFarlane Award is Kassidy Sinclair. Kassidy was the highest placing Section skater in the Pre-Novice Women category at the 2022 Skate Canada Challenge.



## 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 2022 Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships where they won the bronze medal.



# 2022 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.



### *MATTHEW NEWNHAM*

Matthew Newnham is a very focused and talented young athlete, whose accomplishments include winning Sectionals at every single level, from Pre-Juvenile to Senior. He has won National medals and titles, was a member of the Skate Canada NextGen team, and has represented Canada at an ISU Junior Grand Prix. Matthew is an excellent role model at his club. He displays sportsmanship and is always happy to give back to the sport. He has completed his first year of studies at the University of Alberta, and continues his incredible improvement on the ice, acquiring the triple axel and a quadruple jump this season.

## 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.

### *KAYLA HALLIDAY*

The Alberta recipient of the 2022 Toller Cranston Memorial Fund Athlete Award is Kayla Halliday. Kayla's performances this season were simply exquisite... she is both technically and artistically gifted on the ice, and she is an absolute joy to have on our team.



# 2022 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.

### CARALEE ANDERSON

Caralee is a Senior Sectional Singles, and Novice Synchro Judge in our Section. She is devoted to her officiating duties, consistently striving to improve her knowledge for the athletes and the sport. Away from the rink, Caralee is an Intensive Care and Coronary Care Nurse in Calgary. On top of that, she will be graduating with her Masters in Nursing in the Collaborative Nurse Practitioner Program. She volunteers on nursing boards, locally, nationally, and internationally. When she's not studying or volunteering, Caralee loves running, biking, and camping with her husband and daughter.



## 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.



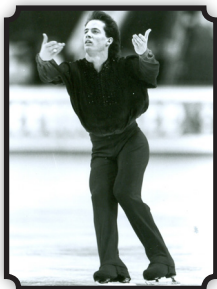
### MICHELLE DENG

Michelle Deng is a dedicated and driven athlete with a passion for skating and works extremely hard to achieve her goals. Michelle has achieved much competitive success and has been one of the Section's top skaters every year for the past seven years. She is on Skate Canada's NextGen Team and added a National Bronze medal to her accomplishments earlier this year in the Junior Women's event. She has shown incredible development and improvement in all aspects of her skating, even through seasons of injury and the pandemic. Her self-discipline and commitment to excellence has led her to be an accomplished piano player, honors student at school, and role model to fellow skaters.



# 2022 SECTION AWARDS & BURSARIES

## KURT BROWNING AWARD

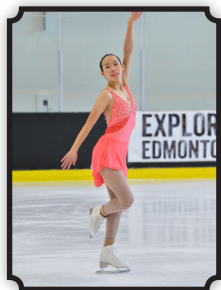


Nicknamed the 'Kid from Caroline', Alberta's Kurt Browning revolutionized the sport of figure skating with his unique combination of strong, yet graceful jumps, creativity and charismatic appeal. In 1988, he entered the record books as the first athlete to complete a quadruple jump in a World's competition,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

### *MICHELLE DENG*

The recipient of the Kurt Browning Award is Michelle Deng. Michelle was the highest placing Section skater in the Junior Women category at the 2022 Canadian Tire National Championships where she took home the bronze 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.

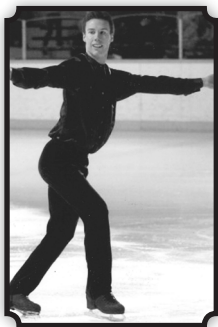
### *JUSTIN CHEUNG*

The recipient of the Brian Pockar Award is Justin Cheung. Justin was the gold medalist of the Juvenile Men U12 at the 2022 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships.



# 2022 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.

### GEORGE LONGAY

The recipient of the Jesse Smith Memorial Award is George Longay. George was the gold medalist of the Pre-Juvenile Men U11 at the 2022 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships.



## WINNIE SILVERTHORNE AWARD

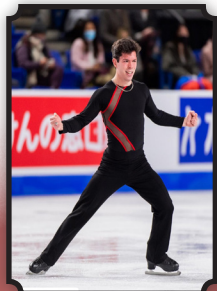


This award is named in the memory of Winnie Silverthorne, one of Alberta’s great figure skating coaches. Born in England, Winnie was a former pairs skater with her brother Dennis. The Silverthorne’s placed fourth at the ISU World Championships and fifth at the 1948 Olympics. In 1950 Winnie moved to Ontario,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

### KEEGAN MESSING

The recipient of the Winnie Silverthorne Award is Keegan Messing. Keegan is the 2022 Senior Men Canadian Champion.



# 2022 SECTION AWARDS & BURSARIES

## PRE-JUVENILE WOMEN AWARD

### *VICTORIA YONEMORI*

The recipient of the Pre-Juvenile Award is Victoria Yonemori. Victoria was the gold medalist of the Pre-Juvenile Women U11 at the 2022 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.



*LIA CHO*



*YITUN FENG*

The recipients of the Shantell Hale Award are Lia Cho, Juvenile Women U12 and Yitun Feng, Juvenile Women U15. These recipients were the gold medalists in their respective categories at the 2022 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships.

# 2022 SECTION AWARDS & BURSARIES

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS SKATER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



### **Special Olympics**

The Special Olympics Skater Achievement Award recognizes the dedication and achievements of Special Olympics skaters within Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut. The recipient is selected for their commitment, passion and spirit.

#### *ELEANOR SAUBAK*

The recipient of the Special Olympics Skater Achievement Award is Eleanor Saubak. Eleanor is a dedicated skater who has worked very hard to move from Level 4 to Level 5. In addition to her own training, she enjoys helping with the CanSkate program at the Nanton SC. She is supportive and encouraging to younger skaters and enjoys helping others learn new skating skills. Eleanor is always striving to improve her skating and achieve her goals.



## 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.

#### *DANIEL YU*

The recipient of the Gateway Skating Club Post-Secondary Bursary is Daniel Yu. Daniel is a full time student at the University of Calgary, enrolled in Economics. During this recent competitive season, Daniel has balanced full time ice dance training, a full course load and two part time jobs. He is disciplined, focused, committed, self motivated and a dedicated athlete. Daniel has made the most of every opportunity to train and grow as an individual and as an athlete.



# 2022 SECTION AWARDS & BURSARIES

## COACH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



*KIM MERCIER-BUCHTA*

The Bonnyville FSC feels very fortunate to have Coach Kim. Kim's dedication to the club and its skaters is shown in everything she does. She is focused on team building and her creativity, discipline, commitment, and passion for the sport is evident in the growth of each of her skaters. In the summer of 2021 Kim revamped the club's programming set of programs to successfully create a STARSkate program to meet the needs of 42 STARSkaters and 60 CanSkaters.

Kim donates her time and her own resources to creating CanSkate props that will stand the test of time, inspire our skaters to learn to skate and promote smiles for years to come. Kim has also donated her time to free Sunday lessons for skaters for the past 9 years. She believes this is her way of giving back to the club and supporting the sport she is so passionate about.

## 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.

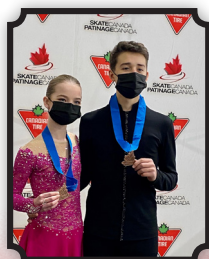


*KAITLYN HO & DANIEL YU*

The recipients of the Barbara Graham Award are Kaitlyn Ho and Daniel Yu. They were the highest placing Section team in the Novice Dance category at the 2022 Canadian Tire National Championships where they took home the bronze medal.

*ANNIKA BEHNKE & KOLE SAUVE*

The recipients of the Barbara Graham Award are Annika Behnke and Kole Sauve. They were the highest placing Section team in the Pre-Novice Dance category at the 2022 Skate Canada Challenge where they took home the bronze medal.





# 2022 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.

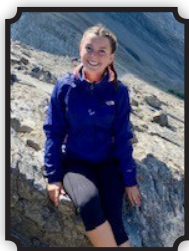
Her vast knowledge and experience was utilized as a resource to assist fellow judges and evaluators and to educate coaches. As well as officiating, Pat also volunteered as a Section accountant and technical representative for competitions. She was President and Past-President of Calalta Community Figure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

### *KENTO NAKASHIMA*

The recipient of the Pat Fischer Award is Kento Nakashima. He was the highest placing Section skater in the Pre-Novice Men category at the 2022 Skate Canada Challenge where he took home the bronze medal.



## CREATING THE EDGE FOR LIFE AWARD



### *HANNAH BOISSONNAULT*

Hannah Boissonnault is a full-time student, competes on an Adult I synchronized skating team, and enjoys coaching CanSkate. Every practice and competition Hannah brings a positive and encouraging attitude. She is friendly, always willing to try new things, and promotes her love for this sport.

## SPIRIT & PASSION OF SKATING AWARD

### *KARA-LEE BLAIS*

Kara-Lee has the biggest heart and will forever do her best to make time for anyone and make sure they know they matter. She competed for the first time since COVID in Lethbridge and was so supportive of all the skaters around her.

More importantly, she was taking pride in showing her daughter that competed for the very first time too that skating is her passion as well. She has inspired other adults to skate.

Thanks to her energy and support, five adults from her group joined her to compete at the 2022 STARSkate Championships.



# 2022 ATHLETE RECOGNITION



*KAYLA HALLIDAY*  
NOVICE WOMEN  
2022 Skate Canada Challenge, Gold



*KAITLYN HO & DANIEL YU*  
NOVICE DANCE  
2022 Skate Canada Challenge, Gold  
2022 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Bronze



*ANGELINA GRANT*  
NOVICE WOMEN  
2022 Skate Canada Challenge, Silver  
2022 ISU Spring Trophy Egna



*KENTO NAKASHIMA*  
PRE-NOVICE MEN  
2022 Skate Canada Challenge, Bronze

# 2022 ATHLETE RECOGNITION

*KEEGAN MESSING*

*SENIOR MEN*

2022 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Gold

2022 Beijing Olympics, 11th place

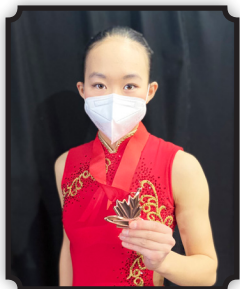
2022 World Championships, 14th place

2021 ISU Challenger Series - Golden Spin of Zagreb, Gold

2021 ISU Challenger Series - Finlandia Trophy, 4th place

2021 ISU Grand Prix Skate Canada International, 5th place

2021 ISU Grand Prix Internationaux de France, 6th place



*MICHELLE DENG*

*JUNIOR WOMEN*

2022 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Bronze

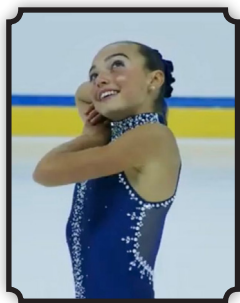
*ANNIKA BEHNKE & KOLE SAUVE*

*PRE-NOVICE PAIR*

2022 Skate Canada Challenge, Bronze



# 2022 ATHLETE RECOGNITION



*KAIYA RUITER*

*JUNIOR WOMEN*

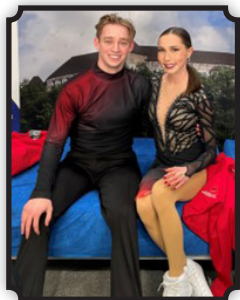
2021 ISU Junior Grand Prix #1 - Courcheval France, Silver

2021 ISU Junior Grand Prix #2 - Courcheval France, Bronze

*MATTHEW NEWNHAM*

*JUNIOR MEN*

2021 ISU Junior Grand Prix #7 - Linz Austria - 8th place



*ALYSSA ROBINSON & JACOB PORTZ*

*JUNIOR DANCE*

2021 ISU Junior Grand Prix #5 - Ljubljana Slovenia, 7th place

## *BLACK GOLD OPEN*

2022 Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships, Bronze



# LONG SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

## 25 YEAR COACH

Brad Hazelton  
Angela Duffy  
Doug Schmierer  
Alison Bonney-Gregson

## 25 YEAR OFFICIAL

Krista Sellers  
Dori Mark  
Krystyna Banas

## 25 YEAR VOLUNTEER

Norine Hori



**SKATECANADA**  
**ALBERTA-NWT/NUNAVUT**

# CLUB & SKATING SCHOOL RECOGNITIONS

## 25 YEARS

Calgary Synchronized SC

## 50 YEARS

Ardrossan Strathcona FSC  
Bonnyville FSC  
Devon SC  
Extreme Edge SC  
Figure 8 SC  
Foremost SC  
Lacombe SC  
Manning FSC  
Noralta SC  
Northern Lights FSC  
St. Paul FSC  
Standard SC  
Whitecourt SC

## 60 YEARS

Didsbury SC  
Leduc FSC



