

## **2023 Current staff coaches:**

### **Joe Buckland (updated 2022)**

Joe is a staff coach at the Detroit Skating Club and Novi Ice Arena. Joe is a former British National champion and also competed at both the World and European championships. Joe coaches and partners all levels of ice dance. In addition, he does choreography and coaches through Senior Skating Skills.

### **Collin Brubaker (updated 2022)**

Collin is from Chicago, Illinois. He started skating at the age of six following in the footsteps of his older siblings. Collin is a former team USA member. He is a US National Junior Silver Medalist and represented the USA in ISU Junior World Championships, ISU Grand Prix Skate Canada, and other international competitions. After finishing his competitive career, he completed his degree in Finance & Communications at Eastern Michigan University.

### **Brittyni Carlson (updated 2023)**

Brittyni has 5 years experience performing as a professional ice skater, in which 4 of those years included touring and skating in Europe with Holiday on Ice. During her travels and in between contracts she trained at the International Skating Academy in Utrecht, Netherlands, trained adagio/pairs skating in Australia with Olympic coaches, and also worked with a principle pair team from Disney on Ice. In addition to skating with Holiday on Ice, Brittyni performed in various other shows around the United States under multiple short term contracts. Her testing credentials include achieving her USFS Senior Freeskate test, USFS Senior Moves test, USFS Gold Dance test, USFS Senior Solo Freedance test, and USFS Preliminary Pairs Test. Professionally, Brittyni has 18 years coaching experience which include 3 years with the Medford Figure Skating Club, 6 years with the Timberline Figure Skating Club and 9 years with both the Valley and Greater Green Bay Figure Skating Club where she currently teaches on a full-time basis.

In addition to her coaching credential, Brittyni had 4 years experience in aerial arts specializing in lyra, silks, hammock, and pole. She has been an instructor for Aerial dance since 2020, as well as, a Certified Cirqfit Lyra instructor and a professional lyra skating specialty act performer.

### **Jake Fearnley (updated 2023)**

Jake is originally from Great Britain and is now coaching in the Chicago area. He is a 2-time British National Champion and represented Great Britain at ISU Junior Grand Prix competitions as well as other international competitions. Jake partners and coaches all levels of ice dance and skating skills.

### **Alex Gamelin (updated 2022)**

Alex is a 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games competitor, 2017 & 2018 World Championships competitor, and two-time South Korean National Ice Dance Champion. He is also a former Team USA competitor and a USFS Triple Gold Medalist in Free Dance, Pattern Dance, and MIF. He has trained under 1994 & 1998 Olympic Champion, Evgeny Platov, and most recently, under the coaching team lead by world-renowned ice dance coach and choreographer, Igor Shpilband. Alex has been coaching since 2008 and has worked with students from their very first steps in the Learn to Skate Program to world ranked international competitors. He has helped his students achieve USFS Gold Medal status in Pattern Dance and MIF.

### **Danielle Gamelin (updated 2023)**

Danielle has been coaching since 2008 and has coached students from beginner through advanced levels. She has taken students through Intermediate MIF, Pre-Gold Solo Pattern Dance, and Basic Skills Competitions. She has also worked with performers of the Detroit Circus on movement and performance. She also coaches aerial at the Detroit Flyhouse

In addition to her coaching accomplishments, Danielle has many competitive accolades to her credit. She is a former Team USA competitor and 9-time National Competitor. She is the 2009 Intermediate National Ice Dance Champion, 2015 US Eastern Section Ice Dance Champion, was named the 2015 S.T.A.R.S. Most Fit Ice Dancer and is a USFS Alumni Ambassador. She was awarded the Haley Rose Gans Award for Most Inspirational Performance in 2011 and 2013. She trained from 2000-2015 and had a 10- year competitive career. She has trained under 1994 & 1998 Olympic Champion, Evgeny Platov, and most recently, under the coaching team lead by world-renowned ice dance coach and choreographer, Igor Shpilband. The NY State Congressional Resolution J384 was passed in recognition of Danielle for serving as a role model based on work ethic and athletic accomplishments. In addition to her skating experience, Danielle continues to perform as an aerialist with the Detroit Circus and has been doing so since 2015. Danielle's testing achievements include USFS Triple Gold Medalist in Free Dance, Pattern Dance, and MIF.

### **Montana Grabowsky (updated 2022)**

Montana has passed USFSA tests including Senior Moves in the Field, Gold Ice Dance & 4 International, Canadian Gold Dance, Juvenile Freeskate, Senior Solo Free Dance, and Juvenile Pairs. Montana is currently attending UW-Stevens Point for Marketing and is also taking coaching classes. Montana has been skating for 11 years, Learn to Skate instructor for 9 years, and 7 years professional coaching experience. Montana has also been choreographing programs and show numbers for the past 10 years. Montana enjoys coaching and showing her love for this sport to skaters.

### **Grace Hoger (updated 2022)**

Grace has passed USFS level tests including Senior MIF, Junior Freeskate, Gold Dance, and Preliminary Figures. Grace currently attends Winona State University working towards a bachelors degree in Cellular Molecular Biology and Biochemistry. She has been skating for 22 years and coaching for 9 years. She currently competes collegiality for the WSU figure skating team. She loves to work with students and share her passion for the sport.

### **Kourtney Hyland (Rowe) (updated 2023)**

Kourtney has passed USFS level tests including Senior MIF (as well as the Senior Supplemental MIF), Adult Gold Freeskate, Gold Dance and all International dances, Canadian Gold Dance, Senior Solo Freedance, First Figure, and Pre-Juvenile Pairs. Kourtney graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a Bachelors degree in Biology with double minors in Psychology and Coaching as well as an Associates in Forensic Science. She has been coaching for 15 years, specializing in moves and dance. Skaters have accomplished USFS gold medals in moves, solo free-dance, dance, and international dances.

### **Trina Kaczmarek (updated 2023)**

Trina is a USFS Gold Medalist in Dance, Free Dance and MIF. She has passed her International Dances (original 5) + Silver Samba, Junior Freestyle, 6th figure and Intermediate Pairs. Trina grew up skating with the Eagle River FSC and also spent time training in Denver, Lake Placid, Indianapolis and the Twin Cities. While in college she trained in CA for a year where she competed with her ice dance partner in Pacific Coast Sectionals in Senior Dance. After graduating with a BS from UW-Stout she moved to Indianapolis to continue skating and begin her career. While there she auditioned for Disney on Ice and had the opportunity to skate internationally in Aladdin and Beauty and the Beast. Trina has 13 years of coaching experience.

### **Marcie Kierpiec (updated 2023)**

This will be Marcie's 35<sup>th</sup> year as an Eagle River Summer School staff coach with 38 years coaching experience. She is a Junior National Coach who spent 19 years in Delaware as a staff professional at both the University of Delaware Training Center and the Skating Club of Wilmington and now currently resides in Michigan. She has to her credit US and Canadian Gold Dances, Senior and Junior International Dances, Novice Freestyle, Silver Free Dance, 6th Figure and is a certified Level 4 hockey coach with USA Hockey. Marcie coaches all levels of dance, Skating Skills and P.O.W.E.R. Hockey, and specializes in the latter two disciplines. In addition to her skating and coaching credentials, Marcie holds both a BA (Michigan State University, '91) and MA (West Chester University, '11) in French. She recently completed her BS degree in Exercise Science (December '16) with an emphasis in strength and conditioning at West Chester University in Pennsylvania. Her final semester consisted of an internship with USA Hockey's NTDP in Plymouth, MI. In addition to coaching figure skating at camps in Michigan and

Wisconsin, she is a full time P.O.W.E.R. Skating instructor for AA and AAA teams in lower Michigan and off-ice strength coach for individual hockey players.

### **Joel McKeever (updated 2022)**

Joel is a 10-time National competitor, 9-time International competitor, 2-time World competitor, qualified for 1998 Olympics. He holds the National Champion title for Fours in 1991. As a skating professional he has 27 years of coaching experience and teaches Singles, Pairs, Skating Skills, Power classes and Stroking. Joel's current & past Clients include UD Collegiate Team; Intermediate, Novice & Junior US Pairs Champions in addition to extensive numbers of skaters who have passed Senior Moves, Freestyle and/or Pairs. Joel is an outstanding technical coach and places an emphasis on good sportsmanship and manners that build character.

### **Brandon Mroz (updated 2022)**

Brandon is a staff professional at the Colorado Springs World Arena Ice Hall, a world renown USOC training site. He specializes in free-style, choreography and off-ice jump training. As a skater, Brandon's list of accomplishments are highly impressive. In 2011 he was recognized by both the ISU and US Figure Skating to be the first skater to land a quad lutz in competition. He was the US Men's Olympic alternate for the Vancouver Winter Games in 2010. In the same year, he took third place at the Trophee Eric Bombard and second place at the Grand Prix Cup of China. In 2009, Brandon was the Senior Men Silver Medalist at US Nationals and he also finished ninth at the World Figure Skating Championships. After finishing a successful competitive skating career, Brandon was a professional show skater from 2014-2019.

### **Elena Rodrigues (updated 2023)**

Elena is a USFS Gold Medalist in Freestyle, Moves, Dance and Solo Free Dance and has passed all International Dances. She has 16 years teaching experience and has been on coaching staff for the Eagle River summer skating school since 2013. Elena currently coaches at the Pettit National Ice Center in Milwaukee, WI where she also holds the position of Wisconsin Figure Skating Club Learn-to-Skate Director. In addition, Elena is the head coach of the Wisconsin Edge Synchronized Skating teams. She specializes in teaching all levels of freestyle, choreography, and skating skills but has also had much success coaching skaters through high level ice dance tests. She has passed the Registered Sports Science exam and Basic Accreditation through the Professional Skaters Association and is actively pursuing more ratings. She is also a coach to Regional competitors at the qualifying level. As a skater, Elena was an ISU Junior World, ISU Four Continents, and Winter University Games competitor. Elena earned a BS in Kinesiology and Health from Miami University with a double minor in Coaching and Management and Organizations where she competed for both the Miami University Synchronized Skating program and also the Intercollegiate Freestyle Team. Elena also has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

## **Danielle Wolosek (updated 2022)**

Danielle has passed tests through Senior Moves in the Field, Senior Partnered Free Dance, Gold Dance, all 10 International Dances, Canadian Gold Dance, Junior Free Skate, Intermediate Pairs, as well as Preliminary and 1st Figures. She has been skating since she was 4 years old and has realized a few years ago that her true passion is coaching. In order to learn more about the competitive nature of the sport, IJS and high Freestyle technique, Danielle has taken advantage of the opportunity to travel back and forth from Wisconsin to Colorado in order to learn from Olympic level coaches at the 7K International Skating Academy. She continues to share her love of skating with all of her students as she makes them smile, while continuing to train them to be the best skaters they can be.

**Former staff coaches:**

## **Otar Japaridze**

Otar has been coaching since 2008. His students have competed at the Junior US Figure Skating Championships, National Solo Dance Championships, ISU Junior Grand Prix and other numerous competitions. He has also taken many skaters through their tests which include achieving Gold levels of testing. As a competitor in ice dance, Otar has participated in many major international competitions including the 2010 Winter Olympic Games and three World Championships.

## **Igor Yaroshenko**

As a two time Olympian and Junior World Coach, Igor specializes in partnering and teaching Ice Dance, Moves in the Field (Gold Medal), Power Stroking, Off Ice Conditioning, Music Editing and Sports Psychology. Additionally, he is willing to coach and partner sections of all of the International Dances (except Finnstep and Austrian) in order to provide an in-depth technical foundation for the steps timing and partnering which would be beneficial for preparing the skater for partnering these dances for testing purposes. Igor has 21 years coaching experience and holds a Teacher of Sports degree/certification from the Pedagogical Institute, Odessa, Ukraine Sports with specialization in Figure Skating. As a competitor, with his wife Irina, Igor has to his credit that of two time Olympian (1992 and 1994, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> place respectively), World Championships, numerous Grand Prix Series competitions, European Championships and multiple Ukrainian National Championships. Igor also has extensive experience as a professional skater and has toured throughout Europe, Asia and the United States which includes the Mannheim-Steamroller TV Special and Tour in 1998-1999. In addition to coaching, Igor is a Trading Markets Specialist and enjoys Audio-Visual Art, Photography, Target Shooting, Fishing and Cooking.

## **Sasha Kirsanov**

Alexandr (Sasha) is currently a member of the Professional Skating Staff at the University of Delaware Training Center. A former International Ice Dance Competitor, Sasha is now a Junior National, National, and Junior World Coach. He teaches all levels of ice dancing and partners Preliminary Dances through International Dances (currently NOT partnering Yankee Polka, Finnstep and Golden Waltz) Sasha also gives pole harness jump lessons, coaches through Senior Moves in the Field and does choreography for programs.

## **Philippe Poirier**

Philippe, a former French Canadian figure skater, has been skating for more than 35 years. He competed in both singles and ice dance. His testing credentials include Gold Free Skate and

International Pattern Dance (Skate Canada Diamond Dance Test). He has been a part-time dance partner for 25 years for skaters of all ages and all levels.

After getting his MBA in management in Quebec, Philippe decided to join the ice show as a professional skater. He toured with *Holiday On Ice* for 8 years, and also with *Robin Cousins' ICE* for its inaugural UK tour. He traveled to more than 50 countries, exploring different cultures and meeting people throughout the world. Philippe has also worked as an executive manager for a Canadian contemporary dance company, which allowed him to combine his enthusiasm for cultural business management and his passion for dance. He moved to the USA 5 years ago and is currently coaching in the Philadelphia area. Philippe teaches all levels of pattern dances and free dance, MIF, choreography, stroking and edge class.

### **Sandra Johansson**

Sandra is a double Gold Medalist in figures and freestyle. She has successfully had over 40 skaters pass their senior moves and freestyle tests. Her credentials also include coaching national and international freestyle and synchronized skaters/teams. In addition to on-ice coaching, Sandra has lead seminars in Europe and the USA. She has also been director and choreographer of multiple skating shows in Europe and the USA. Sandra is a specialist in jumps and spin techniques. She is also a member of PSA, USFS and Shattuck-St. Mary's Figure Skating School of Excellence.

### **Nicole Rossi**

Nicole has 10 years of coaching experience with the L'Anse-Baraga FSC, 2 of which were volunteering with the basic skills program. During the last 7 years she has given private lessons in freestyle, dance and moves and has been a guest coach at both the Fall 2015 and Winter 2016 mini-camps in Eagle River. Her current test level accomplishments include Senior Moves, Gold Dance, International Dance, Novice Freeski and Senior Solo Free Dance. Academically, Nicole currently attends Northern Michigan University where she is pursuing a degree in Surgical Technology and remains very active in the sport of figure skating. While attending Northern Michigan, Nicole is a member of the NMU Intercollegiate Figure Skating Team and has competed in both individual and team events at three Midwestern Intercollegiate Skating Competitions as well as performing at NMU hockey games. She has also competed at many skating competitions in the Midwest, including Upper Great Lakes Regionals in 2014 where she placed 4th in Novice Test Track. Nicole's professional credentials include being a member of the PSA, USFS Collegiate member and she is also CER category B certified

### **Jennifer Bukovich**

Jennifer Bukovich has been involved in Figure Skating for 38 years. She has tested through her Adult Gold Freestyle, Adult Gold Dance, Adult Gold Moves, Pre-Gold Dance, Junior Moves, and

Novice Freestyle. During her skating career, she competed in several states, which included Regional competitions. Jennifer has 21 years of coaching experience and can coach through the Gold level in all disciplines. She is also a level three hockey coach, and enjoys teaching power skating to hockey players.

### **Sherry Karnosky**

Having started her skating career at the age of 29 Sherry learned all that she knows about this sport as an adult. She first contributed to the sport as a Judge, but has followed her passion for it as a Teaching Professional for the past 25 years. She prefers teaching Dance through the Gold level, but is happy to teach Moves and Freestyle through the Pre Juvenile level and especially enjoys developing spins. She considers her expertise to be the development of balance, carriage, and posture necessary for good dancing and have had the pleasure of coaching skaters from their first Dutch Waltz through their Gold Medal in dance. As an educator she learned to use many different approaches and do her best to tailor her teaching to students' needs.

### **~~Cadence Brunzlick (updated 2/25)~~**

~~Cadence has been coaching basic skills for 8 consecutive years and has been giving private lessons for four years at various clubs including Timberline, Duluth, Superior and Memphis figure skating clubs. She has coached through the pre-gold dance level and choreographed solo and group routines in competition and in shows. She especially loves watching skaters grow and mature in this sport. Cadence has passed her Senior Moves, Gold Dance and 4 International Dances, Senior Solo Freedance, Juvenile Pairs and Juvenile Freeskate. She competed in the National Solo Dance Championships in 2013 at the pre-gold pattern dance level. She was also a competitor on the Synchronized and Intercollegiate Skating teams at UMD for three consecutive years. She is now a first year student at the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, TN.~~