



**NOVI ICE ARENA**

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**PROFESSIONAL**

**SKATING COACHES**

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**YOUR GUIDE TO  
CHOOSING A PRIVATE  
COACH**

**2022-2023**



## WENDY ANDISON

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**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Wendy trained for 10 years and within that time, she competed in freestyle singles and ice dance with a partner in USFS and ISI competitions.

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** With over 40 years of coaching experience, Wendy has coached students of all ages and skill levels. She is the proud coach of an Intermediate Ladies Regional Champion, National Adult Ladies Master Champion, National Adult Men's Silver and Bronze Champion, 2014 Pre-Juvenile Michigan High School State Champion, 2019 Preliminary High School National Champion, 2021 Excel Pre-juvenile Michigan High School State Champion, and Regional and Sectional competitors.

**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "My skaters learn to take responsibility for their skating, be self-reliant, have patience with themselves, and persevere in all circumstances. My students learn to be fearless in their challenges and develop self-confidence. My philosophy is to learn and improve every day, which I expect from both myself and my students. Continuing education keeps me enthusiastic and engaged as a coach."

**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Freestyle, MIF, LTS, and specializes in choreography, spins, off-ice, music selection, and costume design.

**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member, PSA Member, SCN Member, Safesport Compliant. B.S., Major in Dance, Minor in Child and Drama from Eastern Michigan University, State of Michigan Department of Education Continuing Teaching Certificate, teaching endorsements in Grades K-8 all subjects, Grades K-12 Dance, PSA, and Mariposa School of Skating trained, and 100 hours of sports medicine education in Boston and New York.



## DEANNA ARNOLD

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**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Deanna has achieved 6 USFS Gold Medals in MIF, Freeskate, Pattern Dance, Solo Free Dance, Partnered Free Dance, and International Pattern Dance. She has experience competing through Junior Freestyle and Senior Solo Dance. Currently, she competes in Senior Ice Dance, training with her partner under the tutelage of Olympic Champion Charlie White.

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Deanna has had experience working within the Learn to Skate program since 2010 and has been coaching private students since 2015. She is also a coach with the Arctic Edge Unity synchronized skating teams.

**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "My coaching philosophy is centered on the development of the skater as a whole, beyond external accolades and medals. Growing the self-confidence and athleticism of the skater, in order to build a dedicated and hard-working person through the process of learning the sport. What is most important to me is to create an atmosphere where the skater is motivated by their own internal goals and feeling a personal sense of accomplishment in their work."

**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Introductory skating, Freestyle (through doubles), MIF, Skating Skills, Pattern Dance, Solo Dance, Synchronized Skating skills, Choreography. Offers music editing and dressmaking services.

**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member, PSA Member, SCN Member, Safesport Compliant



## LOGAN BYE

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**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Logan is a current Team USA ice dancer who placed in the top 10 at the 2018 Junior World Figure Skating Championships, top 3 at a 2017 Junior Grand Prix event, and is the 2016 Youth Olympic Silver Medalist in Ice Dance which is currently the highest placement of any US ice dance team in that event. He currently trains under world-renowned ice dance coach, Igor Shpilband and has 13 years of ice dance training experience. Logan is also a USFS Quadruple Gold Medalist in MIF, Freestyle, Free Dance, and Pattern Dance. In addition, he also has four years of competitive experience in Freestyle up to Intermediate, landing his triple toe-loop and one year of competitive experience as a Juvenile Pair skater.

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Logan has been a Learn to Skate Coach since 2014 and a Private Coach since 2016. He has worked with students from Pre-Preliminary to Junior levels. Working with students at a higher level, he focuses on ice dance and technical skating skills.

**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "As a coach, my goal for any student is to bring them to their full potential both on and off the ice and guide them to meet their goals as best as possible. Sport teaches many life lessons that coaches play such a huge role in and as I have come to value the lessons I have learned, I wish to instill those same lessons in today's young athletes. I value each and every athlete as their own and understand the various ways of achieving success through hard work. Ultimately, I believe in persistence, dedication, passion, hard work, respect, discipline, and a general curiosity about the sport. Curiosity leads to investigation. Investigation leads to discovery. Discovery of who you are, what your potential is, and who you could be."

**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Freestyle, MIF, Dance, Solo Dance, Stroking, Basic Skills, Choreography, Performance, and Movement. Concentrates on skating skills, edge-work, body control, and power through the edge.

**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member (athlete, coach, testing partner), USFS CER Certified, Safesport Compliant



## LAUREN CLEMENTS

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**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** With 17 years of skating experience, Lauren is trained in MIF, Synchro, and Freestyle. She is a USFS Gold Medalist in MIF and has passed her Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Test and her Silver Pattern Dances. In addition, Lauren has 10 years of competitive experience in freestyle.

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Lauren has been coaching since 2004 and has coached skaters with a variety of skill levels including LTS, Novice Free Skate, and Senior MIF.

**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "Raised by a figure skating coach myself, my love for the sport grew from a young age. The artistry, discipline, and emotion reflect the principles held on and off the ice for every individual. Setting goals, executing, celebrating successes, and managing failures are amongst my biggest hopes for development with each student throughout this sport. Never letting go of the initial reason why we all started: keeping with the fun and having a lifelong journey of friends and memories to reflect back on."

**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Freestyle, MIF, Stroking, Power Stroking, Synchronized Skating, Basic Skills

**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member, SCN Member, Safesport Compliant

**MICKI FREIER****PHONE: (734) 612-0671****EMAIL: freiermicki@gmail.com**

**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Micki trained in freestyle, MIF, power skating, and off-ice for 18 years. She competed for 15 years and is a former 4-time National competitor and international competitor, reaching the Senior level in freestyle and figure. She is a 3-time Regional Champion and a Midwestern Sectional Champion. Micki is also a USFS Triple Gold Medalist in Freestyle, Figures, and MIF and is a recipient of the Nation Give 100% Award. Professionally, Micki skated as a Principal Skater for Disney on Ice.

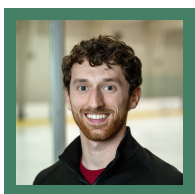
**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Micki has been coaching since 1991 and has coached students of all levels, from LTS to National competitors. She has taken skaters from Learn to Skate competitions to Regional, Sectional and National competitions. She has also helped her students achieve USFS Gold Medal status. In addition, Micki was the LTS Director at the Novi Ice Arena for 16 years, receiving special membership recognition awards every year for high honors in membership.

**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "As a coach, my philosophy is to create a fun and meaningful experience for my athletes in a positive environment where skaters can realize their full potential and find success in the sport of figure skating and in life. My belief is that a strong foundation is necessary to succeed. With my passion for the sport of figure skating and with sound technique and discipline, I can make that happen.

'There is only one way to succeed in anything, and that is to GIVE it everything.' -Vince Lombardi"

**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Freestyle, MIF, Power Skating, Choreography, Basic Skills, Off-Ice.

**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member, SCN Member, Safesport Compliant, PSA & USFS Certified

**ALEXANDER GAMELIN, OLY****PHONE: (516) 398-7773****EMAIL: alexandergamelin@gmail.com**

**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Alexander 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. Alexander was awarded the Haley Rose Gans Award for Most Inspirational Performance in 2011 and 2013. The NY State Congressional Resolution J384 was passed in recognition of Alexander for serving as a role model based on work ethic and athletic accomplishments.

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Alexander 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.

**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "I place a strong emphasis on the basics and take time to teach technique correctly and thoroughly to establish a solid foundation to build upon."

**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Ice Dance, Skating Skills, Edge Work, Power Skating, MIF

**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member, PSA Member, SCN Member, SCNY Member, Safesport Compliant, USFS CER Certified



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**DANIELLE GAMELIN****PHONE: (516) 398-8972****EMAIL: dgamelin@suburbanice.com**

**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Danielle 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. Danielle is also a USFS Triple Gold Medalist in Free Dance, Pattern Dance, and MIF. 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.

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 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 and coaches aerial at the Detroit Flyhouse.

**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "The skills I learned in my training as a figure skater has prepared me for a happy and successful future. Leading by example, whether my student is a recreational skater or an elite athlete, I work to instill patience, focus, and a strong work ethic. I focus on creating a solid foundation in both skating skills and mental conditioning to ensure consistent progress."

**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** MIF, Ice Dance, Solo Dance, Beginner Skating Skills, Advanced Skating Skills, Edge Work, Power Skating, Movement and Performance

**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member, SCN Member, Safesport Compliant, USFS CER Certified, CPR Certified



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**KIM HERBERT****PHONE: (248) 756-2970****EMAIL: kimtheskater@aol.com**

**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Kim was a competitive skater for 10 years as a Freestylist and Ice Dancer and is trained in Freestyle, Ice Dance, and Figures. She was an Eastern Great Lakes Regional Ice Dance Competitor and a former member of the Fairlane Ballet Company and Southfield Ice Company and has performed in many local ice shows.

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Kim has been coaching since 1980 and has coached skaters from beginner to advanced. She has taught ISIA and USFS skaters and has worked with handicapped skaters for the Special Olympics. Kim has helped her students achieve USFS Gold Medal status in MIF, and has coached students through Junior Freestyle, Intermediate Pairs, 2nd Figure, and Pre-Gold Dance. She has also coached Regional Champions and Medalists in Freestyle, Ice Dancing, and Pairs and co-coached a Bronze Ice Dance Team for Junior Nationals.

**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "I am a very positive coach and a great motivator! I consistently motivate my skaters to achieve the next level or skill they are working towards. I love to see my skaters working hard and accomplishing new skills. I will be just as happy to teach a Basic Skill Skater as I would a Regional Skater."

**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Freestyle, MIF, Pairs, Ice Dance, Basic Skills

**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member, SCN Member, Safesport Compliant, ISIA Gold Judge, Attended Clinics and Seminars for ISIA and USFS, Won Top Basic Skill Coach Award for Michigan in 2015 & 2016 (awarded to the coach that had students who placed the highest in the Basic Skill Competition Series).



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**SUE KALINOWSKI****PHONE: (248) 228-4454****EMAIL: suekal9599@gmail.com**

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**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Sue trained for 14 years and competed for 12 years in freestyle, reaching the Intermediate level and was a Regional finalist. She passed her Junior Free Skate, 7th Figure, ISI Free Skate 8, and Pre-Silver Pattern Dances.**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Sue started coaching in 1982. She has coached skaters from beginner to Senior levels. Sue has helped students achieve USFS Gold medal status in MIF, has coached skaters through Junior Free Skate, and has coached a Regional Gold Medalist, High School State Free Skate Champion, and High School State Dance Champion.**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "To work with each skater one on one: to achieve their individual goals, develop their own unique strengths, encourage them to be confident, and to be proud of what they are doing on and off the ice. Create a fun, and positive environment for skaters to realize their full potential through figure skating."**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Freestyle, MIF, Basic Skills, Adults, Choreography, Dance, Power Skating, Stroking, Edges, Synchronized Skating, Showcase, Interpretive, Hockey**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member, PSA Member, SCN Member, Safesport Compliant, USFS CER Certified

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**AMY LASER****PHONE: (248) 891-4207****EMAIL: laser.amy@yahoo.com**

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**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Amy has been competing since she was 10 years old and continues to compete on an adult synchronized figure skating team. She competed Freestyle at the Junior level and transitioned to synchronized skating in high school where she was on the Team USA synchronized skating team for nine years. Amy is also a two-time National Synchronized Figure Skating Champion and 2010 World Bronze Synchronized Medalist.**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Amy started coaching Learn to Skate when she was 14 and started coaching private lessons and synchronized skating in 2013. She has coached skaters from age 4 to graduating seniors and has helped students qualify for Nationals in synchronized skating, land axels, and double rotation jumps, and pass Novice MIF.**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:****COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Freestyle, MIF, Stroking, Power Skating, Synchronized Skating, Choreography**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member, PSA Member, SCN Member, Safesport Compliant, Bachelors in Athletic Training, Associates in Exercises Science, Associates in Physical Therapist Assistant

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**VAL LEBLANC****PHONE: (248) 212-2140****EMAIL: skatecoach@live.com**

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**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Val trained for 12 years, competed in Tri-State and Regional Competitions, and has passed her 6th Figure Test and Bronze Pattern Dances. She was also a Professional Line Skater for two years with Shipstads and Johnson's Ice Follies.**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Having coached for over 35 years, Val has taught Learn to Skate students, competitive and test figure skaters, edge techniques for hockey players, has coached synchronized skating for 6 years and loves working with adults. Her students have medaled in various competitions and have passed through Senior MIF. Val is the former Director of Skating at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena, Kensington, and Hartland Arenas and has produced and directed 8 ice shows. She has also attended numerous skating seminars on skating techniques.**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "My compassion for teaching is evident since I'm still greatly involved in this sport. Teaching skaters of all age levels and interest has various challenges. It's important to direct them in the skating area that is right for them. There is so much more to ice skating than competition! Excelling in passing the various skating tests, Synchro, Hockey is just as important."**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Freestyle, MIF, Basic Skills, Adults, Edge Skills for Hockey Players**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member, SCN Member, Safesport Compliant, USFS CER Certified



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**TAMMIE LOWERY****PHONE: (248) 895-8700****EMAIL: tammielowery@hotmail.com**

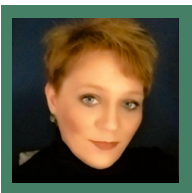
**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Tammie has been skating since she was five years old and has achieved her 7th Figure Test, Junior Freestyle, Silver Pattern Dances, ISI Free Skate 8, and was a Regional competitor.

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Tammie has been coaching since 1990 and has developed skaters from beginner through Senior MIF and Freestyle. She has coached Regional competitors and ice show soloists. Tammie has directed and coached synchronized skating teams and is the current coach of the Novi High School Varsity Figure Skating Team.

**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "I believe in a positive and respectful learning environment where skaters develop a passion and love for the sport of figure skating; learning the importance of hard work, commitment, goal setting, and skills that they can use throughout their lives to be the best version of themselves."

**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Freestyle, MIF, Stroking, Choreography

**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member, PSA Member, SCN Member, Safesport Compliant



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**JACQULYN MITCHELL****PHONE: (248) 253-4076****EMAIL: jacquynmitchell@ameritech.net**

**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Jacquelyn had a successful 10-year competitive career that transitioned into a professional venture at the age of 16. She ultimately signed with Disney on Ice as a principal skater playing the part of Ariel in Mickey and Minnie's Magical Journey South American Tour.

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** As a Professional Coach, Jacquelyn is well versed in guiding and empowering skaters of all disciplines to optimum athletic and personal success by sharing expert knowledge and techniques. She is a high-energy, goal-orientated coach with over 27 years of experience and has a talent for cultivating hardworking and focused athletes, many of whom have earned their Gold test in both Freestyle and MIF.

**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "My coaching philosophy has been anchored to provide a meaningful experience while enhancing their skills and core values through a life in sports. My ultimate goal is not only to create a well-balanced, knowledgeable athlete but a respectable, honest citizen to motivate our next generation of athletes as well."

**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Freestyle, MIF, Choreography, Power Skating, Hockey Technique

**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member, PSA Member, USA Hockey Member, SCN Member, CPR Certified, Safesport Compliant



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**JULIE MITTS****PHONE: (313) 205-7993****EMAIL: athleticdimensions@gmail.com**

**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Julie competed for over 15 years and was a Regional, Midwestern, and National level competitor. She finished her career at the Senior level before transitioning to coaching. Julie is a

USFS Double Gold Medalist in MIF and Freestyle and has passed her 4th Figure Test.

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Julie has 24 years of coaching experience as a certified personal trainer and offers jump classes for her skaters. She coaches all levels of skating; from basic beginner to the elite athlete. She has taken skaters to Eastern Great Lakes Regionals consecutively for the past 15 years. Julie is also the Founder and Editor of a figure skating magazine which gave her the opportunity to interview national and international level competitors, as well as world-renowned coaches and athletic trainers, gathering very insightful information through the years.

**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "I believe no goal is unattainable. I've helped and watched skaters take their first steps on the ice, and have taken them through the journey of establishing goals, setting realistic timelines, and giving them the tools it takes to accomplish those goals, sometimes surpassing what they've even imagined. I take great pride in working with skaters who are ready to work for what they want and embrace the challenges that come with figure skating. I teach skaters that no hurdle is too great and that with hard work and dedication, all things are possible."

**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Basic Skills, Freestyle, MIF, Power Skating, Certified Off-Ice Trainer

**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** Rated PSA Member with basic and sports science accreditation, USFS Member, SCN Member, Safe Sport Compliant, has participated in PSA sanctioned seminars for freestyle and MIF, Bachelors Degree from UofM, and Certification from the World Instructor Training Schools for personal training.

**TRACIE NUSSBAUM****PHONE: (248) 880-0056****EMAIL: tracienussbaum@gmail.com**

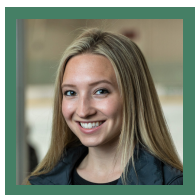
**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Tracie has been skating since she was 9 years old. She started out in the Learn to Skate program, moved on to private lessons, and began testing. She skated and competed in numerous ice shows and competitions. Tracie trained in figures, freestyle, ice dance, off-ice dance classes, and synchronized team skating. She achieved her 2nd Figure test, Juvenile Freestyle test, and Pre-Gold Pattern Dances.

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Tracie has been coaching since 1986. She coaches skaters from beginners in Learn to Skate Classes through double jumps and Senior MIF. Her skaters all take tests in freestyle, MIF, and compete in competitions. She has also taken skaters to Regional competitions. In addition, she has choreographed ice show group numbers, solo numbers, and features. She directed and coached synchronized skating teams for many years. Tracie was an Assistant Skating Director at Wayne Community Center and Farmington Hills arena for many years where she assisted the Learn to Skate program and helped direct many ice shows. She has been the coach of the Novi High School Varsity Figure Skating Team for the past 18 years.

**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "I love working with skaters of all ages and levels and giving them a passion for the sport that I have loved my entire life. I believe in working together with them in a positive, nurturing, and encouraging manner to support them in their goals in skating. Watching skaters grow up through the years into strong, outgoing, and confident young adults is something I'm most proud of."

**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Freestyle, MIF, Stroking, Choreography

**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member, SCN Member, Safesport Compliant

**EVA PATE****PHONE: (440) 876-7579****EMAIL: evamp@att.net**

**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Eva is a current Team USA Ice Dance competitor. She started training in 2006 and started her competitive career in 2007 and has since competed in Freestyle, Solo Ice Dance, and Ice Dance. Eva was a Regional Freestyle competitor through the Junior level and was a competitor in the National Solo Dance Series from 2011-2018 where she earned 7 National Solo Dance Championship Medals. She is also a USFS Quintuple Gold Medalist in MIF, Pattern Dance, Free Dance, Solo Pattern Dance, and Solo Free Dance and has also passed her Junior Free Skating test. In addition, Eva is the 2020 U.S. Ice Dance Final Senior Champion.

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Eva started coaching in 2018 and coaches all levels of skaters. She has helped her students pass Junior and Senior Solo Free Dance tests.

**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "I want my students to have fun, learn and grow as skaters."

**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Freestyle, MIF, Ice Dance, Solo Dance, Stroking, Power Skating, Choreography, Basic Skills

**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member, Safesport Compliant, CER certified





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**SAMANTHA PETERSON****PHONE: (248) 880-5025****EMAIL: sk8er10@icloud.com**

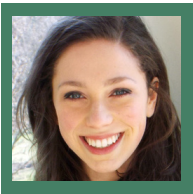
**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Samantha has been skating for 11 years and has competed in Freestyle regionally. She is a USFS Gold Medalist in MIF and has passed her Junior Freestyle test. Samantha is currently training to complete her final Freestyle test and become a USFS Double Gold Medalist. She has also landed single and double jumps.

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Samantha has been coaching in the Learn to Skate Program since 2018 and has been coaching private lessons for two years. She coaches beginner skaters on the basics and fundamentals of skating while creating a fun and welcoming environment where skaters can grow and develop on and off the ice.

**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "Simply put, I coach to share the passion that I have for this challenging, beautiful, and highly rewarding sport. I value real relationships with the skaters whom I have the opportunity to coach, and I feel honored to be a part of each skater's story. I believe that setting goals is essential and I see the importance of working towards them, as the inevitable ups and downs shape a person into a strong athlete and a persevering individual. It's not about being the best or the next Olympian; it's about loving what you do. It's about seeing the joy in the struggle, hope in the setbacks, and triumph after defeat. If you don't love it, you're missing the whole point."

**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Basic Skills, Freestyle

**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member, Safesport Compliant, CER Certified, SCN Member, current student in the University of Detroit Mercy's Accelerated Physician Assistant Program



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**OLIVIA SHILLING****PHONE: (614) 738-8521****EMAIL: sk8lover364@gmail.com**

**PERSONAL SKATING EXPERIENCE:** Olivia is a current Team USA Ice Dance competitor and has also represented Team USA as a single skater. She has been training for 16 years, currently at the Novi Ice Arena under world-renowned coaches, Igor Shipland, Pasquale Camerlengo, Adrienne Lenda, and Natalia Deller. Previously, Olivia has trained at the World Arena in Colorado Springs, CO under Christy Krall, Damon Allen, and Ben Agosto. She has also worked with numerous notable choreographers including Cindy Stuart, Julie Marcotte, Tom Dickson, and Christopher Dean. Olivia is a USFS Quadruple Gold Medalist in MIF, Free Skating, Pattern Dance, and Free Dance. In addition, she has performed in numerous charity shows and ice events including Skate for Hope, Skate it Forward, and Shipstand Entertainment productions.

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Over the past five years, Olivia has coached and choreographed Basic Skills, Solo Dance, jumps (up through triples), spins (singles and dance), and IJS-leveled footwork.

**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "As a coach, I strive to create a goal-centric, communication-based learning environment where every student can reach their greatest potential as an athlete and a person. Happy and healthy students result in goal-achieving athletes."

**COACHING DISCIPLINES:** Freestyle, MIF, Ice Dance, Solo Dance, Stroking, Power Skating, Basic Skills, Choreography, and IJS-leveled Footwork

**ACCREDITATION AND EDUCATION:** USFS Member, PSA Member, Safesport Compliant

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