

Figure Skating Coaching Staff

Meagan Bridget Shafto, FIGURE SKATING DIRECTOR AND COACH

Coaching Experience: Meagan is the Polar Palace Figure Skating Director. She enjoys coaching both recreational and competitive level skaters. She was the 2004 Polar Palace ice show director and choreographer of 7 programs. Meagan was the Polar Palace Figure Skating Program director for 2 years before graduating and moving away to college. She is the figure skating and off ice coach for Oakland University's figure skating team.

Skating Experience: Meagan trained under Candice Miller and Olympic competitors, Danielle and Steve Hartsell. Meagan skated in the Detroit Skating Club annual ice show for 5 years. She also skated solo routines in between periods during Notre Dame Prep. and Oxford High School hockey games. Meagan was on the Central Michigan University Synchronized Skating Team for 4 years, holding multiple executive board positions each year, including Co-Captain her senior year. Meagan and her team took 2nd place at the 2009 Midwestern Synchronized Skating Championships in Denver, CO and took 1st place at the 2010 Tri-States Synchronized Skating Competition in Kalamazoo, MI. She is currently training as a pair skater.

Skating Accreditations: Meagan is a member of the Professional Skaters Association.

Disciplines: She coaches Learn to Skate classes, freestyle, moves in the field, creative movement choreography, synchronized skating and off-ice training.

Katie Baalerud, Coaching Assistant

Coaching Experience: Katie has been assisting with Basic Skills, Snowplow Sam and Hockey classes for 2 years. She also continues to assist with our Mice on Ice program which is a "fun" preschool setting for 3-5 year olds.

Emily Cole, COACH

Coaching Experience: 9 years coaching experience basic skills and freestyle. Off ice conditioning, assistance in skating program management, ice show choreography.

Skating Experience: Emily has skated for 15 years, 7 of which she completed in local competitions.

Disciplines: She coaches Freestyle, Moves in the Field and Power Stroking.

Jackie Colpean, COACH

Coaching Experience: Jackie has had 23 years coaching experience in basic skills, moves in the field, freestyle, synchronized team skating. Beginner through Junior Tests. Competitive Skaters, various levels. Ice show direction and choreography.

Skating Experience: Jackie skated competitively for over 12 years. She was a member of national champion synchronized skating team, Fraserettes, was a member of Team Elan, National Silver Medal synchronized team, cast member Southfield Ice Company, Pre-Silver Dance, 4th Figure and Juvenile Freestyle.

Skating Accreditations: She is a member of the Professional Skaters Association and is USFS certified.

Disciplines: She coaches Basic Skills, Moves in the Field, Freestyle, Synchronized Skating and On Ice Conditioning.

Kathy Hillman, COACH

Coaching Experience: Kathy has had 9 years coaching experience in basic skills and freestyle. She coaches competitive skaters of various levels.

Skating Experience: Kathy trained 14 years at the Detroit Figure Skating Club. She has a strong background in choreography and creative movement and the organization and choreography of ice shows.

Disciplines: Kathy coaches Basic skills, Freestyle, Basic skating/conditioning for hockey, creative movement choreography

Stephanie Hiltunen, COACH

Coaching Experience: This is Stephanie's first year as a Basic Skills instructor.

Skating Experience: She has been figure skating for 17 years. She is Captain of the figure skating team at Oakland University. Stephanie trained under renowned figure skating coach, Brooke Sloan. Stephanie took 3rd place at the 2011 Red Brick Classic in Oxford, OH.

Disciplines: She coaches Learn to Skate classes and freestyle.

Dan Major, COACH

Bill Miller, COACH

Sue Miller, COACH