

ICE CHIPS

Fort Collins Figure Skating Club

Letter from FCFSC President

Dear Club Members,

I am honored to be writing to you as your new club President. In August we held our annual meeting and we said goodbye to some amazing members of our Board of Directors. Thank you to Gayleen Carpenter, Stacy Morse, Betsi Mead, and Sheldrin Zhu for your service and



FCFSC members celebrated a successful show with some tie-dying at the annual cast-party.

Mark Your Calendar

*** All events at EPIC unless otherwise noted.*

Skate Swap

- Saturday, September 21st, 9am-3pm; collections on 19th&20th

Scheduled Test Sessions

- Friday, September 20th
- Friday, October 25th
- Friday, December 6th

High School Competition

- Saturday, October 26th

Fort Collins Fright Fest

- Sunday, October 27th;
Registration Deadline: October 6th

Winterfest

- Sunday, December 8th

knowledge you have shared and continue to share with our Club. Gayleen, you have been a dedicated member and supportive parent for all of these years. You have taken on pretty much every role within our club and continue to offer your support and guidance to our board and our members. We would not be the club we are without you! Stacy, you are the calm in our storm and a guiding light in sometimes a sea of chaos. Your perspective and steady presence as our Vice President, Safe Sport Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, and all the other roles you have taken on will be missed. Betsi, our judging and testing guru, our board retreat hostess, and our history keeper thank you for all your years of service. Sheldrin, accountant and IJS extraordinaire thank you for all the knowledge you have brought to our board. All of you have added so much to our Club and the best part is that you have made it clear you are only a phone call away. Your unwavering support is felt and so appreciated.

Our annual meeting wasn't only a time of goodbye but also a time in which we looked back at everything we accomplished, which if you weren't there, was a ton! We are pretty awesome! We also voted on a big revision to our bylaws (it passed), changing the number of our board of directors to 8 (also passed), and shortened our term length to 2 years (third times a charm, this passed too). As a result of these changes, we did not have to vote in any additional board members. Without further ado your club board for the 24 -25 club year is: Juliana Schump (President), Stacey Knuckey (Vice President, Membership Chair, and Safe Sport Chair), Megan Goodwin (Recording Secretary), Monica Cristiani (Treasurer), Katie Holmes (Coaches Liaison), Heidi Early (Corresponding Secretary), and Sierra Smurlolee (Test Chair). Feel Free to reach out to any of us with questions or concerns. Our contact information can be found on our website.

We have so many exciting events coming up. First up, be sure to stop by the Skate Swap on September 21st. Then we have Fright Fest, Winter Fest, and the Jimmy Morgan seminar all before the end of the year. We also have test sessions in September, October, and December. We have our Fall Off Ice Dance class starting up and will be cooking up additional opportunities for Club Education. Stay tuned to our weekly emails to stay in the know with the Fort Collins Figure Skating Club. Our Board is excited and motivated to continue to bring our skaters and families more opportunities to learn and grow! As always feel free to reach out to the club with your ideas. I look forward to hearing from you.

Happy Fall,

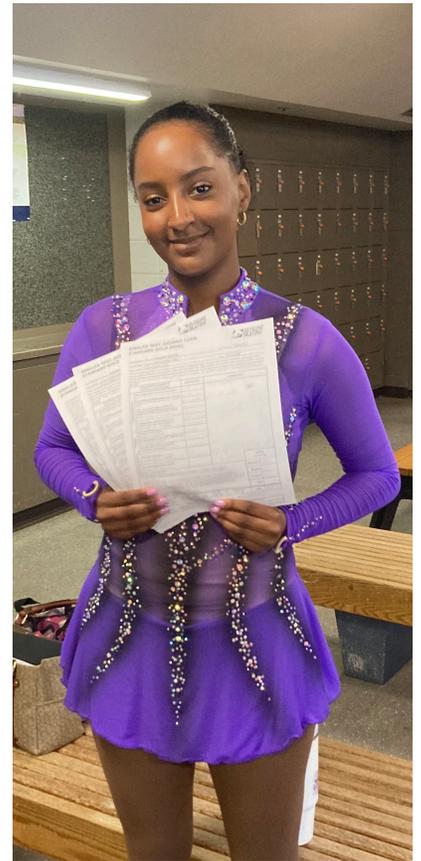
Juliana Schump



Testing

Congratulations to these FCFSC members who passed tests since our last newsletter: A special congratulations to Merritt Cramer (*photo on right*) is now a DOUBLE GOLD MEDALIST since passing her latest Free Skate Test!

- Alexis Foster, Rhythm Blues (Follow Solo) **WITH HONORS!**
- Melina Miller, Ten-Fox (Follow Solo)
- Addison Lambrecht, Foxtrot (Follow Solo) & Fourteen Step (Follow Solo)
- Mackenzie Irish, Skating Skills, Pre-Silver/Intermediate & Bronze Singles
- **Merritt Cramer, Gold Singles Free Skate**
- Lindsay Gillikin, Adult Silver Skating Skills
- Yaretzi Gonzalez, Preliminary Free Skate
- Olivia Stephens, Pre-Bronze/Pre-Juv Skating Skills



Thank you to our FCFSC skaters representing our club at Vail Invitational this summer! We hope you had a great experience!

Club Edge-ucation

Are you setting “SMART” goals in skating and your other activities? Review these guidelines and help them achieve your personal goals!

SMART GOALS

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| SPECIFIC | MEASURABLE | ACTIONABLE | REALISTIC | TIMEBOUND |
| Be clear and specific so your goals are easier to achieve. This also helps you know how and where to get started! | Measurable goals can be tracked, allowing you to see your progress. They also tell you when a goal is complete. | Are you able to take action to achieve the goal? Actionable goals ensure the steps to get there are within your | Avoid overwhelm and unnecessary stress and frustration by making the goal realistic. | A date helps us stay focused and motivated, inspiring us and providing something to work towards. |

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EPIC Productions

The Epic Productions Showcase team traveled to San Jose, California, from August 5th to 11th to participate in the 2024 National Showcase competition. The team consisted of 11 skaters: Sadie Coatman, Emily Davis, Nour Hamdan, Brooklyn King, Lauren Knuckey, Calvin McConnell, Melina Miller, Claire Schump, Anya Schuster, Claudia Schuster, and Leo Stasevich. The coaches who led the team were Marianne Strobel, Denaysa Sisemore, and Kassie Hawley. This was Calvin, Claire, and Leo's first year on Epic Productions. It was also Claire and Leo's first time competing at National Showcase.



The team and their parents did a fantastic job cheering each other on during the individual and team events with their signature phrase, "That was Epic!" at the end of each teammate's performance.

The Epic Productions team gave their best performance in the large Showcase Production Ensembles event. Their unique and whimsical "Wonderland" production, a creative interpretation of the classic story Alice in Wonderland, to the music of the Broadway musical of the same name, secured 8th place, showcasing the team's talent and dedication.

The Silver Mini-Ensemble rocked their performance to the song "You're in the Band" from the musical

School of Rock. Emily Davis, Calvin McConnell, Claire Schump, and Leo Stasevich skated their hearts out and clinched sixth place.



Their dedication and hard work truly paid off. Rock on!

The Gold Mini-Production Ensemble, “The Mermaids,” skated to the song “She’s in Love” from Little Mermaid the Broadway Musical, featuring skaters Sadie Coatman, Nour Hamdan, Brooklyn King, Lauren Knuckey, Melina Miller, Anya Schuster, and Claudia Schuster. Despite the tough competition from the top four teams, who were all from the All Year Figure Skating Club, one of the best showcase clubs in the country, the team's resilience shone through as they achieved a commendable 5th place out of 13 ensembles. This was a major accomplishment and an example of the team's talent and hard work! Great job, mermaids!

This year, ten team members skated in several individual events, with two skaters, Calvin McConnell, and Lauren Knuckey, achieving remarkable success and making it onto the podium. Out of twelve skaters, Calvin placed first in the Adult Bronze Character Performance event. He portrayed King George with the song “What Comes Next” from the musical Hamilton. His performance was very entertaining. Coming in first allowed him to compete in the prestigious Adult Parade of Champions, where he came in 22nd.

Similarly, Lauren's 4th-place finish in the Pre-Juvenile Character Performance-Group B event and her 2nd-place finish in the Pre-Juvenile Character Performance Final Round event qualified her to compete in the equally prestigious Founder's Parade of



Champions, where she placed 14th. Congratulations, Calvin and Lauren! These are significant achievements and a testament to your hard work and dedication.

Leadership is essential for helping the skaters grow and learn new skills. Many skaters stepped up to assist the coaches as captains and rehearsal assistants. The skaters who were the Co-Captains were: for the large group Melina Miller and Sadie Coatman. Lauren Knuckey and Anya Schuster as the co-captains for Gold Mini, The Mermaids. Emily Davis and Calvin McConnell were the co-captains for the Silver Mini School of Rock.

The team would like to thank the coaches, Marianne Strobel, Denaysa Sisemore, Kassie Hawley, parents, and the club Board of Directors for their unwavering support this season. Your support was instrumental in the team's success, and we sincerely appreciate it. Thank you!



Members of EPIC Productions had the chance to meet "Mr. Debonaire" Richard Dwyer, who is renowned for his multi-decade professional skating career.

Fire Crystals Synchronized Skating

SKATE SWAP

2025

 Saturday, September 21
9:00-2:00 Epic Lawn

GET READY FORT THE UPCOMING SKATING SEASON!

Join us for our annual Skate Swap! This is a fun event to get everything you need for your skater. Best of all all proceeds go to the Fire Crystals Synchro team.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Popcorn and snacks for sale
- Zuca bags and rink bags
- gently used ice skates
- Skating attire and competition dresses

DROP OFF DATES AT EPIC

September 19- 5:00-7:00

September 20-5:00-7:00

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