

# Winchester Figure Skating Club

**Burlington Ice Palace**  
**M, Tu, Th 4:10-6 pm**

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## Upcoming WFSC Dates

**6/3/19** Ice Dance Test Session  
**6/20/19** Spring Exhibition (4-6pm)  
**6/27/19** Last Day of Ice  
**6/28/19** MIF/FS Test Session  
**9/3/19** Fall Ice Begins

## Spring Exhibition

Join us for the Spring Exhibition, 4-6 pm 6/20/19.  
The event will be catered. Great opportunity to  
see all of the progress our skaters have made  
throughout the year and to wish our graduating  
senior Ani Kaleshian the best.

## WFSC Mission Statement

The goal of the Club is to:

- \* Provide a safe, welcoming, and friendly skating environment,
- \* Foster, promote, encourage, advance and improve figure skating
- \* Encourage and cultivate a spirit of harmony among figure skaters.

## Results From Recent Testing Sessions

Ani K	Senior MIF
Lily T	Senior MIF, with honors
Emma L	Junior FS, Killian, Blues
Alyssa Z	Novice MIF
Rachael L	Intermediate FS
Erin L	Intermediate MIF
Claire T	Juvenile MIF
Izzy O	Juvenile MIF
Molly	Pre-Juv MIF, Prel FS
Nyla	Pre-Pre FS
Zoe S	Pre-Pre MIF, Pre-Pre FS
Leah S	Pre-Pre Moves

## Recent Competitions

Rachael	Synchro Nationals, Plymouth, MI	8th, Novice, Hayden Starmates
Rachael	NEICC Challenge Cup HS Competition	3rd, Team Manuevers (Winchester HS)
Emma M	Colonial Spring Skate	Pre-free skate 2nd
Elena	NEICC Challenge Cup HS Competition	1st Juv excel, 1st intermediate showcase
Lily T	North Star Open	2nd Intermediate Ladies FS, both long and short
Lily S	NEICC Challenge Cup HS Competition	3rd place team Level C manuevers (Burlington HS Team)
Lily M	Colonial Open	4th High beginner Excel
Sosi P	Colonial Spring Skate	1st place program and compulsory free skate 5
Sophia G	North Star Open	1st Excel beginner

## Senior Spotlight: Ani Kaleshian

This year we have one graduating senior, Ani Kaleshian. I am super sad to see her move on and have always enjoyed chatting with her. In fact, Emma and I have never known Burlington Ice Palace without Ani! Ani, you will be missed - I have no doubt you will be successful in whatever you undertake!

**Q: How old were you when you first started to skate?**

Five years old, in kindergarten. I took Learn to Skate with Roberta and then around eight or nine went to private lessons.

**Q: Kids try lots of activities and then stop - what made you stick with skating?**

Because jumping is like flying. Everything else I tried I didn't like. At gymnastics I would stand and stare at the rope. I really liked being here and doing cooler things.

**Q: Favorite skating memory?**

Ice Shows. We all get to enjoy it. Every one wants everyone to do well. It's such an individual sport but comes together at the ice shows.

**Q: What makes senior moves a significant accomplishment for you?**

For me this is something that I looked forward to from when I began skating - senior moves, senior free skate - getting your gold tests done. Everyone looks forward to that. For me it was the whole point of skating. I started pre-preliminary when I was ten, it's been eight years. There aren't that many things that take you so long to do.

**Q: Biggest Accomplishment in Skating?**

Besides senior moves, going to Regionals because I didn't think I ever would and being able to compete with people ten times better than I was. [Interviewer: Definitely not ten times better]. Okay maybe two times better.

**Q: Favorite skating move?**

A very nice big axel - you know when you hit it right - you know...

**Q: Besides skating, what other activities are you involved in?**

Lifting weights - power lifting. I started after I hurt my ankle in skating. I went to the gym, hated the gym for a week, ended up sticking with it for more than a week. I found weights, barbells, powerlifting and body building.

**Q: You've been coached by Roberta Bailey the whole time you've been skating, from Learn to Skate through your Senior Moves and beyond, tell me about your time with her.**

I've known her about 12 years. I started private lessons when I was ten. At the beginning she was so tough, I thought, she doesn't like me LOL. She wants everything to be right and done correctly. At test sessions I would be really nervous. She was always telling me to come in looking right. It really taught me that now I really have to have myself together before entering places - because you really have to look like you want to be there. She taught me the importance of getting yourself together before you do anything in any setting, not just in skating. Also, how to finish something and be completely committed to doing something. When I was trying to compete once she said to me "If you don't want to do this, then why are you here?" It's a little blunt, but it was true. She wanted me to be committed to stuff so I'm not just doing things half in half out. When I tried to quit skating she said to me "You're going to regret this" and when I came back she said to me skate five days a week or don't come back at all. She also gave me a job.

**Q: What are your plans after high school graduation?**

I will be going to UMASS Amherst, currently Biology is my major. I am considering doing a double major, maybe biology and nutrition, or nutrition and exercise science, and after that maybe go to med school.







1. Members of Winchester HS Figure Skating Team



2. Elena L at HS competition, as Grinch



3. Several girls from WFSC performed at a Spring Exhibition show hosted by Coaches Christina Welch and Jessica Hilton at the O'Brien rink in Woburn on 4/27.