



Dear Skating Friends,

We have exciting news: Our club now has TWO new GOLD Medalists - Kathy Boehme and Daniel Block! Congratulations on this monumental achievement! It's also exciting to announce that Monica Jackson has achieved two more Gold level tests! Our skaters are rocking it! We are proud of each skater who went out and tested. You have worked hard and skated great! Whether you earned a "pass" or a "retry", we are proud of the work you put into it and the guts it takes to get out there. We are thankful for all of our judges and volunteers for giving of their time and energy to make these test sessions happen! Last month the Skatium hosted a Valentine's show in which many of our members participated. It was enjoyable to watch! Next month the Skatium is hosting a Spring Show on April 13th and many of our members are performing in that as well. We encourage you to attend the show and cheer everyone on! Tickets can be purchased at the Skatium.

We have some upcoming announcements so be sure to watch your inbox and our social media accounts! You can follow us on Facebook at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/DiamondEdgeFSClub">http://www.facebook.com/DiamondEdgeFSClub</a> and on Instagram at <a href="http://www.instagram.com/diamondedgefigureskating">www.instagram.com/diamondedgefigureskating</a>.

Happy Skating,
April Bardin, President

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"I didn't choose the skating life. My heart chose it."



## Feb '21 Test Results

Junior Solo Free Dance: Laila Almefty-Hernandez

Novice Solo Free Dance: Ava Kate Lowery

Giulia Gondhalekar (adult)

Intermediate Solo Free Dance: Ashley Fan

Willow Waltz (adult): Giulia Gondhalekar Hickory Hoedown (adult): Giulia Gondhalekar

Junior Moves in the Field: Daniel Block

**Intermediate Moves** 

in the Field: Madison Sadler

Kate Ryscavage Ella Townsend

Pre-Juvenile Moves

in the Field: Beverly Fan

**Pre-Preliminary Moves** 

in the Field: Mailys Thimothee

**Pre-Preliminary Moves** 

in the Field: Camila Rodriguez-Avila

Pre-Juvenile Free Skate: Ella Townsend

**Madison Sadler** 

Pre-Preliminary Free Skate: Evie Ellis

Camila Rodriguez-Avila

## Special Congratulations to our Gold Medalists:

Monica Jackson: Gold Dance and Senior Free

Dance

Daniel Block: Senior Solo Free Dance

Kathy Boehme: Adult Gold Moves in the Field













Skating friends become family. You know each other in a way that is so unique. You see each others determination and grit and strength. You are there to celebrate each other's victories and encourage through the falls. You see what it takes for someone to build strength to learn something new and you cheer along the way. You laugh at each other when you do something silly (TOEPICK!) and, in doing so, make even the hard days fun. You build relationships through the understanding of what the other is going through on the hard days when the jumps don't seem to get off the ice and the spins travel from one end to the other. You build relationships through the frustration of not understanding a bit of the choreography your coach is trying to get through to your group and stumbling through the practice together. You build relationships traveling to competitions together, running around like crazy trying to get ready before your name is called for warm-up, calming each other down, cheering when we do well and sympathizing when the skate isn't great. In skating, you get the unique opportunity to see what the other person is made of - the strength and grit and determination it takes for them to get through practice and get through life.

DEFSC is proud of how our skaters relate to each other and what a close-knit group that we are. So, next time you're on the ice, look around. Notice when someone does an amazing camel spin or a big loop jump and tell them what a great job they did. Notice when someone falls and encourage them to get up and try again. Be the skating friend you want someone to be for you. Because we are more than friends - we are family.



