Breakfast WITH CHAMPIONS

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Developing Champions. Building Futures. Growing a Sport.

"What started as a passion for skating has become a mission to create opportunity, develop people and grow figure skating for the next generation."

OUR STORY

Evolution On Ice was founded in Pretoria in 2017 by Yolande and Konrad Giering, two lifelong figure skaters who have each spent more than 30 years on the ice. Having represented South Africa and travelled internationally as professional skaters with productions including Holiday on Ice and Disney on Ice, they returned home with a vision: not only to coach the sport they love, but to help rebuild, develop and grow figure skating in Pretoria.

From the beginning, the goal was to make skating more inclusive, more visible and more accessible – creating a place where people of different ages, abilities and ambitions could discover the ice and find their own pathway within the sport.

MORE THAN A SKATING SCHOOL

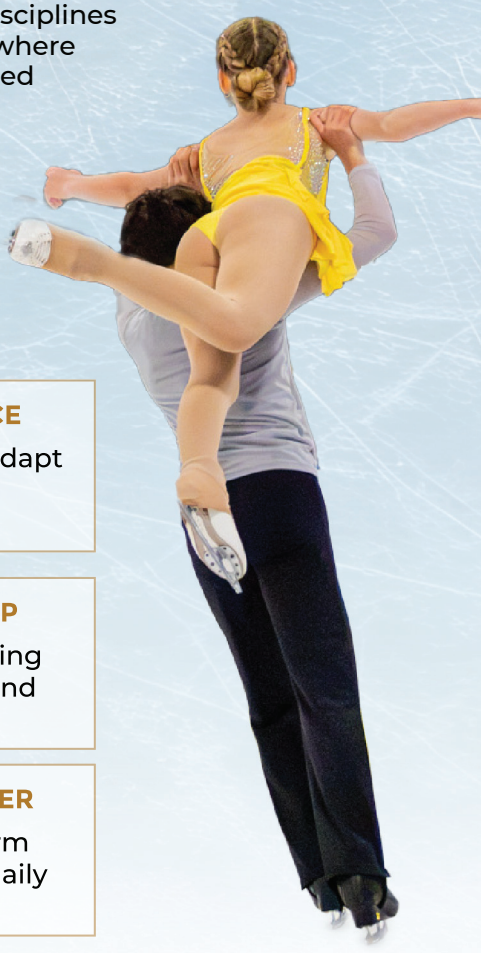
Since 2017, Evolution On Ice has grown into South Africa's largest figure skating school, with more than 300 members from Pretoria, Centurion, Johannesburg and surrounding communities. Our skaters range from young children taking their first steps on the ice to recreational skaters, adult skaters and competitive athletes pursuing elite-level goals.

We are especially proud that our programmes also create opportunities for skaters with special needs, ensuring that the confidence, freedom and joy of skating can be experienced by as many people as possible.

EXPANDING WHAT IS POSSIBLE

Figure skating is often viewed as an individual sport, but its possibilities extend far beyond singles skating. Evolution On Ice has actively developed disciplines including Pairs and Synchronized Skating, creating team environments where athletes learn trust, communication, responsibility and shared achievement.

By broadening the disciplines available locally, we are creating opportunities in Pretoria that previously had little or no presence – helping athletes discover new strengths and new ways to belong in the sport.



WHAT FIGURE SKATING DEVELOPS

DISCIPLINE & COMMITMENT

Progress is built through consistency, patience, focus and perseverance.

CONFIDENCE & RESILIENCE

Skaters learn to fall, recover, adapt and try again.

STRENGTH & COORDINATION

The sport develops balance, fitness, agility and exceptional body awareness.

TEAMWORK & LEADERSHIP

Pairs and synchronized skating teach accountability, trust and shared purpose.

CREATIVITY & EXPRESSION

Music, movement, artistry and athletic performance come together on the ice.

GOAL SETTING & CHARACTER

Athletes learn that long-term success is created through daily effort and responsibility.

DEVELOPING FUTURE CAREERS

Our vision extends beyond developing athletes. We mentor young coaches and encourage skaters to see sport as a possible career pathway. Figure skating can open doors into coaching, sports science, sports medicine, physiotherapy, choreography, administration, event management and high-performance sport. By developing knowledge and leadership from within our community, we are helping to create a sustainable future for the sport.

REACHING BEYOND SOUTH AFRICA

Evolution On Ice has also had the privilege of contributing to the development of skating in Egypt, assisting in the growth of the sport and its federation structures. This marked an important milestone for us: a Pretoria-based skating school becoming part of the wider development of figure skating across Africa and the Middle East.

WHY BREAKFAST WITH CHAMPIONS?

Today, you are sitting on the very surface where our athletes spend countless early mornings and long training sessions pursuing their dreams. Behind every performance is extraordinary commitment from skaters, families and coaches.

Figure skating is also an exceptionally expensive sport. Ice time, coaching, equipment, choreography, costumes, competition fees and national and international travel can make the pathway difficult for talented athletes and their families.

Breakfast with Champions is about connecting the champions of today's business community with the champions we are developing for tomorrow. A sponsorship may fund a competition. A partnership can shape an athlete's career. An investment in young people can create an impact that lasts far beyond the ice.

Your Partnership Could Help Write The Next Chapter.

Thank you for joining us, meeting our athletes and sharing in our vision for the future of figure skating.

EVOLUTION ON ICE
Speed . Power . Elegance





MILANÉ GAMBERINI & PHILIP MALAN



Milanè and Philip's journey began with a simple try-out lesson in 2022 and together, they became South Africa's first Basic Novice Pairs team to compete at an ISU-listed international competition, making their debut at Skate Berlin in February 2026.



Now moving into Advanced Novice, their focus is on qualifying for Nationals, achieving the required ISU score and returning to international competition. As the only pairs team in South Africa, specialized training opportunities are limited, making sponsorship especially valuable. Their long-term dream is to represent South Africa at the Junior World Championships, both as a pairs team and individually in singles.

MILANÉ & PHILIP

Our Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
Our journey began with a try-out lesson in 2022 and soon grew into something much bigger when we became a pairs team. Our strengths complement each other – Milanè brings energy, confidence and expression, while Philip brings a calm, focused approach. Together, we have learned that pairs skating is built on trust, communication and teamwork.

Our Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
Our biggest achievement was becoming South Africa's first Basic Novice Pairs team to compete at an ISU-listed international competition, making our debut at Skate Berlin in February 2026.



Our Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
We are inspired by skaters such as Yuzuru Hanyu and Ilia Malinin for their talent, dedication and commitment. Our greatest daily inspiration comes from our coaches, who push us to improve, believe in us and teach us that progress comes through discipline, consistency and hard work.

Our Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
Training and travelling often mean giving up social activities and free time, but we know those sacrifices are part of pursuing our goals. Our next major challenge is moving into Advanced Novice, qualifying for Nationals, and achieving the required ISU score to compete internationally again.

Our Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
As the only pairs team in South Africa, our path is both challenging and unique. Our biggest dream is to represent South Africa at the Junior World Championships, both as a pairs team and individually.

Our Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Because we are the only pairs team in South Africa, access to specialised pairs training locally is limited. Sponsorship could help us attend international pairs training camps, work with experienced pairs coaches and train alongside other pairs teams - opportunities that are essential to our development. For us, sponsorship would not only support our skating financially. It would help open doors that are currently difficult to access in South Africa and give us a stronger chance to take our partnership to the next level.

DANIELLA MARTINS





Daniella's skating journey began when an unexpected end to her successful dance career opened the door to a new passion. In just over two years, she has transformed that new beginning into a place at Nationals and the opportunity to represent South Africa in Latvia. Now skating across singles, ice dance and synchronized skating, she is focused on how far this new journey can still take her.

DANIELLA MARTINS

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
I started dancing at three, earned my Protea blazer at 11, and won the IDO World Championships in 2022. After having to leave dance unexpectedly, I discovered figure skating and quickly found a new passion. In just over two years, I have qualified for Nationals, passed Skills Levels 1-5, and represented South Africa in Latvia with my synchronized skating team.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
Qualifying for Nationals after around 18 months of skating was one of my proudest moments. I am also very proud of passing Skills Levels 1-5 in two years, as both achievements reflect the hard work and dedication I have put into skating.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I look up to Kaori Sakamoto and Gian Quen-Isaac for their talent, humility, kindness and sportsmanship. I am especially grateful to know Gian personally and see her as a big-sister figure and role model.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
Skating requires many sacrifices, including missing school, catching up on work, missing social events and waking up at 4am for training. It is not always easy, but seeing how far I have come makes those sacrifices worthwhile.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My biggest dream is to qualify for an ISU competition in synchronized skating, ice dance and singles. I also want to land my double Axel and eventually progress to attempting triple jumps.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
A sponsorship would mean more than financial support. It would mean knowing that someone believes in my potential and wants to be part of my journey. That support would motivate me to work harder, set bigger goals and keep striving to become the best skater I can be.



ROJANKE PRINSLOO





Rojanke's skating journey began at just eight years old during a public skate at The Grove Mall, and from that first experience she never looked back. Her dedication has already led to a 1st place finish at the Figure Skating Finals in the Silver U12 Competitive Section.
After giving up four years of gymnastics to focus fully on skating, Rojanke is now committed to taking her sport as far as possible. Her biggest dream is to one day reach the Olympics, and sponsorship would help support her development as she works toward that goal.

ROJANKE PRINSLOO

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
My skating journey started when I was 8 years old during a December holiday at The Grove Mall. I went for a public skate and used one of the helping penguins for only about five minutes. From there, everything just seemed to come naturally, and I never looked back. What started as a holiday activity quickly became something I loved and wanted to continue pursuing.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement so far has been placing 1st at the Figure Skating Finals in the Silver U12 Competitive Section. It was an amazing feeling because it showed me that all the hard work I had put in throughout the year had paid off.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I look up to Konrad Giering because he was my very first coach. He played an important role in helping me become the skater I am today, and I am grateful for everything I learned from him from the beginning of my skating journey.



My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
One of my biggest sacrifices was giving up gymnastics after four years so that I could focus fully on ice skating. It was a big decision, but I chose to concentrate on skating and give it my full commitment.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My biggest dream is to one day go to the Olympics. It is the goal I want to keep working toward as I continue to grow and improve as a skater.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Having a sponsor would mean having support that could help take me to the next level, especially while I am still young and developing as a skater. Their support would help me continue working toward the goals and dreams I have for my future in skating.

OLIVIA REYNOLDS





Olivia's skating journey began with a birthday visit to the ice rink, where she quickly found the confidence to let go of the skating aid and try on her own. That first experience grew into a love for figure skating, inspired by Alexandra Trusova and the excitement of learning jumps, spins and new skills. One of Olivia's proudest moments was achieving her highest ISU score, opening the possibility of competing overseas. Although early mornings are still a challenge, her love for the sport keeps her motivated. Olivia dreams of becoming an Olympic or international skater, or one day performing with Disney on Ice, and sponsorship would help make more of those opportunities possible.

OLIVIA REYNOLDS

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
My skating journey started when my parents took me to the ice rink for my birthday. I first used a penguin skating aid, but after two laps I let go and tried skating on my own – and I loved it.
I later joined a skating academy to learn the basics, but after discovering Alexandra Trusova, I became fascinated by figure skating. I wanted to learn jumps, spins and more advanced skills, so I decided to start figure skating properly.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement was earning my highest ISU score. It was especially exciting because it meant I could compete overseas.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I look up to Alexandra Trusova because she performed five quads in her program and placed 2nd at the Olympics. One day, I would love to skate like her.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
My biggest challenge has been waking up early for training because I am not a morning person. In the beginning, my mom had to drag me out of bed, but now I am motivated to wake up early because I know I am getting to do something I love.

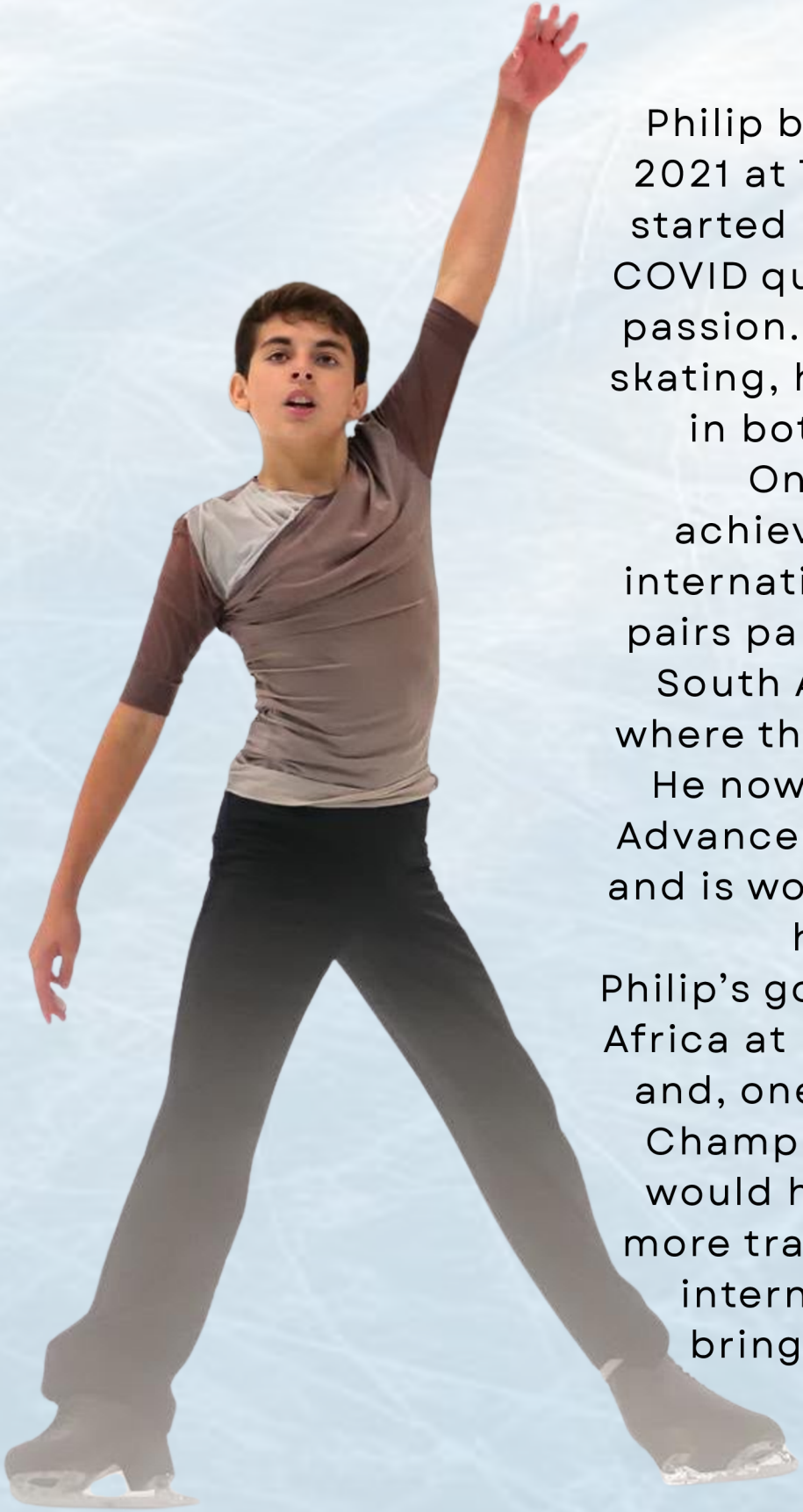
My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
I would love to become an Olympic skater, but I am also interested in becoming an international skater or performing with Disney on Ice.



My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
A sponsorship would motivate me to work harder, attend practice more often and keep improving as a skater. It would also give my family valuable financial support, as figure skating is expensive and some of my skating goals are currently not affordable for us. A sponsor would give me a better opportunity to continue developing my skills and work toward the goals I have for my skating career.

PHILIP MALAN





Philip began figure skating in 2021 at The Grove, where what started as a distraction during COVID quickly became a serious passion. Now in his fifth year of skating, he continues to develop in both pairs and singles.

One of his proudest achievements was earning international selection with his pairs partner and representing South Africa internationally, where they achieved first place. He now also competes in the Advanced Novice Boys category and is working toward mastering his double Axel.

Philip's goal is to represent South Africa at an ISU Junior Grand Prix and, one day, the Junior World Championships. Sponsorship would help provide access to more training, competition and international experience, bringing those goals closer within reach.

PHILIP MALAN

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
I started figure skating in 2021 when I joined the skating academy at The Grove during COVID. What began as a welcome distraction quickly became a real passion. I am now in my fifth year of skating, and the sport continues to challenge and motivate me as I work toward bigger goals.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement has been earning international selection with my pairs partner and representing South Africa internationally, where we achieved first place. This was an incredible milestone in my skating journey and showed me what can be achieved through hard work and commitment. At the same time, I am very proud to continue developing as a singles skater and now compete in the Advanced Novice Boys category. Balancing both pairs and singles skating is challenging, but it motivates me to keep improving and working towards even bigger goals in both disciplines.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I look up to international skaters like Yuma Kagiyama and Vladislav Dikidzhi, whose skill, determination and performances inspire me to keep improving. I also admire our own coaches and fellow skaters who push us to become better every day. Their encouragement, guidance and belief in my ability motivate me to work harder, overcome challenges and continue growing as a skater.

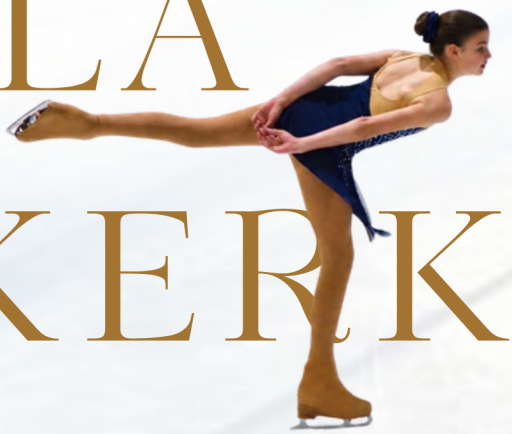
My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
My biggest challenge is landing my double Axel. I haven't quite mastered it yet, but I'm determined to keep working until I do. It's a challenge that keeps me motivated every day.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
One of my biggest dreams is to represent South Africa at an ISU Junior Grand Prix.

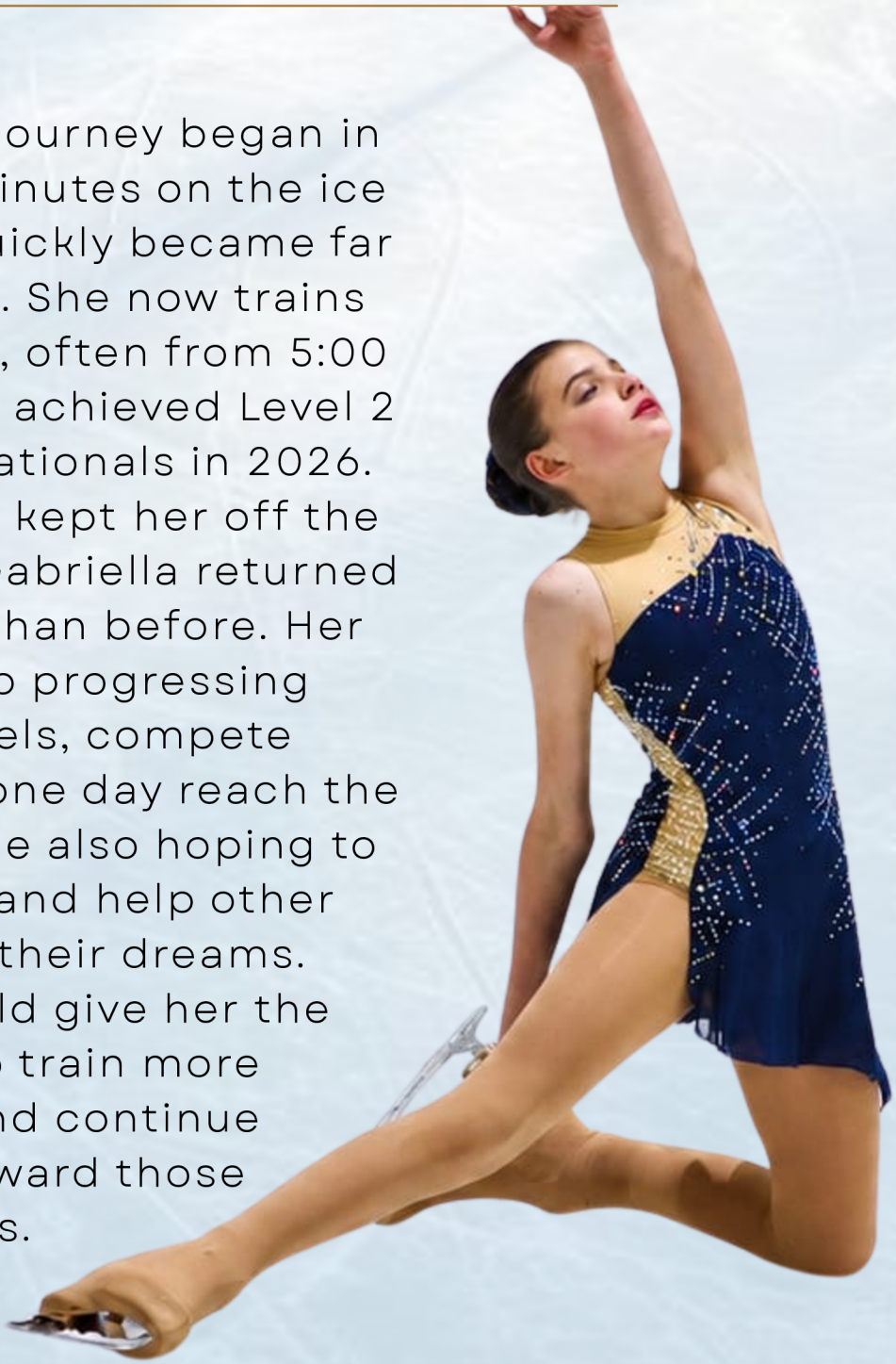


My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Having a sponsor would mean having someone believe in my potential and support my journey. It would help me access more training opportunities, competitions and international experience, bringing me closer to my dream of competing at a Junior Grand Prix and, hopefully one day, at the Junior World Championships.

GABRIELLA VAN NIEKERK



Gabriella's skating journey began in 2024 with just 30 minutes on the ice each week, but it quickly became far more than a hobby. She now trains several days a week, often from 5:00 am, and has already achieved Level 2 and qualified for Nationals in 2026. Even after an injury kept her off the ice for four weeks, Gabriella returned more determined than before. Her goals are to keep progressing through her levels, compete internationally and one day reach the Olympic stage, while also hoping to become a coach and help other skaters achieve their dreams. Sponsorship would give her the opportunity to train more consistently and continue developing toward those goals.



GABRIELLA VAN NIEKERK

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
I started ice skating in 2024 as a hobby, skating for just 30 minutes once a week. I quickly realised it was much more than a hobby and completely fell in love with the sport. My 30-minute sessions soon grew into training 3–5 days a week, often starting at 5:00 am with 1–3 hours of ice time. After an injury kept me off the ice for four weeks, I returned more determined than ever. Skating is where I feel happiest, most free and most like myself.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievements have been reaching Level 2 and qualifying for Nationals in 2026.



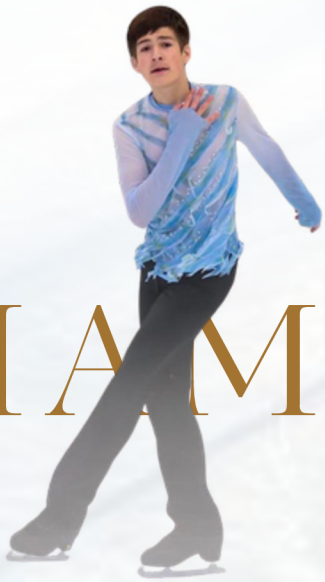
My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I look up to Alyssa Liu because she never gives up. Even after taking a break, she came back stronger and became a champion. I am also inspired by Alexandra Trusova.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
One of my biggest challenges was learning my doubles and Axel. I practised every day on the ice, off the ice and at home, and worked on the harness with my coaches. When I finally started landing it, it was one of the most amazing moments for me and I was incredibly proud.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
I would like to achieve my Level 3 and pass with ice dance. National qualifying would be an added bonus. I would love to skate every day and, one day, become a coach so that I can help other skaters reach their dreams.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Having a sponsor would mean so much to me and my family. My mom is a single mom who works incredibly hard to support my skating, but the costs of ice time, coaching, competitions, equipment, travel and training are very high. Sponsorship would allow me to train more often, improve my skills, attend competitions and learn from the best coaches. My dream is to become the best skater I can be, compete internationally and one day reach the Olympic stage. Having someone believe in me and my dreams would mean just as much as the financial support.

NATHAN CARR WILLIAMS





Nathan's skating journey began after several difficult years at school left him feeling judged and unsure of where he belonged. That changed when a friend's birthday took him to The Grove ice rink, where seeing a figure skater on the ice immediately sparked his interest.

Since starting lessons, skating has become a place where Nathan feels free to be himself. He has already qualified for the 2025-2026 South African Figure Skating Nationals and now dreams of reaching Nationals in the Junior Men section. With financial challenges limiting his ice time and lessons, Nathan works on weekends to help cover some of his own costs, while sponsorship would give him the opportunity to train more consistently and keep moving toward his goals.

NATHAN CARR WILLIAMS

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
My journey to figure skating came after a difficult few years at school. I experienced bullying, changed schools several times and eventually returned to Hatfield in 2024 to start fresh. Because of what I had been through, I became very nervous about being judged and avoided taking part in sport. That changed when I went ice skating at The Grove for a friend's birthday. I saw a figure skater performing tricks and was immediately fascinated. I asked my mom if I could try figure skating, and in February I started lessons. From the beginning, skating felt different from other sports. I did not feel judged – I felt like I could finally be myself.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement has been qualifying to compete at the 2025-2026 South African Figure Skating Nationals.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
My biggest inspiration is my sister. She has taught me to handle situations more maturely and always tries her best to make me happy. Her courage inspires me to become more like her.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
My biggest challenge has been the financial cost of skating. It has limited the number of skating lessons and other activities I can take part in. I now sacrifice my weekends to work and pay for some of my own expenses, and I also try to help my parents with my ice fees whenever possible.



My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My dream is to qualify for Nationals in the Junior Men section.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Having a sponsor would mean a great deal to me and my family. Their support could help with my figure skating fees, additional ice time and more lessons, giving me more opportunities to practise and improve. With more training and time on the ice, I could continue working toward my goal of qualifying for Junior Men Nationals.

MATHILDA DU PLESSIS



Mathilda's skating journey began at her best friend's 11th birthday party and has grown into a major part of her life. Now 20, she has competed across figure skating, ice dance, synchronized skating and pairs, while also coaching and giving back to the sport.

She has qualified for Nationals in three categories, is currently ranked 2nd in South Africa in Junior Ladies Ice Dance, and has achieved the required ISU score to represent South Africa internationally. Her next goal is to compete overseas in ice dance and earn her South African colours.

For Mathilda, the challenge is not a lack of passion or hard work, but the financial demands of the sport. Sponsorship can help create access to the ice time, coaching, equipment, travel and international training opportunities needed to keep progressing and turn years of dedication into further opportunities.



MATHILDA DU PLESSIS

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
I am 20 years old and currently studying a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. I started skating after attending my best friend's 11th birthday party and immediately fell in love with the sport.
Since then, I have competed in figure skating, ice dance, synchronized skating and some pairs, and I also coach across these disciplines.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
I have qualified for Nationals in Junior Ladies Figure Skating, Junior Ladies Ice Dance and Synchro. I am currently ranked 2nd in South Africa in Junior Ladies Ice Dance and was captain of our synchronized skating team that won at Nationals and later competed overseas.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
My greatest inspiration is my coaches. Their dedication, passion and experience motivate me to keep improving and give my best.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
Skating has required many sacrifices, including missing social events, early mornings, injuries and balancing studies, skating and coaching. My faith, discipline and perseverance have helped me through the difficult moments.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My goal is to compete internationally in ice dance, continue coaching and help grow the sport.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
I recently achieved the required ISU score for Ice Dance, allowing me to represent South Africa internationally and work toward earning my South African colours. To compete at an ISU event overseas, the estimated cost is R150,000–R200,000, covering flights, accommodation, entry fees, food and travel for myself and my two head coaches. Sponsorship would help make this international opportunity possible.



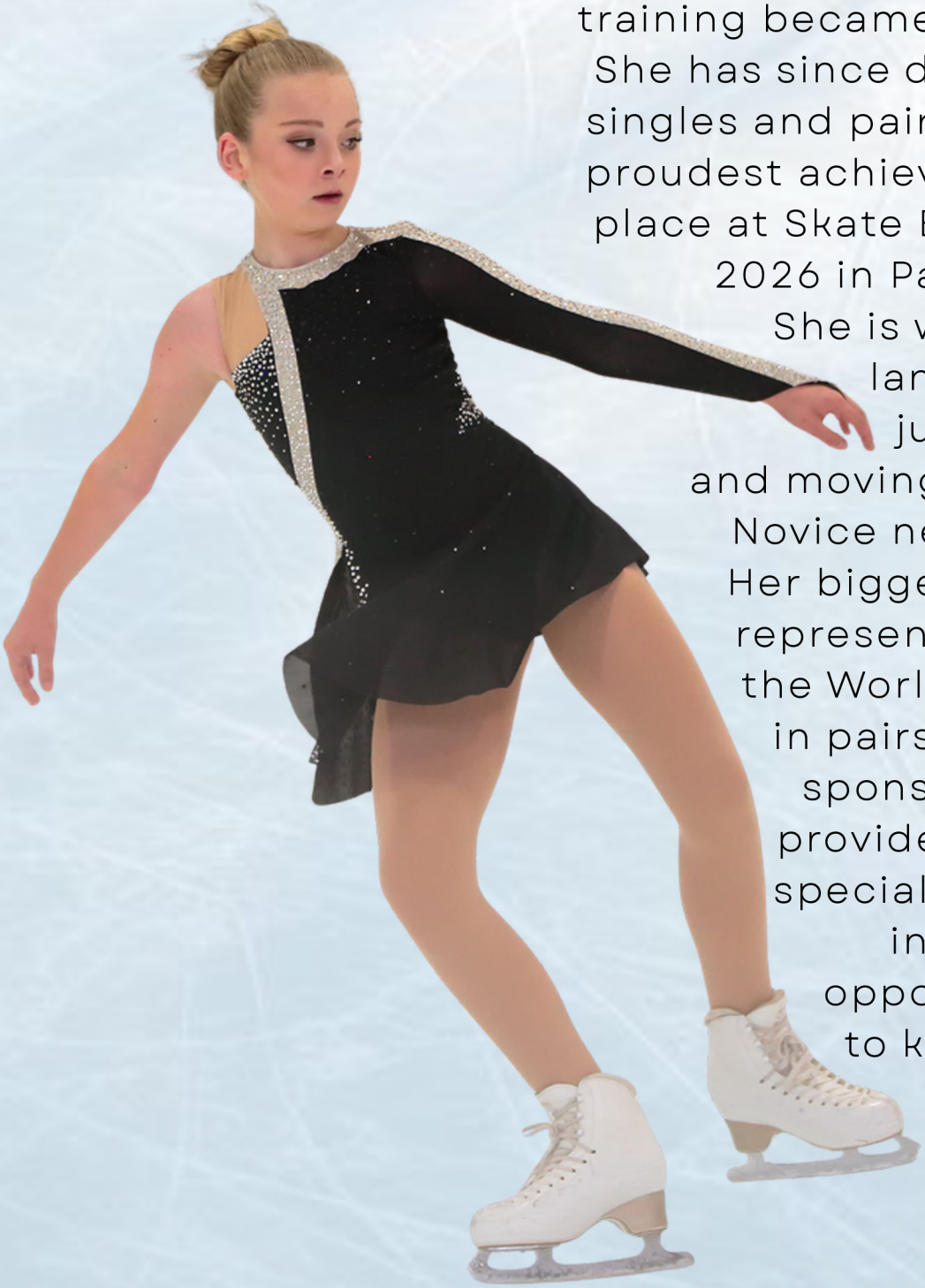
MILANÉ GAMBERINI



Milané started skating at almost four years old, and after COVID her training became far more serious. She has since developed in both singles and pairs, with one of her proudest achievements being 1st place at Skate Berlin in February 2026 in Pairs Skating.

She is working toward landing her double jumps consistently and moving into Advanced Novice next season.

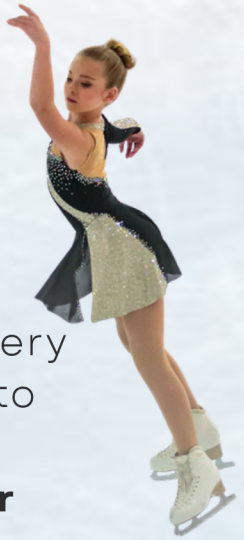
Her biggest dream is to represent South Africa at the World Championships in pairs skating, with sponsorship helping provide access to the specialised training and international opportunities needed to keep progressing.



MILANÉ GAMBERINI

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
I started skating at the academy when I was almost 4 years old. After COVID skating became a much bigger part of my life. Over the years I have developed in both singles and pairs skating.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement was competing internationally with Philip at Skate Berlin in February 2026 being South Africa's first Basic Novice Pairs team to compete at an ISU-listed international competition, where we achieved first place. Representing South Africa and standing on top of the podium was incredibly special.



My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I am inspired by Alysa Liu for the joy and confidence she brings to the ice, and by Ilia Malinin for his technical ability. My coaches, Yolande and Nadia, also inspire me every day. Nadia's exceptional artistry especially motivates me to keep developing the expressive side of my skating.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
One of my biggest challenges is balancing early-morning training, school, skating, netball, piano and other commitments. I have also learned that skating sometimes reaches a plateau where elements become harder and progress slows down. Those moments require patience, persistence and continuing to work instead of giving up.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My biggest dream is to represent South Africa at the World Championships in pairs skating and moving into Advanced Novice, with our focus on qualifying for Nationals, and eventually competing internationally again. In singles, I want to land my double jumps consistently and continue developing so that I can move into Advanced Novice next season.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Sponsorship could help provide access to international training camps, specialised coaching and international competitions, while also supporting my continued development in singles. These opportunities would help me keep progressing toward representing South Africa at an even higher level.

TINE LAMPEN





Tine's skating journey began as a simple family activity, but it quickly grew into a serious passion. At just 15, she has already earned a singles medal at Nationals and learned the value of patience, perseverance and balance along the way.
Inspired by the skaters around her, Tine hopes to continue representing South Africa internationally and, one day, use her experience to coach in countries where figure skating is less accessible. Sponsorship would help ease the financial pressure of the sport and give her more opportunity to keep developing and representing her country at her best.

TINE LAMPEN

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
I'm Tine, 15 years old, and outside of skating I love literature, poetry and writing. My skating journey began when my mom enrolled my brother and me in a skating academy. What was meant to be a simple hobby quickly became something much bigger, and eventually my whole family became involved.

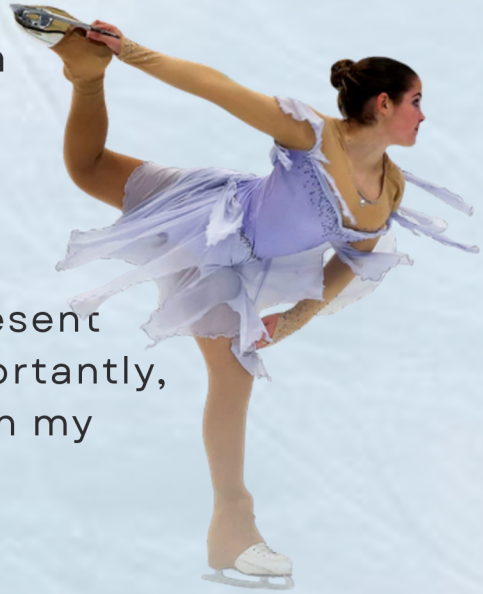
My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement was winning a medal in singles at Nationals. Standing on the podium for the first time showed me that patience, perseverance and trusting the process can make all the hard work worthwhile.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I am inspired by my fellow skaters. We all have different stories, challenges and goals, but we share the same love for the sport. Seeing how others overcome their own struggles motivates me to keep going.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
One of my biggest challenges has been learning my own limits. I have learnt that balance is important and that I perform at my best when I give enough energy to every part of my life, not only skating.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
I hope to continue representing South Africa internationally. In the future, I would also love to travel and coach in countries where figure skating is less accessible, sharing the knowledge and opportunities I have been fortunate to receive.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
A sponsor would help reduce the financial pressure on those who support my skating and give me greater opportunities to train and represent South Africa to the best of my ability. Most importantly, it would mean knowing that someone believes in my journey and what I am capable of achieving.



ALYSSA JOHNSON





Alyssa discovered figure skating at 12 during a public session in Cape Town, and what began as a new experience quickly became a sport she wanted to pursue seriously. Now 15, she has completed her SAFSA levels, qualified for Nationals twice, and travelled to Italy for a development camp, where she was able to learn from different coaches and see strong skaters in a new environment. Inspired by Alysa Liu's resilience, Alyssa has also made major changes to support her own progress, including moving to online schooling to better balance academics and training. Her dream is to compete internationally and take part in the Junior Grand Prix, and sponsorship would help give her the support and opportunity to keep developing toward that goal.

ALYSSA JOHNSON

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
I started skating at 12 years old after trying a public session in Cape Town and immediately falling in love with how I felt on the ice. I began skating more frequently, got my first pair of skates, and joined Evolution on Ice. I am now 15 years old, have completed my SAFSA levels, and have already qualified for Nationals twice. Over time, my love for the sport has continued to grow.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement was having the opportunity to travel to Italy with my friends and take part in a development camp. It was special because I was able to see many talented skaters, learn new things, experience different coaching styles, and develop in a completely different environment.



My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I look up to Alysa Liu because she has gone through many difficult moments in her skating career but continues to come back stronger and work harder every time. Her determination inspires me to keep pushing through challenges and continue working toward my own goals.

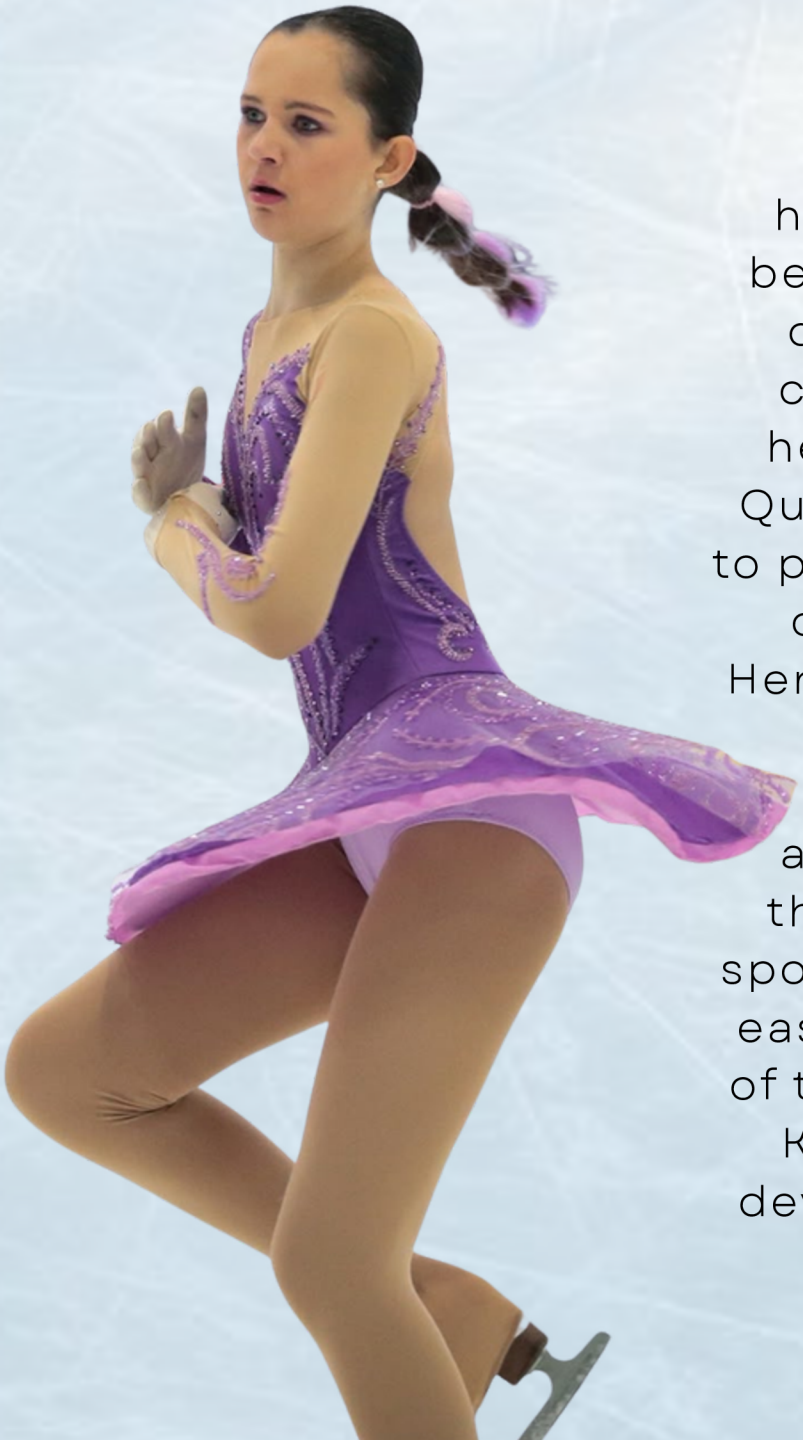
My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
My biggest challenge has been balancing school and skating. To manage both more effectively, I started online schooling this year, which has helped me create more flexibility around my training.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My dream is to have the opportunity to skate internationally and to compete in the Junior Grand Prix. I want to keep developing my skills, improving as a skater and working toward opportunities that will allow me to compete at a higher level.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Having a sponsor would mean having someone who believes in me and has faith in my potential. Their support would also help me financially and give me a better opportunity to continue developing, work toward international competition, and reach my full potential as a skater.

KAE-LEAN VREY





Kae-Lean's skating journey began with a simple wish to learn how to skate, but it soon became a place where she discovered confidence, courage and strength in herself. Inspired by Gian-Quen Isaacs, she continues to push herself through every challenge and setback. Her dream is to become the youngest skater to complete all the levels and, one day, compete at the Olympic Games. With sponsorship support helping ease the financial demands of training and competition, Kae-Lean hopes to keep developing, competing and chasing that dream.

KAE-LEAN VREY

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
At first, I simply wanted to learn how to skate, but it quickly became much more than that. The ice gave me a sense of freedom and helped me discover strength, confidence and courage I did not know I had.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement has been learning to believe in myself. Every step of progress has shown me how far I have come and how much hard work goes into improving.



My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
My inspiration is Gian-Quen Isaacs from Cape Town. I admire her determination and how hard she works toward her goal of reaching the Olympic Games. She inspires me to keep working toward my own dreams.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
One of my biggest challenges is the financial cost of skating. Ice time, coaching, competitions, costumes, equipment, travel and accommodation can make it difficult to train and compete as much as I would like. My passion for skating keeps me motivated to continue.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My goal is to become the best skater I can be. I dream of becoming the youngest skater to complete all the levels and, one day, competing in the Olympics. I know it will take hard work, sacrifice and dedication, but I want to keep learning, improving and pushing myself.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Having a sponsor would help reduce the financial pressure of the sport and allow me to focus more on training and competing. Their support could help with ice time, coaching, competitions, equipment, costumes and travel, bringing me closer to my goals.
To me, sponsorship would not only help me skate – it would help me keep chasing my dream.

MIALIEZ BADENHORST





Mialiez's skating journey began with a movie that instantly inspired her to step onto the ice. Since then, skating has become one of several passions she pursues with determination, alongside piano, ballet and representing South Africa in Robotics in Texas.

One of her proudest moments was representing South Africa in Latvia with her synchronized skating team, a group she describes as feeling like family. With the support of her coach Nadia and the discipline of early-morning training before school, Mialiez continues to push herself to grow. Her goal is to keep developing with her synchro team and become the best version of herself, while sponsorship would help reduce the costs of training, competition and travel and give her more opportunity to progress.

MIALIEZ BADENHORST

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
My skating journey began after I watched a movie about skating and immediately wanted to start. Outside of skating, I also play the piano, do ballet, and represented South Africa in Robotics in Texas, America. I enjoy challenging myself in different areas and giving my best to the things I am passionate about.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest skating achievement was representing South Africa with our synchronized skating team in Latvia. It was especially meaningful because the team feels like family to me, and the trip was also the first time I had ever seen snow.



My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
My biggest inspiration is my coach, Nadia. She knows me very well and is able to push me beyond what I thought I was capable of. Her support motivates me to keep improving.

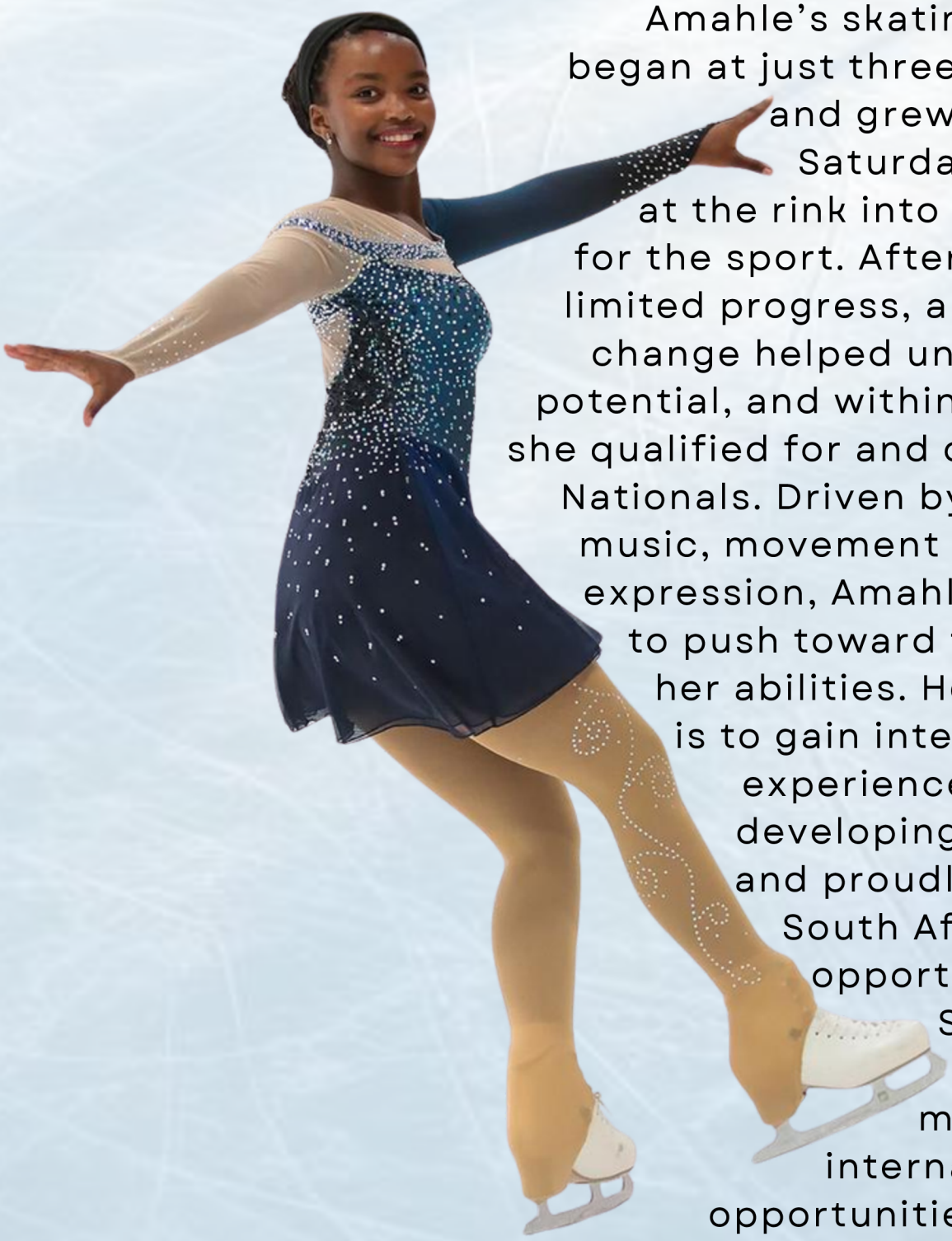
My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
My biggest challenge is waking up very early to train before school. I manage it by going to bed early so that I can still give my best during training and at school.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
I want to continue skating with the synchronized skating team and keep pushing myself to become the best version of who I can be.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Having a sponsor would mean a great deal to me and would help me take my skating to the next level. The costs of coaching, ice time, competitions, equipment and travel can be challenging. Sponsorship would help ease that pressure and allow me to focus more on training and competing. I would be proud to represent my sponsor and promote their brand while working toward my skating goals. Their support would give me added opportunity, motivation and confidence to keep developing as a skater.

AMAHLE NKOSI



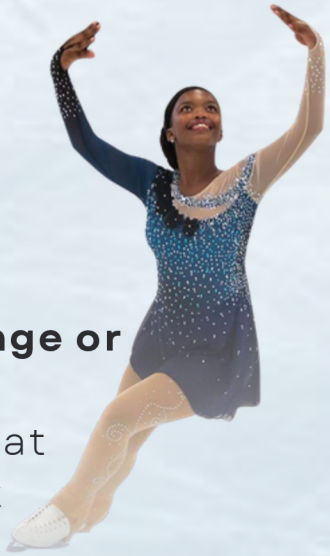


Amahle's skating journey began at just three years old and grew from early Saturday mornings at the rink into a deep love for the sport. After years of limited progress, a coaching change helped unlock her potential, and within 12 months she qualified for and competed at Nationals. Driven by a love of music, movement and self-expression, Amahle continues to push toward the best of her abilities. Her next goal is to gain international experience, keep developing her skills, and proudly represent South Africa when opportunities arise. Sponsorship would help make those international opportunities more accessible and support the next stage of her journey.

AMAHLE NKOSI

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
My parents introduced me to skating at 3 years old. A few years later, after watching a skating movie, I wanted to learn more. My mother had also dreamed of skating as a child but never had access to the sport. I have always loved music and dancing, and skating gives me the opportunity to combine movement and expression on the ice. Joining Evolution On Ice has opened a new chapter in my skating journey.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement was qualifying for and competing at Nationals. After five years of feeling stagnant, changing coaches helped me progress again. With the right guidance, I improved my skill levels and qualified for Nationals within 12 months, which was incredibly rewarding.



My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I look up to Alysa Liu because she uses skating as a way to express art, create emotion and connect with audiences, rather than focusing only on medals or perfection.

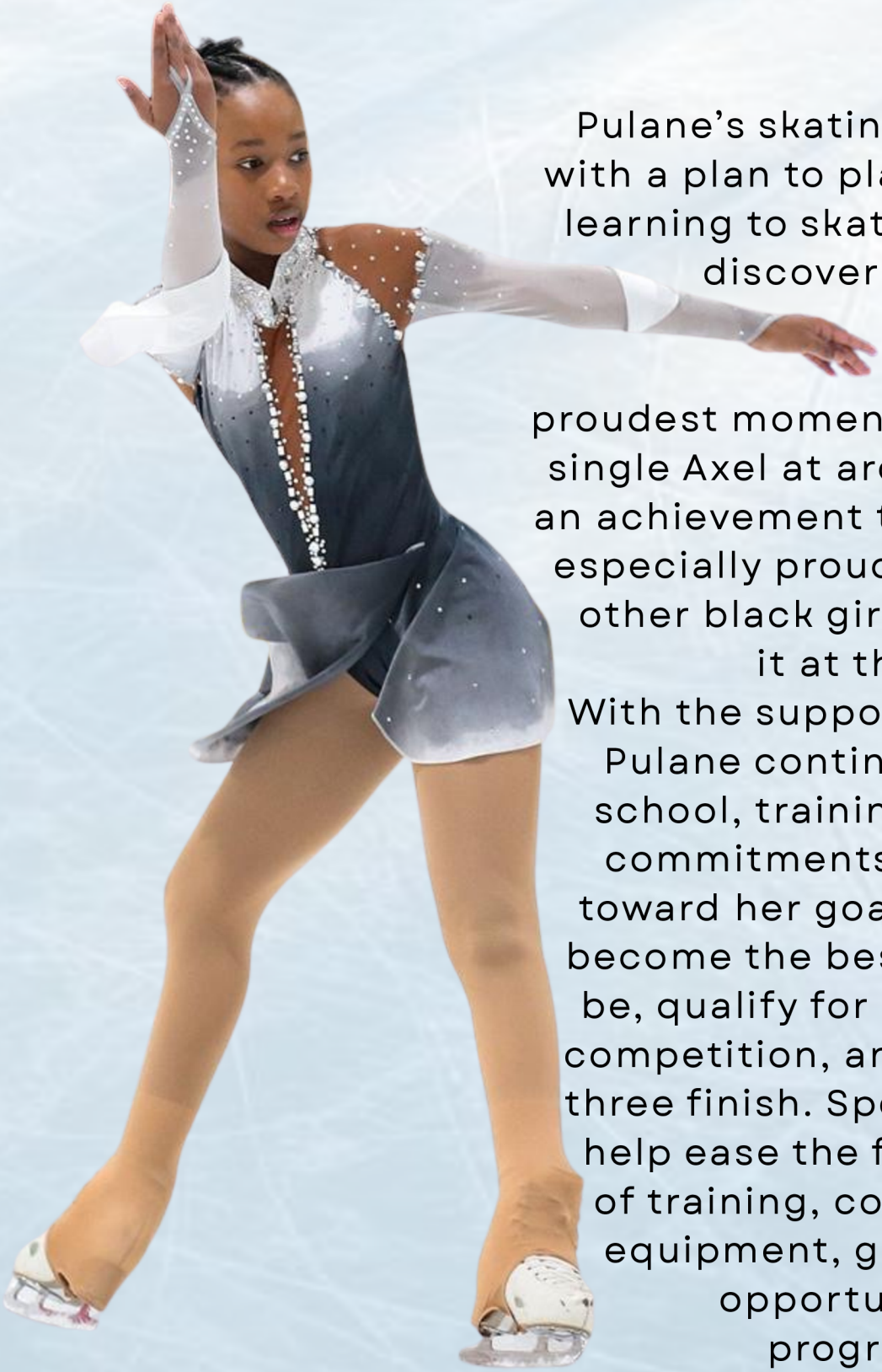
My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
One of my biggest sacrifices has been leaving home at 4:00 am on Saturdays and travelling 72 km to the rink for 5:00 am training. Skating has also meant missing social events and using weekends to catch up on schoolwork, but these sacrifices are worthwhile when I am working toward my goals.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My goal is to reach the best of my abilities and discover my full potential.
I want to keep improving, use my God-given abilities to the best of my ability, and see how far my skating journey can take me.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Sponsorship would make it easier for me to take part in international events and competitions that I qualify for.
These opportunities would give me valuable exposure, help me develop further, and allow me to proudly represent South Africa on an international stage.

PULANE TSEHLO





Pulane's skating journey began with a plan to play ice hockey, but learning to skate first led her to discover a love for figure skating instead.

One of her proudest moments was landing her single Axel at around 10 years old, an achievement that made her feel especially proud as there was no other black girl at the rink doing it at the time.

With the support of her coaches, Pulane continues to balance school, training and personal commitments while working toward her goals. She hopes to become the best skater she can be, qualify for an international competition, and achieve a top-three finish. Sponsorship would help ease the financial pressure of training, competitions and equipment, giving her more opportunity to keep progressing.

PULANE TSEHLO

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
I originally wanted to play ice hockey because I already loved field hockey at school. When I tried hockey, I quickly realised I first needed to learn how to skate properly.
A hockey coach suggested figure skating lessons, so I started learning the basics. As I became more confident on the ice, I discovered that I enjoyed figure skating so much that I chose to continue with it instead of returning to hockey.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement was landing my single Axel at around 10 years old.
It was especially meaningful because there was no other black girl at the rink doing it at the time, and it made me feel proud of what I had achieved.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I look up to my coaches because they motivate, support and challenge me to become a better skater. They believe in me when things get difficult and inspire me to keep going.



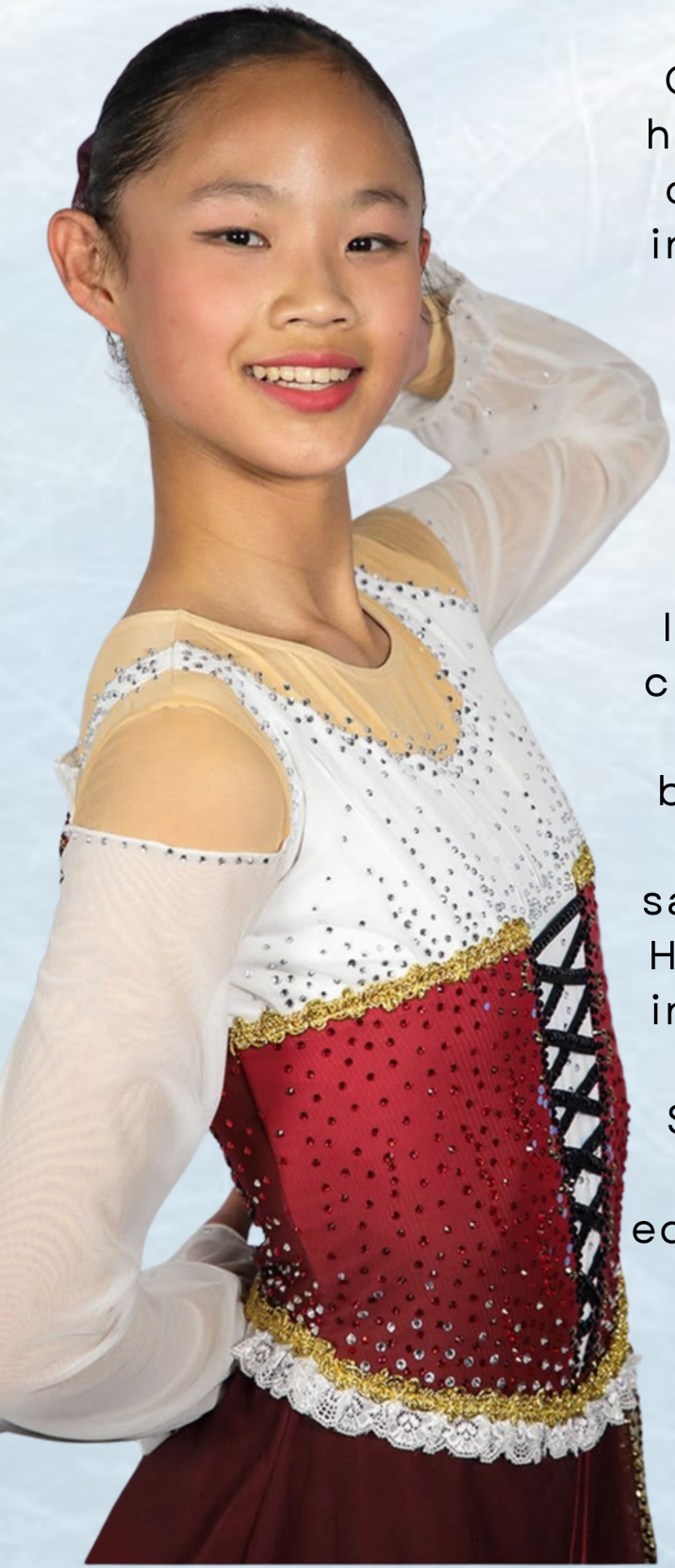
My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
One of my biggest challenges has been balancing school, training and my personal life. I manage this by staying disciplined, managing my time and reminding myself of what I want to achieve.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My goal is to become the best skater I can be.
I would also like to qualify for an international competition and achieve a top-three finish.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Having a sponsor would help my mom with the costs of training, competitions, equipment and other skating expenses.
That support would give me more opportunity to focus on improving and working toward my goals without financial limitations holding me back.

OLIVIA CHIANG





Olivia's skating journey began at her cousin's birthday party, where one try on the ice quickly turned into a lasting passion. Since then, she has completed all her old levels and represented her synchronized skating team at international competitions in Hungary in 2025 and Latvia in 2026.

Inspired by skaters who combine creativity, joy and strong mindset, Olivia continues to work on becoming more consistent in her jumps while balancing the sacrifices that come with training. Her goal is to go as far as possible in the sport and one day compete internationally as a solo skater. Sponsorship would help support the costs of training, travel, equipment and competition, giving her more opportunity to keep progressing toward that dream.

OLIVIA CHIANG

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
My first time on the ice was at my cousin's birthday party, shortly after my brother had started skating. I made time to try it for myself and quickly fell in love with the sport.
Since then, skating has become a bigger part of my life, and each year I have made more time to train and develop on the ice.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
One of my biggest achievements is how far I have progressed in skating. I completed all my old levels and have already competed internationally with my synchronized skating team. I competed in Hungary from 13–18 March 2025 and in Latvia from 10–16 February 2026. These opportunities are important to me because they show that I am getting closer to my dream.



My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I am inspired by Lara Naki Gutman for her creative programs, Eileen Gu for showing that you can succeed in sport while still being passionate about other things, and Alysa Liu for her mindset and the joy she brings to every performance.

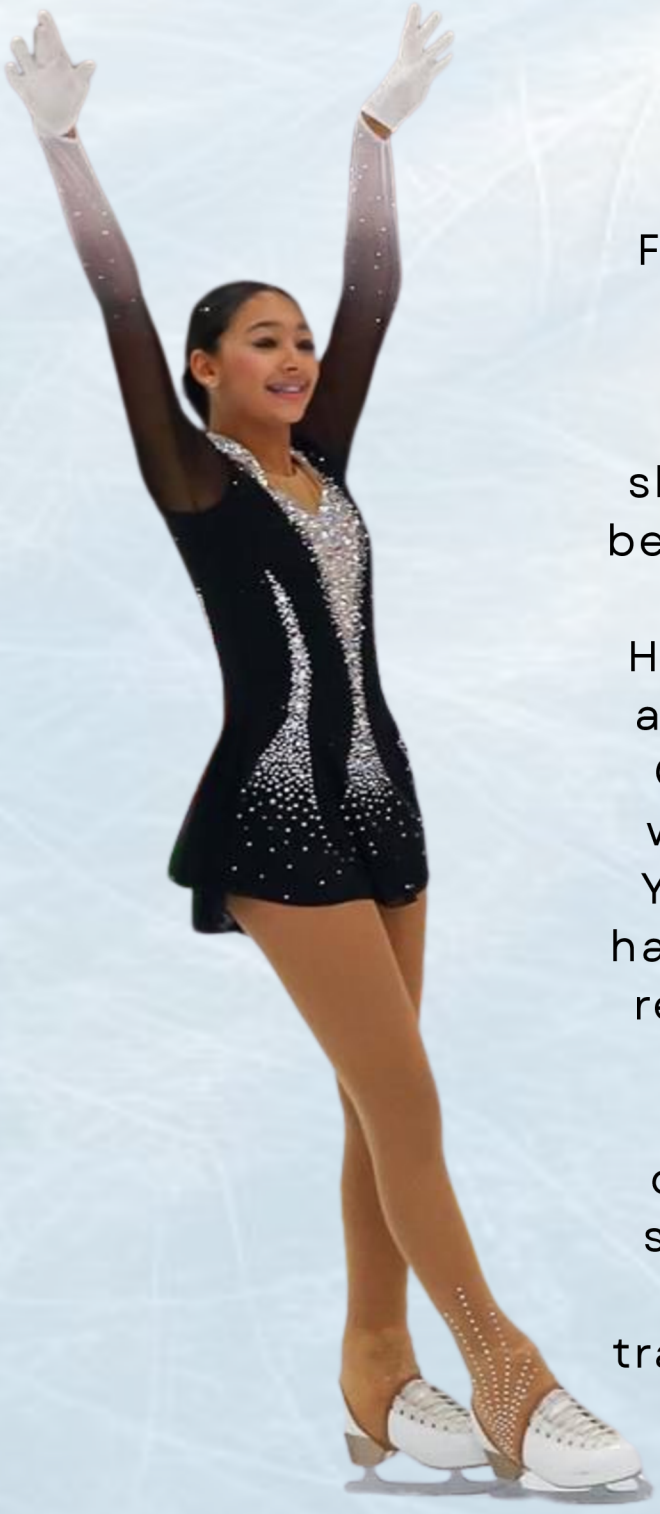
My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
One of my biggest challenges has been becoming more consistent in my jumps.
Skating has also meant sacrificing school activities and after-school time so that I can continue training and improving.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My goal is to go as far as I possibly can in skating.
I would also love the opportunity to compete in a major international competition as a solo skater.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Having a sponsor would mean having someone who believes in me and my skating journey.
Their support could help with the costs of training, competitions, equipment and travel, allowing me to focus more on improving my skills and working toward my goals.

FIROZA LEWIS





Firoza's skating journey began at nine years old, when a coach noticed her natural ability and encouraged her to try figure skating. Since then, the sport has become a passion she continues to pursue with determination.

Her proudest recent moment was achieving a new personal best at GIP 2026, proving that her hard work was paying off. Inspired by Yuzuru Hanyu's resilience, Firoza has also learned the importance of recovering properly from injuries and returning stronger.

Her goals are to improve her consistency and achieve higher scores, while sponsorship would give her more opportunities to train and compete and provide the added motivation of knowing someone believes in her potential.

FIROZA LEWIS

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
I first went to the ice rink for an event when I was 9 years old. I wanted to use a penguin skating aid, but my mom encouraged me to skate without one.
An academy coach noticed me and told my mom that I was a natural and should try figure skating. From that point, I fell in love with the sport.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement was achieving a new personal best score at GIP 2026. It was special because I had worked hard to skate my best, and seeing that effort pay off motivated me to keep pushing myself and aim even higher.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I look up to Yuzuru Hanyu because his career was not only about success, but also about how he handled pain, setbacks and time away from the ice. His resilience inspires me to keep going when skating becomes difficult.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
One of my biggest challenges has been dealing with injuries.
I have learned that proper recovery and rest are important. Instead of pushing through and making an injury worse, I focus on recovering properly so that I can return stronger.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My goal is to achieve higher scores and improve my consistency.
I want to keep developing my skating and push myself to perform better in future competitions.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
A sponsorship would help me grow as a skater by giving me more opportunities to train and compete.
It would also mean knowing that someone believes in my potential. That support would motivate me to work even harder, keep improving and represent my club and supporters with pride.



ARYAN MOODLEY



Aryan began figure skating in 2022 after joining the Learn to Skate Academy at The Grove Mall, and his interest quickly developed into a serious commitment to the sport. At 15, one of his proudest achievements is landing the double Axel, a major milestone in his progression.



Despite recent health setbacks and injuries that have limited his training, Aryan remains focused on recovery and improvement. His goal is to compete in a Junior Grand Prix, train overseas to develop his remaining double and triple jumps, and eventually move into show skating while studying Sports Sciences at the University of Munich.

Sponsorship would help give him access to the advanced training opportunities needed to take those next steps.

ARYAN MOODLEY

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
I am 15 years old and attend the Deutsche Internationale Schule Pretoria. I started figure skating at the beginning of 2022 through the Learn to Skate Academy at The Grove Mall after seeing an advertisement and asking my mother if I could try it.
At first, my brother and I skated together, but I continued on my own and eventually joined Evolution on Ice, where my figure skating journey developed further.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement is landing the double Axel.
It is an especially difficult jump because it requires an extra half rotation compared with the other double jumps, and reaching this milestone has been a major achievement in my skating.



My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
My biggest inspiration is my father. He has been through a lot and remains incredibly strong. He wakes up every day to take me to the rink and has always been my biggest supporter.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
Over the past three months, I have struggled with poor health and injuries, which limited my training and sometimes meant skating only once a week.
I had to take time off, attend physiotherapy and deal with hospital visits, which made training difficult. I have had to focus on recovery so that I can return stronger.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My goal is to compete in a Junior Grand Prix.
When I age out of Junior Men, I would like to move into show skating while studying Sports Sciences at the University of Munich.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
A sponsorship would help me take my training to the next level by giving me opportunities to train overseas, develop my skills further, and work on my remaining double and triple jumps.
That support could help me move closer to my goals of competing in the Junior Grand Prix and eventually becoming a show skater.

ONTIRETSE MOENG



Ontiretse discovered figure skating three years ago while looking for a way to stay fit, find community and express creativity. Inspired by Yuna Kim and Yuzuru Hanyu, that first step onto the ice quickly grew into a deep love for the sport and unexpectedly fast progress.

One of the greatest rewards has been reaching the point of feeling truly free on the ice – a feeling described as almost like flying. The journey now is about continuing to grow, working toward triple jumps, and keeping the joy of skating at the centre of every goal. Sponsorship would offer the opportunity to build a meaningful partnership and proudly represent those who choose to support the journey.

ONTIRETSE MOENG

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
Three years ago, I discovered figure skating while looking for a way to stay fit, be part of a community and still express myself creatively. Inspired by skaters such as Yuna Kim and Yuzuru Hanyu, I worked up the courage to approach coaches and eventually connected with Yolande. From the moment I tried on my first pair of skates, I was hooked. In three years, I have progressed further than I ever expected and hope to keep growing without losing my love for the sport.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement has been gaining enough skill to feel truly free on the ice. After many falls, bruises and aching joints, I reached a point where I could skate with the freedom I had imagined when I first started. To me, that feeling is almost like flying.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I look up to Yuna Kim because she represents everything I admire in figure skating – strength, elegance and artistry. Her skating feels like poetry on ice, and I hope to one day develop that same combination of power and expression.



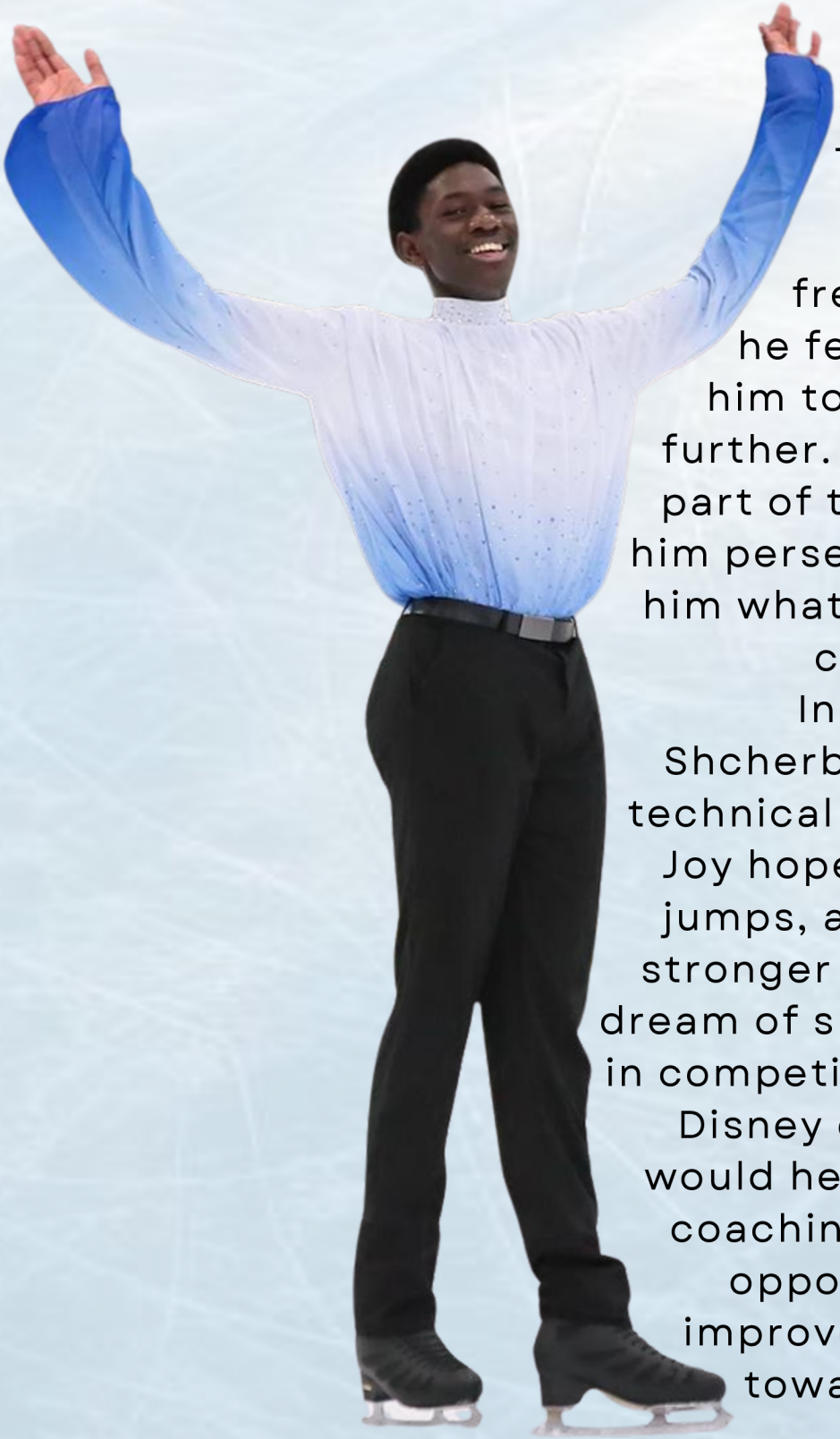
My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
My biggest challenge has been time. Because I have progressed relatively quickly, skating has taken up more and more of my schedule. I am still learning how to find the right balance between skating and the rest of my life.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
I would love to land triple jumps, but above all, I want to remain a happy skater. My greatest goal is for skating to continue bringing me joy for as long as I remain in the sport.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
To me, sponsorship means representing more than just myself. I see it as a partnership where both sides can benefit, build a meaningful connection and create something positive together. It would allow me to continue developing while proudly representing those who choose to support my journey.

JOY NKOLE





Joy's skating journey began in 2024, when the freedom and happiness he felt on the ice inspired him to take figure skating further. Even the falls became part of the journey, teaching him perseverance and showing him what is possible through commitment.

Inspired by Anna Shcherbakova's balance of technical skill and expression, Joy hopes to develop triple jumps, advanced spins and stronger edge work, with the dream of skating internationally in competition or shows such as Disney on Ice. Sponsorship would help with ice time and coaching, giving him more opportunity to train, improve and keep moving toward those goals.

JOY NKOLE

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
I started skating in 2024 because being on the ice made me feel free and happy. Even though I fell often, I enjoyed it so much that I decided to take figure skating further and begin lessons.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My proudest achievement has been developing perseverance through figure skating.
Falling is still part of the sport, but it has taught me not to give up. Pushing through difficult moments has shown me what I am capable of when I stay committed.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I look up to Anna Shcherbakova because of the way she combines strong technical skating with emotion and performance.
Her ability to balance power, expression and difficult elements inspires me to become a more complete and versatile skater.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
My biggest challenge is balancing the demands of training and schoolwork. It often means giving up rest time, but I manage it by staying disciplined and committed to making progress both on the ice and in the classroom.



My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
I want to develop more advanced skills, including triple jumps, different spin variations and stronger edge work.
I also dream of skating internationally, either in competition or in shows such as Disney on Ice.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Sponsorship would help with the costs of ice time and coaching, which can limit how much I am able to train.
More support would give me greater opportunity to spend time on the ice, improve my skills and continue working toward my goals.

RUI CHIANG





Rui's skating journey began simply because he enjoyed being on the ice, but that enjoyment quickly grew into a drive to improve. He has since qualified for Nationals in both 2025 and 2026 and reached an important technical milestone by landing his double Salchow in March 2026.

Inspired by Yuzuru Hanyu's skating skills, artistry and jumps, Rui continues to work toward his next goals: landing a double Axel and competing internationally. Balancing skating with compulsory school sports can limit his ice time, so sponsorship would help make travel and competitions more accessible while giving him added confidence and support as he continues progressing.

RUI CHIANG

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
My skating journey began the first time I stepped onto the ice. I immediately thought it was fun and wanted to keep going.
What started as something I simply enjoyed soon became a sport I wanted to improve in and take more seriously.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievements are landing my double Salchow in March 2026 and qualifying for Nationals in both 2025 and 2026.
These milestones are important to me because they show how much I have progressed and give me motivation to keep working toward more difficult elements and bigger competitions.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I look up to Yuzuru Hanyu because of his skating skills, artistry and strong jumps. He inspires me to keep improving both the technical and performance side of my skating.



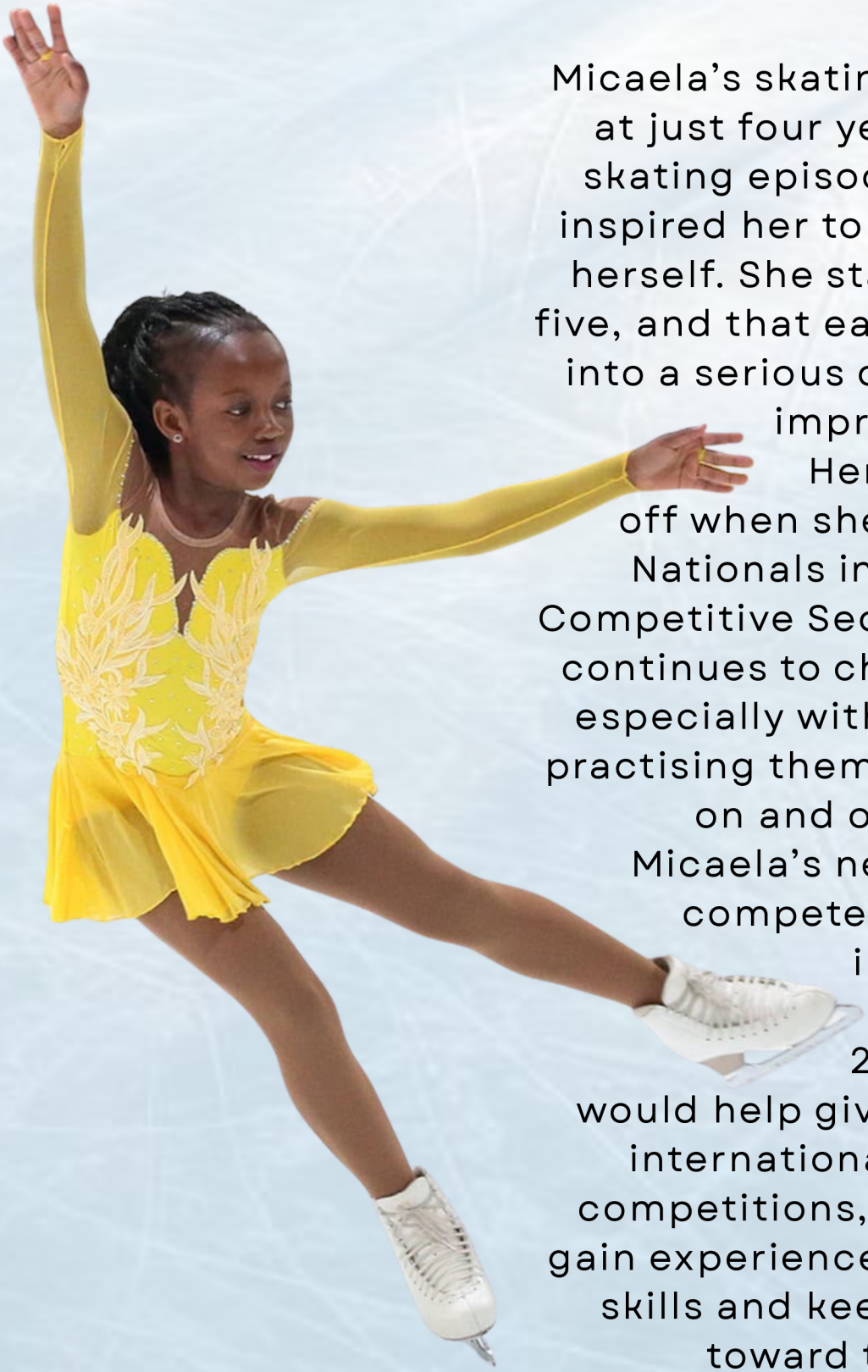
My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
My biggest challenge is finding enough time to skate because my school has compulsory sports. This makes balancing school commitments and skating difficult, so I have to make the most of the training time I do have.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My next goal is to land my double Axel.
I would also like the opportunity to compete in an international competition and continue developing my skating to a higher level.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Having a sponsor would mean knowing that someone believes in me and wants to support my skating journey.
Their support would help make competitions and travel more affordable, while also giving me more confidence and motivation to keep working toward my goals of progressing technically and competing internationally.

MICAELA SITHOLE





Micaela's skating journey began at just four years old after a skating episode of Peppa Pig inspired her to try the sport for herself. She started skating at five, and that early curiosity grew into a serious commitment to improving on the ice.

Her hard work paid off when she won 1st place at Nationals in the Juvenile Competitive Section in 2025. She continues to challenge herself, especially with double jumps, practising them repeatedly both on and off the ice.

Micaela's next goal is to compete in her first international competition by 2027. Sponsorship would help give her access to international camps and competitions, allowing her to gain experience, strengthen her skills and keep progressing toward that goal.

MICAELA SITHOLE

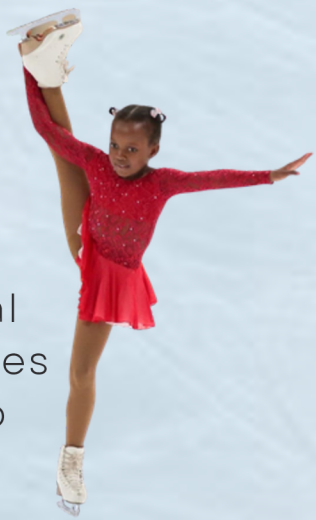
My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
My interest in skating started when I was 4 years old after watching a skating episode of Peppa Pig. It looked exciting and fun, and I immediately wanted to try it for myself.
I started skating at 5 years old, and what began as something I was curious about quickly became a sport I wanted to keep learning and improving in.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement was winning 1st place at Nationals in the Juvenile Competitive Section in 2025.
It was a very special moment because it showed me that the hours of practice and hard work had paid off. It also motivated me to keep improving and working toward even bigger goals.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
My biggest inspiration is my mom because she has always encouraged me to try new things.
Her support has helped me take on new challenges and continue developing in skating.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
One of my biggest challenges has been learning double jumps.
I work on them repeatedly, both on the ice and off the ice, and keep practising until I improve. It has taught me to be patient and to keep working even when something is difficult.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My goal is to enter my first international competition by 2027.
I want to keep developing my skills, improving my skating and preparing myself for opportunities to compete internationally.

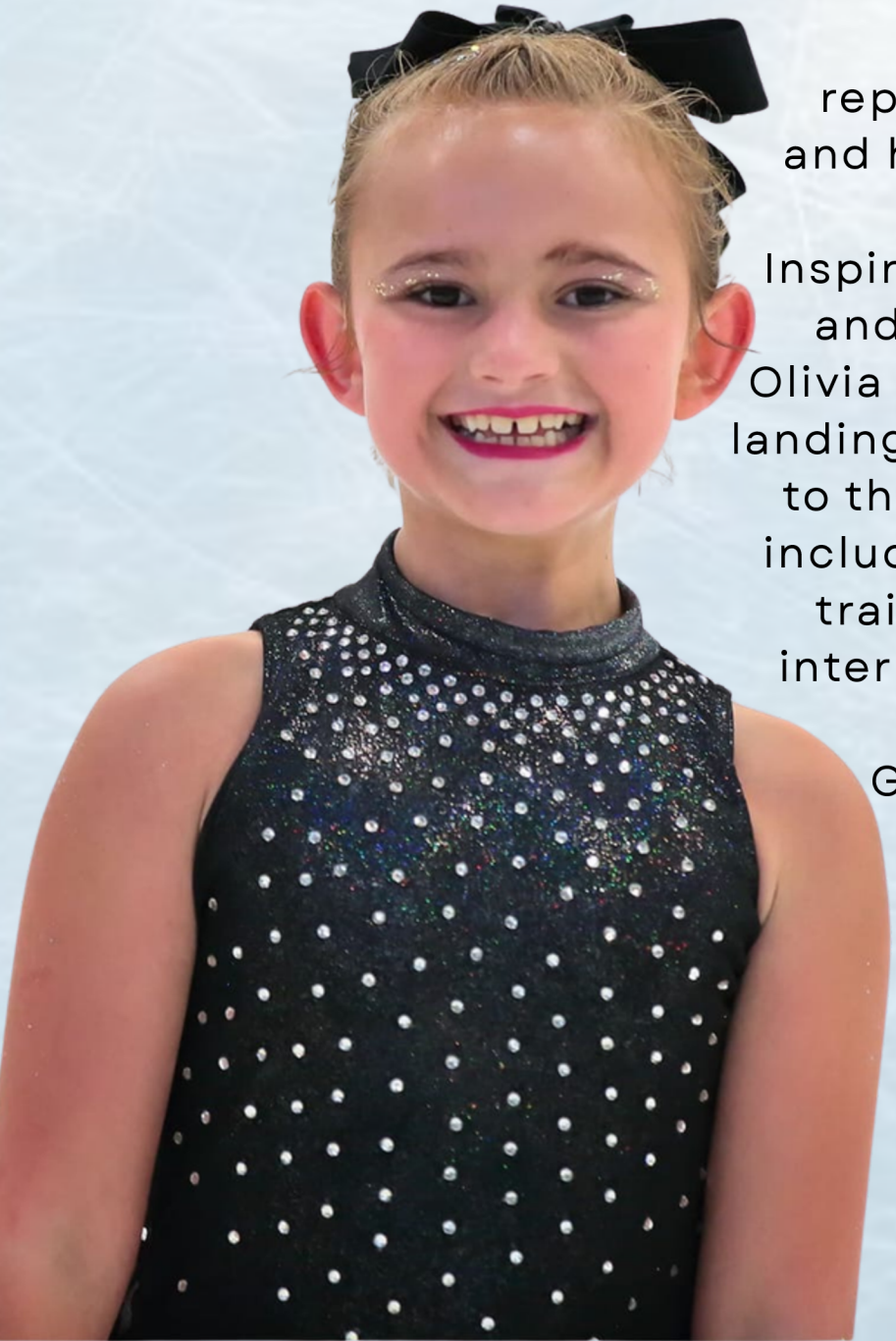


My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Having a sponsor would help me attend international training camps and competitions. These opportunities would give me valuable experience, help me develop my skating skills further and bring me closer to my goal of competing internationally by 2027.

OLIVIA DE LANGE



Olivia's skating journey began with a love for the ice from a very young age, and at seven she took her first lesson after seeing figure skaters training at a birthday party.



Almost three years later, she is entering her second year as a Juvenile competitor representing Gauteng North and has already qualified for Nationals.

Inspired by Alexandra Trusova and supported by her mom, Olivia continues to work toward landing her Axel and progressing to the next level. Her dreams include attending an overseas training camp, competing internationally and, one day, reaching the Olympic Games. Sponsorship would help support her training and make future overseas opportunities more achievable.

OLIVIA DE LANGE

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
I am 10 years old and first went onto the ice when I was about 4. I always enjoyed visiting the rink, but my skating journey really began at 7 years old when I attended a party and saw skaters having lessons. I asked my mom how I could become a skater too, and a month later I had my first lesson. Almost three years later, skating has become the sport I love most. I am now entering my second year as a Juvenile competitor representing Gauteng North.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement was qualifying for Nationals last season and getting the opportunity to compete there. Looking back at how far I have come since my first lesson makes that achievement even more special.



My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
My skating inspiration is Alexandra Trusova because of the many first-time jump achievements she has reached at major competitions. She shows me that amazing things are possible through hard work. My other inspiration is my mom, who is my biggest supporter and always pushes me to keep working toward my dreams.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
My biggest challenge has been my Axel. I have not landed it yet, but I continue to practise because I know it is an important step in improving my scores and progressing further in skating.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
I would love to attend an overseas training camp, compete in international competitions, and one day hopefully reach the Olympic Games.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Sponsorship would help support my training and give me the confidence of knowing that more people believe in my goals. If I get the opportunity to train or compete overseas one day, having a sponsor behind me would mean the world and help make those opportunities more achievable.

MARITA MURRAY





Marita's skating journey began at six years old after watching her sister on the ice and wanting to try it for herself. Now 12, she has already competed at Nationals three times, with each experience helping her grow stronger through the work and preparation involved.

Inspired by her sister, Marita continues to build her skills and work toward new jumps and spins. Her future goals include attending overseas training camps and competitions, while sponsorship would give her more opportunities to train, compete and keep progressing in the sport.

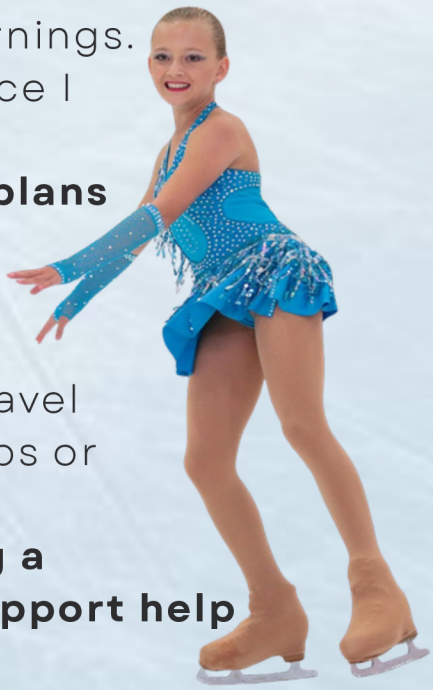
MARITA MURRAY

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
I am 12 years old and started skating when I was 6. I first went to the rink because my sister was skating, and it looked like so much fun that I wanted to try it too.
That first experience grew into a sport I have continued to enjoy and develop in ever since.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement has been competing at Nationals three times.
Each experience has been special, and the hard work required to prepare for Nationals has helped me become a stronger and better skater.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
My biggest inspiration is my sister, who also skates.
She motivates me to keep improving and encourages me to become a better skater.

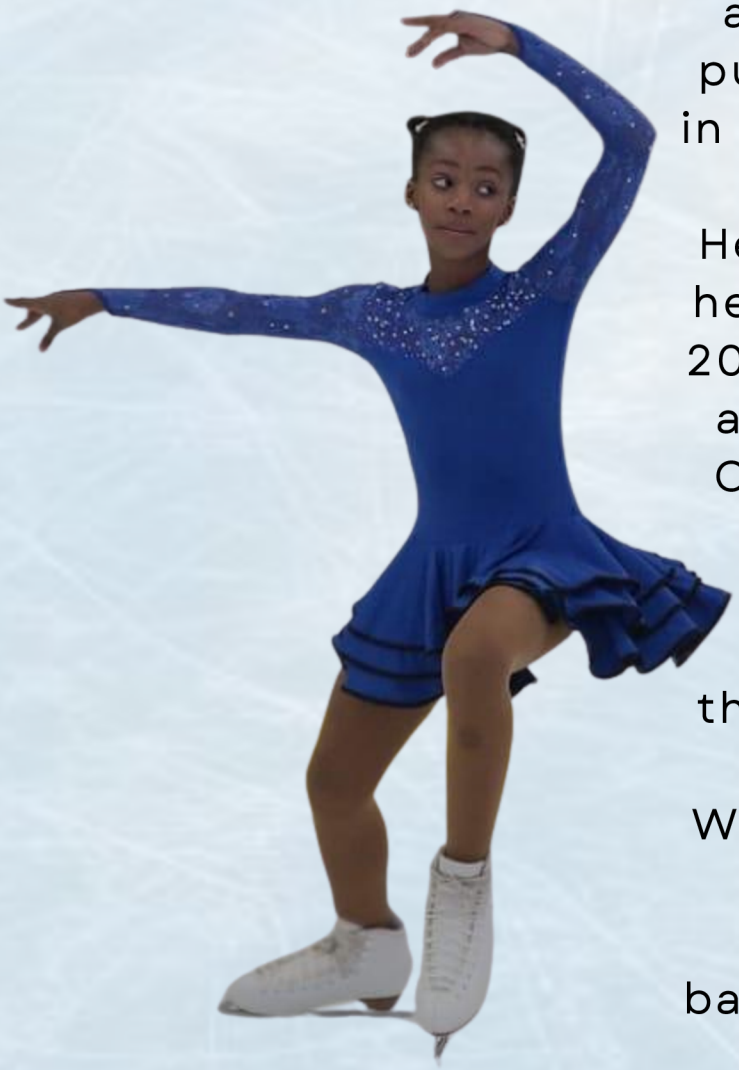
My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
One of my biggest challenges is the early mornings. It is not always easy to get up so early, but once I am at the rink, I really enjoy being on the ice.



My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
I would love to continue skating, become stronger, and master jumps and spins that I have not yet been able to do. I also hope to travel overseas one day to take part in training camps or competitions.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
A sponsorship would help me train more often and take part in competitions that I may not otherwise be able to attend.
That support would give me more opportunities to improve, compete and continue working toward my skating goals.

KWANDE NGQULUNGA



Kwande first stepped onto the ice at seven years old after seeing a social media advert, and although she took a break, the pull of the rink brought her back in 2024. Since then, she has never looked back.

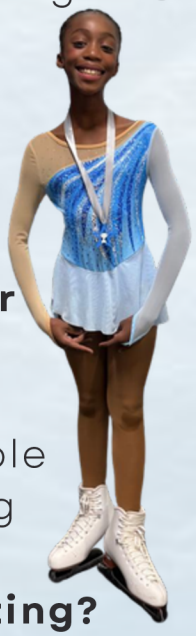
Her progress has already earned her a place at the SAFSA Finals in 2026, her Gauteng North colours, and qualification for the Icelab Camp in Italy. Inspired by Alysa Liu, Kwande dreams of representing South Africa on the world stageand becoming the first South African woman to land a quad.

With strong family support and a growing commitment to the sport, Kwande continues to balance school and training while working toward those goals. Sponsorship would help ease the financial demands of skating and allow her to focus more fully on her development.

KWANDE NGQULUNGA

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
I first started skating in 2022 at the age of 7 after my mom saw an advert on social media. I stopped for about a year, but every time I passed the ice rink, I would stop and watch the skaters. I knew I wanted to return, and in 2024 I did. Since then, I have never looked back.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My greatest achievement so far has been making it to the SAFSA Finals in 2026 and receiving my Gauteng North colours. Qualifying for the Icelab Camp in Italy was another very special milestone and made me feel that the hard work I was putting into skating was paying off.



My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I look up to Alysa Liu because she makes figure skating look simple, effortless and fun. Her skating inspires me to keep improving while still enjoying the sport.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
One of my biggest challenges has been balancing school and sport. My family's support has played an important role in helping me manage both, and as my passion for skating has grown, even the early mornings have become easier.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My dream is to represent South Africa on the world stage and become the first South African woman to land a quad. Whether that happens before I turn 18 or later, I want to keep learning, growing and preparing so that I am ready when the opportunity comes.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Financial support would allow me to focus more fully on my training and development without the added pressure of skating-related costs. Sponsorship would give me greater opportunity to keep progressing and work toward representing South Africa internationally.

CATHERINE ACKHURST



Catherine's skating journey began at an ice skating birthday party, where she immediately fell in love with being on the ice. After joining a Learn to Skate programme, she progressed to figure skating and quickly became committed to the sport. In her first year, Catherine achieved Level 1 and was included in the Evolution Finals event. Inspired by the discipline of Olympic skaters, she continues to work through the early mornings and focus on steady progress. Her next goal is to achieve Level 2, while sponsorship would help ease the cost of competitions and give her more opportunities to keep developing as a skater.

CATHERINE ACKHURST

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
My skating journey began at an ice skating birthday party, where I immediately loved being on the ice.
I joined a Learn to Skate programme, and after enjoying that experience, I went for a figure skating try-out. From there, I was hooked.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement was completing Level 1 in my first year of skating and being included in the Evolution Finals event.
Both milestones showed me how much progress I had made in a short time.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I have always admired Olympic figure skaters.
Their discipline and commitment to practice inspire me because I can see how much work is required to perform at that level.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
One of my biggest challenges is the early mornings.
I manage this by going to bed early so that I am ready for training the next morning.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My next goal is to achieve my Level 2 and continue progressing in the sport.



My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Figure skating can be expensive, especially when competition costs are added. Sponsorship would help reduce some of these expenses and make it easier for me to take part in competitions while continuing to develop as a skater.

SAKHIWE NGQULUNGA



Sakhiwe's skating journey began at five years old, and after taking a break, the return to the ice in 2024 led to being noticed by an Evolution coach.

Passing the Level 1 Skills Test became an important milestone, building confidence and reinforcing the value of discipline and perseverance. Inspired by Alexandra Trusova's determination, Sakhiwe continues to work through the technical challenges of jumps and spins.

The next goals are to land a double Axel and qualify for Nationals. Sponsorship would provide added confidence and motivation, with the knowledge that someone believes in the journey and is invested in the effort to keep progressing.

SAKHIWE NGQULUNGA

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
I first learned to skate when I was 5 years old, but stopped after about a year. I returned to skating in 2024, joined the academy and was later spotted by an Evolution coach.
Since returning, skating has become something I want to keep developing and improving in.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement was passing my Level 1 Skills Test.
It is not an easy test, and passing it gave me confidence in my abilities. It also taught me that discipline and dedication can lead to real progress.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I look up to Alexandra Trusova because she pushes herself beyond her limits and does not allow obstacles to stop her from reaching her goals.
Her determination inspires me to keep working hard.

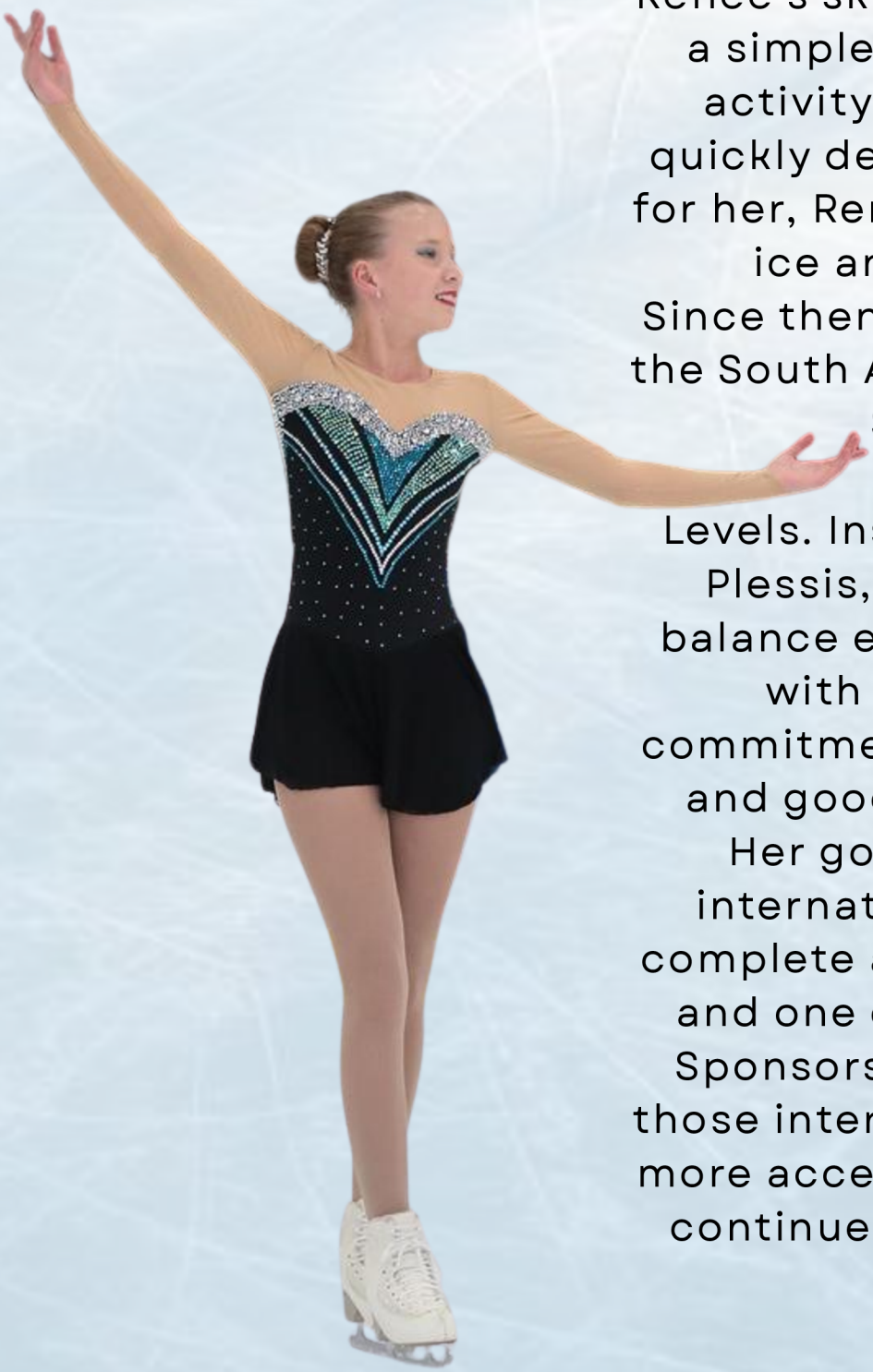
My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
Figure skating requires difficult technical skills, especially jumps and spins.
Learning these elements takes a strong mindset, discipline and perseverance. I keep working through challenges instead of giving up.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My goals are to land my double Axel and qualify for Nationals.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Having a sponsor would give me added confidence and motivation to work even harder.
Knowing that someone had placed their faith in me would inspire me to do my best, not only for myself, but also for the people supporting my journey.

RENÉE MURRAY





Renée's skating journey began as a simple mom-and-daughter activity, but while her mom quickly decided skating was not for her, Renée fell in love with the ice and never stopped.

Since then, she has competed at the South African National Figure Skating Championship and completed all 5 Levels. Inspired by Mathilda Du Plessis, Renée continues to balance early-morning training with school and other commitments through discipline and good time management.

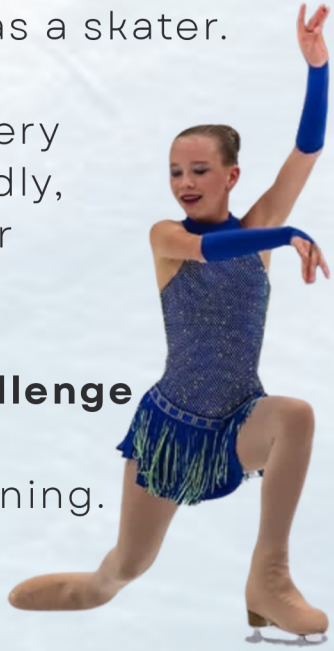
Her goals are to compete internationally in ice dance, complete all the ice dance levels and one day become a coach. Sponsorship would help make those international opportunities more accessible and support her continued development in the sport.

RENÉE MURRAY

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
My skating journey began as a mom-and-daughter activity. My mom quickly realised skating was not for her, but I loved being on the ice from the start and have continued ever since.
What began as something we tried together became a sport I genuinely enjoy and have continued to work hard at.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievements are competing at the South African National Figure Skating Championship and completing all 5 Levels. These milestones are special to me because they reflect the time, effort and hard work I have put into progressing as a skater.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I look up to Mathilda Du Plessis, who has been a very important part of my skating journey. She is friendly, kind, hardworking and an amazing role model. Her dedication encourages me to keep working hard and improving.



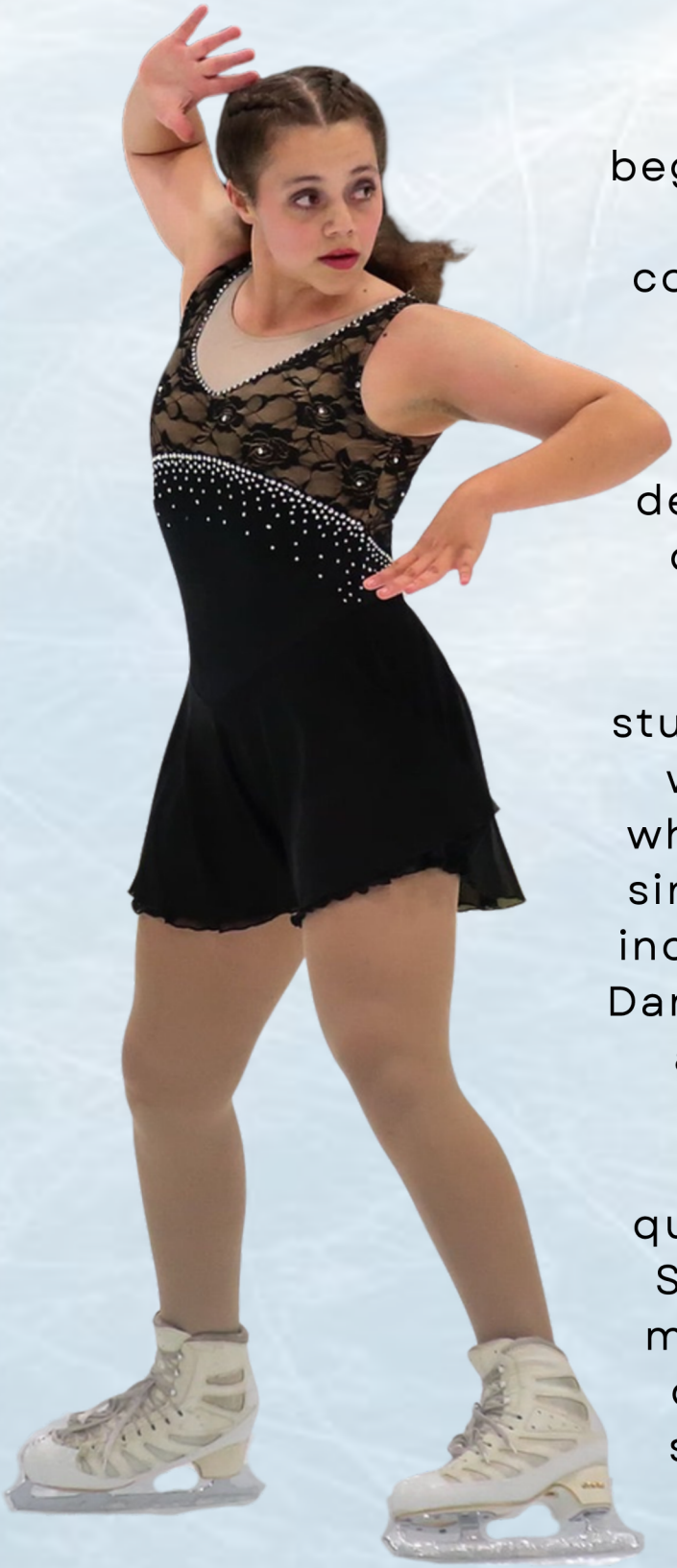
My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
My biggest challenge is balancing school and training. Early-morning skating, school, activities and homework can make the days very busy, but I manage it by organising my time well and staying committed to both my schoolwork and skating.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My goals are to qualify for and compete in an international ice dance competition, complete all the ice dance levels, and one day become a coach. I would like to keep developing my ice dance skills and continue progressing toward these goals.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Having a sponsor would mean a great deal to me because it would help make international competition opportunities more achievable. That support would allow me to continue working toward my ice dance goals, gain more competition experience and keep progressing toward the future I hope to build in skating.

HANNELORE AHRENS





Hannelore's skating journey began at around six years old and grew into a long-term commitment that has taken her from public sessions to international synchronized skating competitions, a development camp in Italy, and qualification for Nationals in Junior Ice Dance.

Now a first-year university student, she balances academics with the demands of training while continuing to grow in both singles and ice dance. Her goals include passing the Intergold Ice Dance test, improving her artistry and confidence, landing her double Axel, double flip and double Lutz, and eventually qualifying for ISU competitions. Sponsorship would help make more training and competition opportunities possible while supporting her development across both disciplines.

HANNELORE AHRENS

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
I first became interested in skating at around 6 years old through public skating sessions. My mom later enrolled me in figure skating lessons, and at 10 years old I joined Evolution on Ice for individual and group coaching.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
I am proud of several milestones: competing in two international synchronized skating competitions, attending a development camp in Italy, qualifying for Nationals in Junior Ice Dance at my first competition in the section, and becoming more consistent with several double jumps.

My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
My biggest inspiration comes from my coaches and fellow skaters. Their passion, dedication and support encourage me to keep improving, set higher goals and believe more in myself.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
One of my biggest challenges has been overcoming self-doubt and comparing myself to others. With support from my coaches and peers, I have learned to turn that into motivation. As a first-year university student, balancing academics and skating is also demanding, while the financial cost of the sport can limit training and competition opportunities.

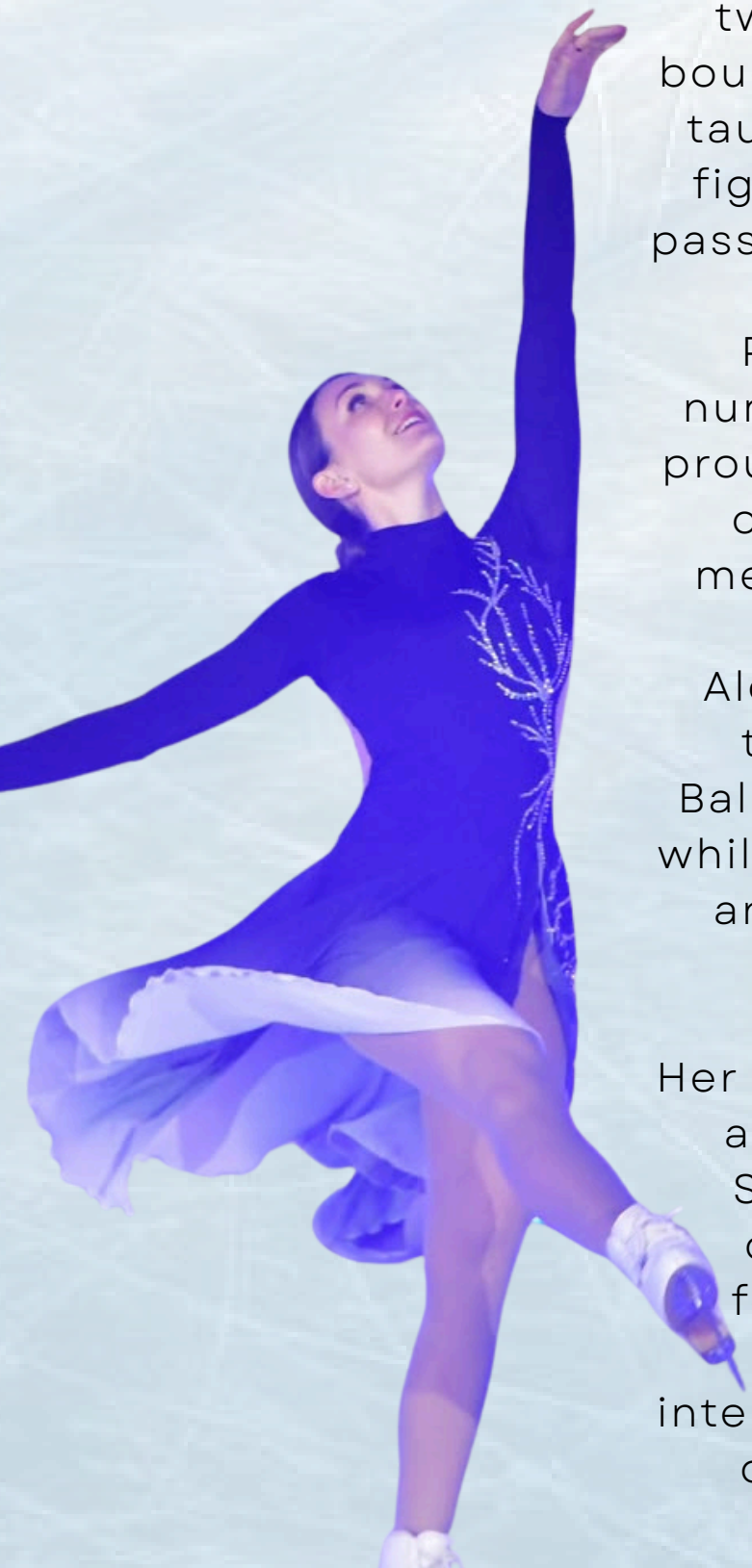


My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My goals are to pass the Intergold Ice Dance test, improve my artistry and confidence, and continue competing. In singles, I want to land my double Axel, double flip and double Lutz cleanly, while in Junior Ice Dance I hope to progress toward ISU competitions.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Sponsorship would help make more training and competitions possible while I balance skating with university. It would support my development in both singles and Junior Ice Dance and help me work toward my Intergold test and future ISU competitions.

JAYDEAN BRITS





Her skating journey began at just two years old, when her mother bought her first skates and her aunt taught her to skate. Her mother, a figure skater herself, passed on a passion that remains strong 23 years later.

Representing South Africa on numerous occasions has been her proudest achievement. Wearing her country's colours is especially meaningful, knowing this journey began with her mother.

Alongside skating, she works full time as a candidate attorney. Balancing her career with training, while also overcoming two surgeries and rehabilitation, has required commitment, sacrifice and resilience.

Her goal is to represent South Africa again in Senior Solo Ice Dance. Sponsorship would help cover coaching, ice time, competition fees and travel, creating more opportunities to compete internationally and proudly wear her country's colours once again.

JAYDEAN BRITS

My Journey – Tell us about yourself and how you started skating.
My skating journey began when I was just two years old. My mom bought my first pair of skates, and my aunt taught me to skate. As a figure skater herself, my mom passed her love of the sport on to me. From the moment my feet first touched the ice, I loved it. Twenty-three years later, I am still doing what I love.

My Biggest Achievement – What has been your biggest achievement to date, and why was it special?
My biggest achievement has been representing South Africa on numerous occasions. Wearing my country's colours fills me with pride and is something I am incredibly grateful for. It is especially meaningful knowing that a sport introduced to me by my mom has become such an important part of my life.



My Inspiration – Who do you look up to and why?
I have always been inspired by Sasha Cohen's flexibility, artistry and elegance on the ice. She made difficult skating look effortless, combining impressive technical skill with expressive performances. Her ability to bring athleticism and artistry together is what made her stand out to me.

My Challenges – What has been your biggest challenge or sacrifice, and how have you overcome it?
One of my biggest challenges is balancing skating with my full-time career as a candidate attorney. Making time for training alongside work requires commitment and sacrifice, and I cannot always train as much or attend as many competitions as I would like. I have also undergone two surgeries during my skating journey. Spending time off the ice and working through rehabilitation have required discipline and resilience.

My Dreams – What are your future goals and plans in skating?
My goal is to represent South Africa again next year in Senior Solo Ice Dance. I want to make the most of my available training time as I work towards that opportunity.

My Sponsorship Journey – What would having a sponsor mean to you, and how would their support help you reach your goals?
Having a sponsor would help ease the financial pressure of competitive skating, including coaching, ice time, competition fees and travel expenses. While working full time as a candidate attorney, I balance the demands of my career with my passion for skating. Sponsorship would help me make the most of my available time and resources, creating greater opportunities to compete internationally and work towards representing South Africa again.



Every Contribution MAKES A DIFFERENCE

We offer flexible sponsorship opportunities to suit every budget. Whether you choose to support the club as a whole or invest directly in the journey of an individual skater, your contribution helps create opportunities, remove financial barriers and support athletes in reaching their goals.

NO SPONSORSHIP IS TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL.
EVERY CONTRIBUTION COUNTS.

OPTION 1

SPONSOR THE CLUB

Support Evolution on Ice and allow the club to allocate sponsorship funds where they are needed most.

Your sponsorship could help cover:

- Ice patch fees
- Private ice sessions
- Competition entry fees
- Coaching fees
- Branded skater merchandise, including shirts, bags and other items
- Training and development needs
- Club initiatives and athlete development

This option is ideal if you would like to support the wider skating community and help multiple skaters benefit from your contribution.

OPTION 2

SPONSOR AN INDIVIDUAL SKATER

Choose a specific elite or up-and-coming skater and become part of their personal journey.

Browse our athlete profiles and select a skater whose story, goals or potential resonates with you. Your sponsorship can be tailored to their individual needs and may contribute towards:

- International travel & accommodation
- Private coaching
- Competition entry fees
- Club, provincial, national or competition clothing
- Skates and skating equipment
- Ice patch fees
- Private ice sessions
- Coaching and training costs
- Competition-related expenses
- Athlete development and other essential sporting needs

This option allows you to directly invest in an athlete and follow their journey as they train, compete and strive to reach their goals.

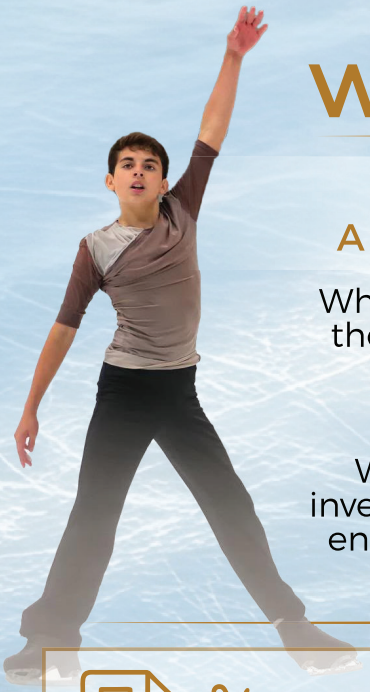
YOUR SUPPORT. THEIR JOURNEY. OUR SPORT.



Sponsor at a level that works for you.

Every rand makes a difference. Every athlete has a journey. Every journey deserves a chance.

Whether you choose to support Evolution on Ice or a specific skater, your sponsorship helps make skating more accessible and gives athletes the opportunity to focus on what they do best - training, competing and pursuing their dreams.



WHAT YOU GET IN RETURN

MORE THAN SPONSORSHIP.
A PARTNERSHIP THAT CREATES VISIBILITY, IMPACT & HOPE.

When you sponsor one of our skaters, your support helps them pursue their sporting goals while creating meaningful opportunities for your brand to connect with athletes, families, communities and your employees.

We believe sponsorship should be a partnership. In return for your investment, we can provide a range of media, social media, community engagement and internal communication opportunities designed to give your company meaningful visibility and recognition.

MEDIA & PR

- Joint sponsorship announcement
- Press release distributed to relevant media
- Interviews with the athlete and company spokesperson
- Feature articles highlighting why the company chose to invest in sport
- Local and industry media pitching

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

Build your brand into the athlete's journey through engaging content:

- Welcome announcement
- Competition updates
- Behind-the-scenes training content
- "Road to..." series leading up to major events
- Competition-day updates
- Results and achievements
- Thank-you posts recognising the sponsor
- Athlete takeovers on the company's social media platforms

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Create opportunities for your company to make a visible difference:

- School visits
- Youth coaching clinics
- Community development programmes
- Charity events
- Sport development initiatives

INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

Help your employees feel part of the athlete's journey:

- Monthly athlete updates
- Success stories
- Welcome messages
- Competition countdowns
- "Good Luck" campaigns
- Celebration emails

LAUNCH PACKAGE

Kick-start the partnership with a dedicated launch campaign:

- Press release
- Professional photo shoot
- Announcement video
- Social media campaign

MONTHLY SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE

Maintain consistent visibility throughout the year with:

- 2 to 4 social media posts
- One feature article or blog
- Competition updates
- Media pitching where relevant
- Sponsor report

YOUR SUPPORT. THEIR JOURNEY. YOUR BRAND.

Together, we can create a partnership that supports sporting excellence while giving your company meaningful exposure, engaging content and opportunities to make a positive impact through sport.



BUILD A FUTURE WITH US



Thank you for your interest in partnering with Evolution on Ice! By completing the details below, you are taking the first step toward making a tangible difference in the athletic journeys of our skaters.

Business Contact Details

Business Name: _____

Key Contact Person: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Website / Social Media: _____

Please indicate how you would prefer to direct your support:

☐ Option 1: Sponsor the Club (Funds allocated where needed most, including ice patch fees, club initiatives, and athlete development)

☐ Option 2: Sponsor an Individual Skater (Direct investment in a specific elite or up-and-coming athlete's personal journey)

Preferred Skater (if applicable): _____

Proposed Sponsorship Value: R _____

Nature of Sponsorship:

☐ Financial Contribution ☐ In-Kind / Services

If In-Kind, please specify: _____

Partnership & Marketing

Marketing Consent: Can we feature your company logo on our event materials and skater merchandise?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Social Media: Would you like your business tagged in our sponsorship appreciation posts?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

Evolution on Ice is dedicated to making skating more accessible. An NPO certificate is available upon request for your corporate social investment records.

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