

## **ERFSC PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

### **Brittyni Carlson**

Brittyni has 5 years experience as a professional ice skater, in which 4 of those years included touring and skating in Europe with Holiday on Ice. During her travels and in between contracts she trained at the International Skating Academy in Utrecht, Netherlands, trained adagio/pairs skating in Australia with Olympic coaches, and also worked with a principle pair team from Disney on Ice. In addition to skating with Holiday on Ice, Brittyni performed in various other shows around the United States under multiple short term contracts. Her testing credentials include achieving her USFS Senior Freeskate test, USFS Senior Moves test, USFS Gold Dance test, USFS Senior Solo Freedance test, and USFS Preliminary Pairs Test. Professionally, Brittyni has 15 years coaching experience which include 3 years with the Medford Figure Skating Club, 6 years with the Timberline Figure Skating Club and 6 years with both the Valley and Greater Green Bay Figure Skating Club where she currently teaches on a full-time basis.

### **Elena Rodrigues (updated 2/25)**

Elena is a USFS Gold Medalist in Freestyle, Moves, Dance and Solo Free Dance and has passed all International Dances. She has 13 years teaching experience and has been on coaching staff for the Eagle River summer skating school since 2013 and currently coaches at the Pettit National Ice Center in Milwaukee, WI. She specializes in teaching all levels of freestyle, choreography, and moves in the field but has also had much success coaching skaters through high level ice dance tests. She has passed the Registered Sports Science exam and Basic Accreditation through the Professional Skaters Association and is actively pursuing more ratings. She is also a coach to Regional competitors at the qualifying level. As a skater, Elena was an ISU Junior World, ISU Four Continents, and Winter University Games competitor. Elena earned a BS in Kinesiology and Health from Miami University with a double minor in Coaching and Management and Organizations where she competed for both the Miami University Synchronized Skating program and also the Intercollegiate Freestyle Team. Elena also has earned an Associates Degree in Nursing.

### **Marcie Kierpiec (update 2/24)**

This will be Marcie's 31st year as an Eagle River Summer School staff coach with 34 years coaching experience. She is a Junior National Coach who spent 19 years in Delaware as a staff professional at both the University of Delaware Training Center and the Skating Club of Wilmington and now currently resides in Michigan. She has to her credit US and Canadian Gold Dances, Senior and Junior International Dances, Novice Freestyle, Silver Free Dance, 6th Figure and is a certified Level 4 hockey coach with USA Hockey. Marcie coaches all levels of dance, moves in the field and P.O.W.E.R. Hockey, and specializes in the latter two disciplines. In addition to her skating and coaching credentials, Marcie holds both a BA (Michigan State University, '91) and MA (West Chester University, '11) in French. She recently completed her BS degree in Exercise Science (December '16) with an emphasis in strength and conditioning at West Chester University in Pennsylvania. In addition to coaching figure skating at various camps in Michigan and Wisconsin, she is a full time P.O.W.E.R. Skating instructor and off-ice strength coach for Tier 1 AAA hockey teams in the metro Detroit area.

### **Philippe Poirier (updated 2/25)**

Philippe, a former French Canadian figure skater, has been skating for more than 31 years. He competed in both singles and ice dance. His testing credentials include Gold Free Skate and International Pattern Dance (Skate Canada Diamond Dance Test). He has been a part-time dance

partner for 21 years for skaters of all ages and all levels. Philippe's endeavors as a professional skater include touring with various ice shows after having received his MBA in management in Quebec. He toured with *Holiday On Ice* for 8 years, and also with *Robin Cousins' ICE* for its inaugural UK tour. He traveled to more than 50 countries, exploring different cultures and meeting people throughout the world. Philippe has also worked as an executive manager for a Canadian contemporary dance company, which allowed him to combine his enthusiasm for cultural business management and his passion for dance. He moved to the USA three years ago and is currently coaching in the Philadelphia area.

### **Kourtney Rowe (updated 2/25)**

Kourtney has passed USFS level tests including Senior MIF (as well as the Senior Supplemental MIF), Adult Gold Freeskate, Gold Dance and all International dances, Canadian Gold Dance, Senior Solo Freedance, First Figure, and Pre-Juvenile Pairs. Kourtney graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a Bachelors degree in Biology with double minors in Psychology and Coaching as well as an Associates in Forensic Science. She has been coaching for 12 years, specializing in moves and dance. Skaters have accomplished USFS gold medals in moves, solo free-dance, dance, and international dances.

### **Danielle Wolosek (updated 2/25)**

Danielle has passed tests through Senior Moves in the Field, Senior Partnered Free Dance, Gold Dance, all 10 International Dances, Canadian Gold Dance, Junior Free Skate, Intermediate Pairs, as well as Preliminary and 1st Figures. She has been skating since she was 4 years old and has realized a few years ago that her true passion is coaching. In order to learn more about the competitive nature of the sport, IJS and high Freestyle technique, Danielle has taken advantage of the opportunity to travel back and forth from Wisconsin to Colorado in order to learn from Olympic level coaches at the 7K International Skating Academy. She continues to share her love of skating with all of her students as she makes them smile, while continuing to train them to be the best skaters they can be.

### **Sasha Kirsanov (updated 2/24)**

Alexandr (Sasha) is currently a member of the Professional Skating Staff at the University of Delaware Training Center. A former International Ice Dance Competitor, Sasha is now a Junior National, National, and Junior World Coach. He teaches all levels of ice dancing and partners Preliminary Dances through International Dances (currently NOT partnering Yankee Polka, Finnstep and Golden Waltz) Sasha also coaches through Senior Moves in the Field and does choreography for programs.

### **Joel McKeever (updated 2/24)**

Joel is a 10-time National competitor, 9-time International competitor, 2-time World competitor, qualified for 1998 Olympics. He holds the National Champion title for Fours in 1991. As a skating professional he has 24 years of coaching experience and teaches Singles, Pairs, Moves in the Field,

Power classes and Stroking. Joel's current & past Clients include UD Collegiate Team; Intermediate, Novice & Junior US Pairs Champions in addition to extensive numbers of skaters who have passed Senior Moves, Freestyle and/or Pairs. Joel is an outstanding technical coach and places an emphasis on good sportsmanship and manners that build character.

### **Igor Yaroshenko (updated 2/24)**

As a two time Olympian and Junior World Coach, Igor specializes in partnering and teaching Ice Dance, Moves in the Field(Gold Medal), Power Stroking, Off Ice Conditioning, Music Editing and Sports Psychology. Additionally, he is willing to coach and partner sections of all of the International Dances (except Finnstep and Austrian) in order to provide an in-depth technical foundation for the steps timing and partnering which would be beneficial for preparing the skater for partnering these dances for testing purposes. Igor has 21 years coaching experience and holds a Teacher of Sports degree/certification from the Pedagogical Institute, Odessa, Ukraine Sports with specialization in Figure Skating. As a competitor, with his wife Irina, Igor has to his credit that of two time Olympian (1992 and 1994, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> place respectively), World Championships, numerous Grand Prix Series competitions, European Championships and multiple Ukrainian National Championships. Igor also has extensive experience as a professional skater and has toured throughout Europe, Asia and the United States which includes the Mannheim-Steamroller TV Special and Tour in 1998-1999. In addition to coaching, Igor is a Trading Markets Specialist and enjoys Audio-Visual Art, Photography, Target Shooting, Fishing and Cooking.

### **Jennifer Bukovich (updated 2/24)**

Jennifer Bukovich has been involved in Figure Skating for 38 years. She has tested through her Adult Gold Freestyle, Adult Gold Dance, Adult Gold Moves, Pre-Gold Dance, Junior Moves, and Novice Freestyle. During her skating career, she competed in several states, which included Regional competitions. Jennifer has 21 years of coaching experience and can coach through the Gold level in all disciplines. She is also a level three hockey coach, and enjoys teaching power skating to hockey players.

### **Sherry Karnosky**

Having started her skating career at the age of 29 Sherry learned all that she knows about this sport as an adult. She first contributed to the sport as a Judge, but has followed her passion for it as a Teaching Professional for the past 25 years. She prefers teaching Dance through the Gold level, but is happy to teach Moves and Freestyle through the Pre Juvenile level and especially enjoys developing spins. She considers her expertise to be the development of balance, carriage, and posture necessary for good dancing and have had the pleasure of coaching skaters from their first Dutch Waltz through their Gold Medal in dance. As an educator she learned to use many different approaches and do her best to tailor her teaching to students' needs.

### **Grace Hoger**