

# ILLINOISKATING ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

A “Where are they now?” look into the continuing skating careers of some of your fellow alumni. †

2009-2010 President and recent graduate Margaret Madaras is far from done with her synchro career. In addition to holding a full-time job in the corporate offices of Sears, Margaret is now skating on the Starlights Senior Team in Chicago (who recently placed 4th in the Nation in their first season) and serving as Assistant Coach to the Starfire Synchronized Skating Teams. Margaret started skating for Illinois her freshman year.

Former skater Lauren Roman graduated from Miami University in 2009 with a Master’s in Sports Behavior and Performance and has recently finished her first year in the physical therapy program at Marquette University. She also competed at Midwestern Regional Championships this past year.

Former Illinoiskating President Anna Meyer is continuing to be a great leader in the world of figure skating as she was recently hired by the US Figure Skating Association as the Athlete Development Coordinator.

Even those alumni who have jobs outside the skating community are managing to remain competitive in the sport. Recent graduate Carah Ferrill is a seventh-grade teacher, and will be rejoining Illinoiskating this season to skate in the Senior division.

Recent U of I Law School graduate and former President and Assistant Coach to the Illinoiskating teams, Katie Hartnett, was recently accepted to the Technical Specialist training school for USFSA. “I think having coached synchro will be really helpful in being a successful specialist. Illinois is an amazing university, and I am so grateful that I was able to balance my passion for skating with such a great education.” Katie will be certified in August.



In the past four years, the University of Illinois Synchronized Skating Teams (or Illinoiskating to the fans) have grown exponentially in both size and prominence. After adding a second team, winning the Silver Medal at Nationals, and this year adding a Senior level team, it would be easy for the skaters to count their medals and call it quits after graduation. But for some recent alumni, Illinoiskating has been less of a curtain call and more of a springboard into the future of Synchronized Skating.

Head Coach Audrey Kamm could not be prouder of her former skaters. “I am so excited for the growth that Illinoiskating has had over the past few seasons. I have enjoyed working with all of these skaters and always hope to provide and inform skaters of our organization with opportunities to continue in the skating community after skating for Illinois. I love that these skaters are able to use gifts and talents that they have developed while skating at Illinois to continue to influence the skating community after they leave us. It is so exciting to see skaters at US Figure skating headquarters, coaching, still skating and on the technical Panel.”

