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## CHARTER OAK FIGURE SKATING CLUB CELEBRATES SUCCESS AT THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

SKATERS COMPETING FOR CHANCE AT 2013 U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS IN JANUARY

**Simsbury, CT (10/26/12)** – The 2013 New England Regional Figure Skating Championships took place October 12-16, 2012, in Warwick, RI. The Regional Championships features figure skaters from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. **Meghan Antonetti, Rachel Caley, Kristen Ciferella, Piper DeLo, Julia Fennell, Maxwell Gart, Ainsley McGill, Emily McNally, Ally Morin-Viall, Madelon Morin-Viall, Maxim Naumov, Daniel Petrenko, Taylor-Rae Rocco, Sena Spinella, Stephane Tapia, and Emilee Zhang** represented the Charter Oak Figure Skating Club.

The road to the U.S. Championships each year, and to the Olympic Winter Games every four years, begins with the U.S. Figure Skating qualifying structure of regional and sectional events. The structure is comprised of nine regional events and three sectional events. Skaters who place in the top four at a regional competition qualify for the Sectional Championships; skaters who place in the top four at a sectional competition qualify for the U.S. Championships.

**Daniel Petrenko**, a ninth grader at Simsbury High School, placed first and earned the title of **2013 U.S. Figure Skating Novice Men's Regional Champion**. Daniel trains at The International Skating Center of CT in Simsbury and is coached by International Level coaches Vladimir and Elena Petrenko.

**Maxim Naumov**, a sixth grader at Central Elementary, placed first and earned the title of **2013 U.S. Figure Skating Juvenile Boy's Regional Champion**. Max trains at The International Skating Center of CT in Simsbury and is coached by World Champions Vadim Naumov and Evgenia Shishkova.

**Emilee Zhang**, a seventh grader at Henry James Junior High, placed first and earned the title of **2013 U.S. Figure Skating Juvenile Girl's Regional Champion**. Emilee trains at The International Skating Center of CT in Simsbury and is coached by International Level coaches Vladimir and Elena Petrenko.

**Taylor-Rae Rocco**, an eleventh grader at Simsbury Junior High, placed second and earned the title of **2013 U.S. Figure Skating Novice Ladies' Regional Silver Medalist**. Taylor-Rae trains at The International Skating Center of CT in Simsbury and is coached by World Champions Vadim Naumov and Evgenia Shishkova.

**Ainsley McGill**, an eleventh grader at Simsbury High School, placed third and earned the title of **2013 U.S. Figure Skating Junior Ladies' Regional Bronze Medalist**. Ainsley trains at The International Skating Center of CT in Simsbury and is coached by International Level coaches Vladimir and Elena Petrenko.

**Rachel Caley**, skating at the Novice level, placed sixth place in her qualifying round, advancing to the final round where she placed sixth overall. **Ally Morin-Viall** placed fourth in the Juvenile Qualifying round, advancing to the Championship round where she placed 16<sup>th</sup> overall.

"The Charter Oak Figure Skating Club is extremely proud of all of its skaters," states Amy Fairchild, President. "This is a very prestigious and important event to participate in, and is the culmination of a lot of hard work and dedication. We congratulate all of them on a job well done."

Daniel, Maxim, Emilee, Taylor-Rae, and Ainsley will compete next in the 2013 Eastern Sectional Championships to be held November 8 – 12, 2012, in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

U.S. Figure Skating is the national governing body for the sport of figure skating in the United States as recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union. U.S. Figure Skating is comprised of more than 700 member clubs, collegiate clubs, and school-affiliated clubs and over 900 registered Basic Skills skating schools representing approximately 170,000 members. U.S. Figure Skating is charged with the development of the sport on all levels within the United States including athletes, officials, sanctioning of events and exhibitions, and establishing the rules and guidelines by which the sport is governed.

## U.S. FIGURE SKATING QUALIFYING STRUCTURE OF EVENTS

<b>SECTIONS</b>		
Pacific Coast	Midwestern	Eastern
<b>*REGIONS</b>		
<b>Northwest Pacific</b> AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY	<b>Eastern Great Lakes</b> AL, IN, KY, LP of MI, MS, OH, TN	<b>New England</b> CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT
<b>Central Pacific</b> CA (Visalia & north), HI, NV, UT	<b>Southwestern Region</b> AR, CO, KS, LA, NE, NM, OK, TX	<b>North Atlantic</b> NJ, NY
<b>Southwest Pacific</b> AZ, CA (south of Visalia)	<b>Upper Great Lakes</b> IL, IA, UP of MI, MN, MO, ND, SD, WI	<b>South Atlantic</b> DC, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, PA, SD, VA, WV

*\*Exceptions: Las Vegas, NV, in Southwest Pacific; Chattanooga, TN, in South Atlantic; Greater Kansas City Area & St. Joseph, MO, in Southwestern; Erie, PA, in North Atlantic*



Pictured (from left to right): Rachel Caley, Bob Crawford (Owner, The International Skating Center of CT), Taylor-Rae Rocco, Daniel Petrenko, Maxim Naumov, Emilee Zhang, Maxwell Gart, Ally Morin-Viall.