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## CHARTER OAK FIGURE SKATING CLUB SKATERS SHINE AT THE 2014 NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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**MORE SUCCESS AT THE 2014 EASTERN SECTIONAL FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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**CHARTER OAK SKATERS TO COMPETE AT THE 2014 U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS IN JANUARY**

**Simsbury, CT (12/01/13)** – The 2014 New England Regional Figure Skating Championships took place on October 12 – 15, 2013 in Newington, CT, featuring skaters from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The Charter Oak Figure Skating Club was well represented, with the following skaters competing on behalf of the Club:

Meghan Antonetti  
Brooke Catalano  
Kristen Citerella  
Danielle D'Amours  
Julia Fennell  
Kyra Foley  
Rachel Gart  
Maxwell Gart  
Ainsley McGill

Emily McNally  
Madelon Morin-Viall  
Ally Morin-Viall  
Maxim Naumov  
Volodymyr Patsukevych  
Daniel Petrenko  
Skylar Rascati  
Taylor-Rae Rocco  
Stephane Tapia

These Charter Oak Figure Skating Club members placed in the top four at their respective levels at the regional competition, earning them a spot at the 2014 Eastern Sectionals Figure Skating Championships:

**Daniel Petrenko**, a tenth grader, placed first and earned the title of **2014 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 seventh grader at Henry James Memorial School, placed first and earned the title of **2014 U.S. Figure Skating Intermediate Men'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.

**Volodymyr Patsukevych** placed fourth and earned the title of **2014 U.S. Figure Skating Intermediate Men's Regional Pewter Medalist**. Volodymyr trains at The International Skating Center of CT in Simsbury and is coached by International Level coaches Vladimir and Elena Petrenko.

**Maxwell Gart**, a sixth grader at Renbrook School, placed third and earned the title of **2014 U.S. Figure Skating Juvenile Boy's Regional Bronze Medalist**. Max trains at The International Skating Center of CT in Simsbury and at the Champions Skating Center in Cromwell, CT, and is coached by International Level coach Dmitri Palamarchuk.

In addition, **Taylor-Rae Rocco** placed fourth in the Novice Ladies Short Program. **Skylar Rascati**, **Danielle D'Amours** and **Stephane Tapia** advanced to the final round in the Juvenile Girls competition and placed seventh, twelfth and sixteenth overall, respectively.

Charter Oak Figure Skating Club members continued their success at the 2014 Eastern Sectionals Figure Skating Championships, which were held on November 19 – 23, 2013 in Ashburn, VA. After winning his short program, **Maxim Naumov** placed third overall, earning the title of **2014 Eastern Sectionals Intermediate Men's Bronze Medalist**. Maxim will be competing at the 2014 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships, to be held on January 5 – 12, 2014 in Boston, Massachusetts. **Daniel Petrenko** placed fourth in his short program and fifth overall. **Maxwell Gart** placed ninth overall.

Charter Oak Figure Skating Club ice dancers **Maxwell Gart**, along with his partner Molly Cesank of the Washington Figure Skating Club, and **Rachel Gart**, together with her partner Lance Stanley of the Skating Club of Novi, will also be competing at the 2014 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships, each having placed second at their respective sectional

competitions. Max, who competes at the Juvenile level, and Rachel, who competes at the Intermediate level, are coached by Matthew Gates and Svetlana Kulikova. Both teams train at The International Skating Center of CT in Simsbury and at the Champions Skating Center in Cromwell, CT.

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 comprises 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.

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