# Silver Blades Graduates 2020 & 2021



#### Enoyaa Acheampong

"My favourite experiences were time spent as a PA which included working with the CanSkate toddlers, coaches, friends from Silver Blades, and most importantly receiving a big hug every time from a little black skater who gave me a greater understanding of what my impact being on the ice meant to her. #promotingdiversityontheicematters"

"Enoyaa is a real pleasure to teach! She enjoys being challenged and is always willing to change strategies to improve her skills.have known Enoyaa since 2011 when she joined Silver Blades at the Canskate program. Within a few months she was moved up to the Preliminary session because of her talent.She has had a wonderful skating career and is looking forward to extending her knowledge and levels in the next years after she has graduated. She is a very bright student both off and on the ice. Congrats on your scholarships!!! love her never give up attitude and her strong will to do well.I am so thankful to be able to go on this new adventure with Enoyaa in the near future. Coach Sonya

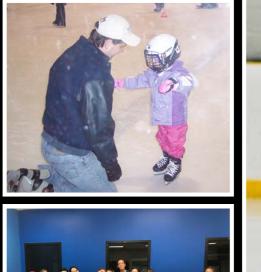




#### Kyra Christie

" Her best memory is from the 2017 Ice Show, specifically during the Nightmare before Christmas performance where she dragged one of the other skaters off the ice (as part of the performance!)"

"Kyra is one of a kind!! She is a social butterfly with the biggest heart. She has achieved so much in the last 4 years including 3 medals one year in Star 4!! She has reached Gold level in Dance, Artistic and Skills. I have known Kyra since she started at Silver Blades about 13 years ago!! Even then she liked the social aspect of skating.Over the years that I have been teaching Kyra, I have had the chance to be serenaded by her during our lessons!! Sometimes she will just break out into a song that she likes. She has an amazing voice!!I am going to miss you trying to hide from me along the boards as I come to get you for your lesson. I will miss turning that frown upside down somedays. You have a special place in my heart Kyra and I wish you the best in everything you do.I will miss you!!! Coach Sonya







# **Gabrielle Emery**

"My favourite memory from Silverblades was the dressing room just before the ice show began in 2018, surrounded by excited friends."

"It was such a pleasure to coach Gabrielle and watch her grow into the kind, humble, mature and intelligent young lady that she is today. Not only was Gabrielle a beautiful skater who excelled in dance, skills and synchro, but she was also a supportive teammate and wonderful role model for many other skaters at the club." Coach Roksana



# Alyssa Haineault

#### "My favourite memory at Silver Blades is during the ice show 3 years ago when Alexa, Mairi and I did a stepout together!"

"I have taught Alyssa from an early age all the way through her high school years and I am very proud to see her grow and mature through the sport while balancing a high level of studies and other interests like music. Congratulations on passing your Gold Freeskate and Artistic tests. While it was working on 2Lz or getting her 2Lo/2Lo or conquering her nerves before a competition, Alyssa gave it her best effort! All the best Alyssa - you'll be amazing at whatever path life takes you!" Coach Devinder



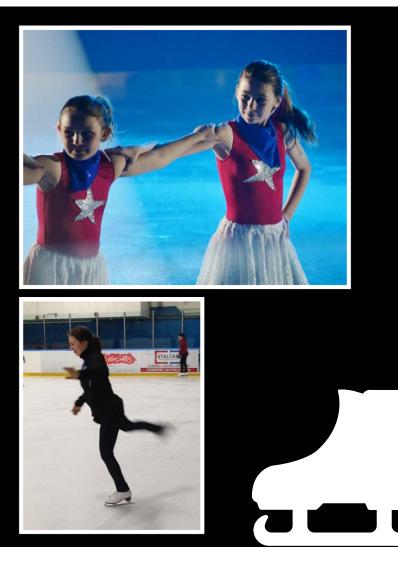




## Hanna Holtenhoff

"It would absolutely have to be performing in each of the biannual ice shows. That was always great. I am sad that we don't get to have one last one before I graduate."

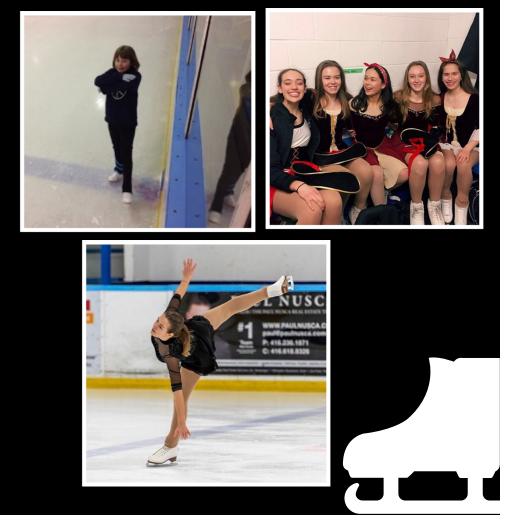
"Hanna is one of the most energetic and spirited skaters that I have ever had the pleasure of teaching. She is so full of life and passion, especially for music and movement, and it absolutely beams off of her whenever she steps through the doors of the rink. Some of my favorite memories of Hanna are when we would literally stop whatever we were doing because an amazing song come on that she just had to sing! Hanna has a gift for making people smile, and she has an incredibly kind heart- I can remember countless times where Hanna made a point of going up to other skaters (whether they were friends or not) to tell them how awesomely they executed something! Hanna, you are a beautiful young woman with such a big heart. No matter what comes your way, I hope you will always keep on singing and shining your light on everyone you meet! Congratulations Hanna!" Coach Leah



#### Alexa Horcsok

#### "My favourite memory of Silver Blades is the ice show because of how fun I had performing with my friends."

"My happiest memories are with these precious children I have had the pleasure of assisting with reaching their dreams and achieving so much in our beloved sport. They are long time members of our club who were always happy, polite and ready to learn. A gold medal in skating is a far reaching goal that few obtain. Both girls are triple Gold Medalists! They actively competed at many competitions, often getting medals also from Star 1 to Star 8.1 cannot remember a day when they did not strive to the maximum and followed instructions with a certain determination and work ethic, even in Canskate. My relationship with Mairi and Alexa will not end when they move into higher education. A piece of my heart will cherish them and our journey together for many years to come!" Coach Pat



## Solomia Kostyuk

"At all my years at the club, Silver blades taught me confidence, resilience and the importance of support, and those are the best memories you could make"

"I'm very proud of everything that she achieved. Solomia loved to jump and she was incredibly determined when learning new elements or facing challenges. I'm certain that her resilience and strong work ethic will help her accomplish any goals that she sets for herself in the future." Coach Roksana



#### Mackenzie Mann

"I don't have one specific memory - Silver Blades was my second home for more than 10 years, and all of the friendships I made and memories with my coach, Roksana, will last a lifetime!"

"Mackenzie always brought a cheerful personality and great spirit to the ice. She truly loved skating and worked very hard to accomplish her goals. Mackenzie's favourite element was a lunge when gliding off the ice and now I hope that she is "lunging" into the next steps of her future with the same dedication and positive attitude that she showed throughout her skating career." Coach Roksana





#### **Mairi Middleton**

"With so many great memories at Silver Blades, it was definitely difficult to pick a favourite, but one of my most special is my very first ice show. I was a butterfly and although I was still in canskate at the time, I got permission to skate without a helmet on. I had so much fun during our practices, I loved learning the choreography and getting to try on my costume, but the most memorable part of the entire experience was watching the older skaters. Seeing them perform in their costumes under the show lights made me absolutely fall in love with figure skating and inspired me to continue skating as long as I have. Since then I have made countless wonderful memories at the club, but that very first ice show will always remain one of my favourites."

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### Raia Parekh

"One of my favourite things about silver blades would be the memories made, from when I was in Canskate up until now. I also love inspiring the younger generation of skaters by volunteering!"

"I have taught Raia when she was still in Canskate and have many memories of our Freeskate lessons. She has accomplished gold tests in 3 disciplines and I have been proud of her journey through skating and now competing at a high level in synchro. I will always cherish our lessons (especially on back spins)! Wishing you all the best Raia!" Coach Devinder



#### **Daric Shi**

Being with Silver Blades skating club for 7 years, the most favourite memory was from the 2018 Ice show. I was sailing into battle as Captain with my mighty crew in Pirates of the Caribbean. It was one of the most fun performances I had done. To perform with all the amazing skaters at SBSC made it even better. I enjoy skating with SBSC because of the friendly environment, good organizers, and excellent coaches. Not being able to skate, especially at SBSC, has made me really miss skating and all the friends I've made here.

"It has been such a joy coaching Daric and watching him become such a talented and passionate skater. Even in his earliest days of skating, it was clear that Daric loved to be challenged and was not afraid to work hard to achieve his goals. I am extremely proud of Daric, not just as a skater, but as the incredible person he has become as well. He is always so respectful of others, very reliable and dedicated to all of his commitments, he is very intelligent, has a great sense of humor, and he rises to any challenge thrown his way. Congratulations on all of your achievements Daric! We are all so proud of you!" Coach Leah

"While I didn't start teaching Daric till he was in high school, I thoroughly enjoyed my time working with Daric. An extremely good listener, and even though he was very shy - we had a lot of fun during our lessons. Daric was an excellent role model for younger boys through skating and worked very hard to keep improving. All the best Daric in your future endeavours and I will miss you." Coach Devinder

