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ISIA Education FOUNDATION

2008 Scholarship Recipients

The ISIA Education Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of its 2008 college scholarships. Congratulations to Emily Miller and Jessica Stachulak.

Emily Miller
Sioux Falls, S.D.

ISI activities:
ISI Individual member (11 years)
ISI Professional member (2 years)
Freestyle 7, Dance 2
ISI World Recreational Team Championships (2000, 2004)
ISI competitions (25)
Group and private lessons instructor
Volunteer

Scholastic and community activities/achievements:
National Honor Society
Marching Band/Color Guard
Warrior Club
Peer Helpers
Renaissance Committee
Governor's Leadership Excellence Award
Washington Award for Excellence

Whether Emily Miller is working on her skills, competing, performing, coaching or choreographing routines for younger skaters, she says figure skating is a passion for her.
"Not only do I love to skate, but I take enormous pride in coaching and helping others," says Emily. "All of my non-school activity focus has been centered on figure skating, and over the years my passion has only grown exponentially for the sport."
Heather Frazer, skating director for the Sioux Falls Figure Skating Club, praises Emily as both a skater and a coach. "Emily's performance has been superior," Frazer notes. "She is organized,

dependable, enthusiastic and knowledgeable. Her outgoing personality, combined with her determination and perseverance, make her a guaranteed success."
While skating has been a key part of Emily's life, academics also play an important role. She maintained a 4.0 GPA in high school while taking accelerated and advanced placement classes, participating in extracurricular activities and earning recognition and awards for her accomplishments. Emily ranked first in her high school graduating class.
During her senior year, she served as a classroom mentor for second-grade teacher Nicole Gardner-Fink, who describes Emily as energetic, mature beyond her years and a natural leader, role model and voice for her peers. "Emily has all the qualities and character traits that emulate success," Gardner-Fink says. "She has a positive, go-getter attitude which has allowed her to accomplish many things in school, athletics and her other interests. Emily will be an asset to the institution of higher learning and career of her choosing."
Emily plans t o attend South Dakota State University this fall to major in electrical engineering.

Jessica Stachulak
Joliet , Ill.

ISI activities:
ISI Individual member (7)
ISI Professional member (1)
Freestyle 7
ISI World Recreational Team Championships (2003, 2007)
ISI competitions (27)
Group and private lessons instructor
Volunteer

Scholastic and community activities/achievements:
National Honor Society
Pi Sigma Pi (History Honors Society)
Drug Prevention Club
Joliet Township Math Team
Academic Medallion recipient
Relay for Life Spirit Award
Outstanding Student of America
Student aide

Jessica Stachulak refers to Joliet Park District's Inwood Ice Arena as her second home. "Figure skating and ISI competitions have been a part of my life for as long as I can remember," she says.

Figure skating has taught her “to remain kind, caring, honest and compassionate when interacting with people, and always remain willing to help other skaters and parents,” Jessica adds.

In addition to skating and graduating from high school with a 4.29 GPA based on a 4.0 point system, Jessica enjoys volunteering in her community. She volunteers with the Humane Society, in the park district’s preschool program and at the Joliet Elks Lodge. She especially enjoys her work with the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, where she has volunteered for five years, and as a counselor at Camp Anokijig in Plymouth , Wis. , where she has served as a volunteer junior staff member instructing campers in horsemanship since 2003.

Darin Holden, program director for Camp Anokijig , describes Jessica as a leader and notes, “She epitomizes what can be right about today’s young adults. With her drive and determination she will, no doubt, take any opportunity provided and make the most out of it.”

Glen Marcum, co-chair of Joliet Relay for Life, describes Jessica as a bright, mature, take-charge young person. “One thing I admire most about Jessica is her ability to work with other people,” he says. “She does a wonderful job of listening to people, then making good decisions and acting on what she has heard.”

Jessica looks forward to attending Carroll University in Waukesa , Wis. to major in recreation management. “Someday I hope to run an ice arena facility similar to the one I know and love,” she says. “I seek to repay figure skating for all that it has allowed me to become.”