

# Kate Kreyling



Kate fell in love with the ice when her uncle, who played college hockey, first taught her how to skate at 3. She grew up skating in Dover, NH and Newburyport, MA. While she loved how skating made her 'feel like she's flying', she wanted to be part of something bigger in the sport. She joined the Ice Liners Precision Skating team at age of 11 and skated on their Juvenile, Novice and Junior synchronized skating teams until 2001. Wanting to pursue her dream of winning a senior national goal medal and skating for team USA, Kate made the Haydenettes Synchronized skating team for the 2001-2002 season. In 2002 the Haydenettes won the Senior US National Championships and represented USA with 4<sup>th</sup> place at the World Synchronized Figure Skating Championships.

While a car accident sidelined Kate from competitively skating her senior year of high school, she went on to pass her USFS Gold Medal Field Moves and Intermediate Freestyle tests before graduation. Kate attended the University of Delaware and skated for Delaware's collegiate synchronized skating team in her freshman and sophomore years, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the US National Championships respectively. After taking some time off from figure skating, Kate is back and has continued her skating career as a coach. Kate coaches Learn-to-Skate and the Garden Synchronicity's Pre-Juvenile synchro team. When she isn't figure skating or coaching you can find her at the rink cheering on her son, who plays for the Tri-City Eagles 8U travel hockey team.

# Melissa Kuyumian



Melissa has been involved with skating since she started Learn to Skate at The Gardens Ice House at the age of 5. She has passed her Junior Moves in the Field, Intermediate Freestyle, and Silver level Ice Dance tests as part of the USFSA testing system. She has been skating for 17 years and started as assistant coach at the age of 12. She has been involved with coaching for almost 10 years and is a PSA certified coach. Melissa is also a member of the Gardens Figure Skating Club and participated in the spring show for 10 years. She now works as an assistant choreographer for the shows and loves helping club members find the fun in show skating. In addition to her love of figure skating, Melissa also found a passion for hockey and plays at the University of Maryland for their Women's Ice Hockey team. Melissa also plays in the adult league here at TGIH during the off season.