



1. What types of lessons/classes have you been taking at the Ice Arena that have helped you prepare for your performance this weekend?

KM: This year I've been skating about four to five times a week (two of those days with my coach) for about an hour and a half so I could pass as many tests as possible before I graduate.

2. What is the best thing you can take away from your skating lessons that will help you in the future?

KM: Being able to persevere and keep pushing forward even when things don't go as planned. I've fallen many times during various performances and competitions over the years, but forcing myself to keep going and to improvise when things don't go how I planned has made me a stronger skater and student leader all around. Skating has also helped my time management skills and prioritizing tasks, which will help when I'm on my own next year for college.

3. 1. What type of performance will we see from you during the Ice Show?

KM: I would consider it a lyrical or contemporary solo and I'll be skating to "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" by Elton John.

4. What is the best thing you are able to take away from Learn to Skate classes?

KM: Probably my coach, Kim Herbert. I met her through the Learn to Skate program when I first started out and I've been with her ever since. She's had the biggest influence on how I am as a skater today; without her constant support and encouragement to grow as a skater, I'm not sure where I would be.

5. Why do you think it's important for students your age to get involved with activities like these?

KM: I think it's important because it teaches people how to interact with both younger and older kids that you can lend or receive advice from; and also to interact with adults that could possibly help you later on. I was able to get my job as a junior instructor/Learn to Skate helper because I knew, and was respected by, the director at the time. But beyond developing good communication skills, the memories and friends that I will leave with are irreplaceable. Looking back now, I can confidently say that it has been an amazing 14 years spent at the FHIA. I am so lucky to have met all of the incredible coaches, parents and skaters at the rink.

6. Do you plan on continuing skating after high school?

KM: I will be attending Michigan State University next year to major in Hospitality Business and Advertising. I also plan to skate for the MSU Synchronized Skating Team.

