

GOOD LUCK!

MIKKELINA AND RYAN



PLEASE JOIN US IN WISHING MIKKELINA SWENNING AND RYAN LIPMAN A MASSIVE GOOD LUCK AT THE NQS CHALLENGE CUP 2022 THIS WEEKEND IN PHILADELPHIA PENNSYLVANIA! WE ARE ALL ROOTING FOR YOU BOTH!



MIKKELINA SWENNING, 17 YEARS OLD, IS CURRENTLY A SENIOR AT VIERA HIGH SCHOOL, BUT WILL BE EARNING HER ASSOCIATES DEGREE EARLY AT EASTERN FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE. SHE HAS BEEN SKATING FOR SEVEN YEARS, COACHED BY BOTH OF HER PARENTS, JENNIFER AND RICHARD SWENNING AND IS A DOUBLE-GOLD MEDALIST. SHE IS ALSO EQUALLY DEDICATED TO HER STUDIES, LOOKING TO STUDY POLITICAL JOURNALISM AT UCF. HER DREAM, ASIDE FROM TOURING WITH HOLIDAY ON ICE, IS TO WORK FOR THE UNITED NATIONS. SOME HOBBIES THAT SHE ENJOYS DOING IN HER FREE TIME ARE SURFING, WRITING POETRY, AND PLAYING THE GUITAR. SHE IS ALSO HALF-GERMAN AND SPEAKS GERMAN FLUENTLY.

RYAN LIPMAN, 8, FIRST TOOK THE ICE AT 4 YEARS OLD IN THE US FIGURE SKATING (USFS) LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM IN LAUREL, MD. HE QUICKLY PROGRESSED THROUGH SNOWPLOW SAM AND BASIC 1-2 SO THAT HE COULD TRANSITION TO THE LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY PROGRAM. HIS FAMILY RELOCATED TO FLORIDA THE FOLLOWING YEAR, AND HE CONTINUED TO TAKE GROUP AND PRIVATE LESSONS TO FURTHER BUILD HIS HOCKEY SKILLS, ULTIMATELY EARNING A SPOT ON A LOCAL TRAVEL TEAM LATER THAT YEAR. THOUGH RYAN LOVED HOCKEY, HE ALSO SHOWED AN INTEREST IN EXPRESSING HIMSELF ARTISTICALLY ON THE ICE AND DOING JUMPS AND SPINS. IN EARLY 2021 AT THE SUGGESTION OF HIS PRIVATE SKATING COACH, CALLA URBANSKI-PETKA, RYAN TRIED FIGURE SKATING. HE EXCELLED IN FIGURE SKATING AND AFTER COMPLETING THE HOCKEY SEASON, CHOSE TO RETIRE HIS HOCKEY SKATES IN FAVOR OF FIGURE SKATES. RYAN HAS QUICKLY PROGRESSED IN FIGURE SKATING EARNING A BRONZE MEDAL AT THE 2022 USFS EXCEL NATIONAL FESTIVAL, AND GOLD MEDALS AT THE 2022 STATE GAMES OF AMERICA. HE IS CURRENTLY COMPETING AT THE JUVENILE LEVEL IN THE USFS NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES AND DREAMS OF BEING A MEMBER OF TEAM USA WHEN HE IS OLDER.