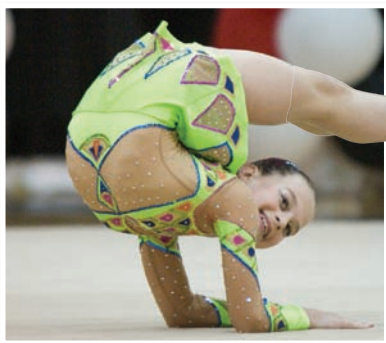


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▲ KAREN KRAVETS

Sharon, Massachusetts

Karen, 12, is a Level 8 rhythmic gymnast at NESAs and is coached by Varduhi Nahapetyan. She is a five-time Massachusetts State Champion, silver medalist at the 2008 Region 4 Championships, and two-time qualifier for Junior Olympics National Championships.

HOUSTON GYMNASTICS ACADEMY T&T

Houston, Texas

Houston Gymnastics Academy's Trampoline & Tumbling team qualified 100% of its athletes to JO Nationals since the program started in 2005. Top, L to R: Nicole Miller, Maddie Spence, Makenzie McDonald, Megan Burgess, Sarah Burgess, Nicole Schwartz, Caitlin Matthews, Nel Klimas. Bottom, L to R: Kyle Cragle, Jacy Jordan, Mallory Miller, McKinley Simatovich, Georgia Arnold, Sam Spence. The athletes are coaches by Jimmy Owen and Sherman Walker.



▲ DEMETRIUS BROWN

Silver Spring, Maryland

Demetrius, a Level 8 in the 12-13 year old division, captured the Maryland State and Region 7 All-Around title. He won first all-around in all of the invitationals he completed this season. Demetrius will advance to Level 10 and train at the Fairland Sports & Aquatics Complex under coach Zhi Cheng Liu.



▲ 1ST CLASS GYMNASTICS

Annapolis, Maryland

This is the first year for acro at 1st Class Gymnastics in Annapolis. At only their second competition, all 11 athletes came home with a gold medal and qualified to the state competition. The team is coached by Amy Grear and Sarah Thomas.

LYNZIE BURMEISTER

Jackson, New Jersey

Northeast Elite's Lynzie Burmeister, 10, competed at the Twister's Beach Party Invitational, scoring a perfect 10.0 on vault. Burmeister also scored a 9.575 on bars, a pair of 9.500's on beam and floor and a 38.575 all around. She placed first on each event and in the all-around.



MAX GERBER ▶

Dix Hills, New York

Max, 9, is the Level 5 New York State Champion on pommel horse and rings. He was third on high bar, parallel bars and in the all-around. Max is training Level 6 at Gold Medal Gymnastics Center and is coached by Jason Graham.



▶ TAYLOR WITT

Bentonville, Arkansas

Taylor, 7, is the 2009 Level 4 Arkansas State Champion for her age division with a 37.75. Taylor earned first place on all four events. Her 9.6 on bars tied her season high score on the event. She topped off her individual event scores with a 9.75 on floor. Taylor trains at Aspire Athletics.



▶ THE OSBORNS

Indianapolis, Indiana

This brother-sister duo are Indiana state champions. Taylor, 10, was the Level 6 girls' Floor state champion. Her brother Eric, 8, was the Level 4 boys' state champion on Parallel Bars, High Bar, Vault, and All-Around in his age group. Both train at Geist Sports Academy



▶ TORI BEISHEIM

Rochester, New York

Tori, 11, won the New York State Level 7 Championships with an all-around score of 39.050. Tori won beam with a score of 9.975, and has been undefeated at Level 7 for the 2008-09 season. She's coached by Youlia Penev of Rochester Gymnastics Academy. Tori has been a member of the TOPs A Team for the past two years.



▶ NICHOLAS STIGALL ▶

Knoxville, Tennessee

Nicholas, 8, is a Level 4 at Tatar's Gymnastics and is coached by Vlad and Elena Kolosokov. Nicholas won the all-around at all of his meets this season and scored a perfect 16, six times - four times on parallel bars, once on rings and pommel horse. He won State with an all around score of 93.7

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