

faces in the gym



▲ NICOLE SLADKOV

Mundelein, Illinois

Nicole, 10, took first all-around in Child C-1 at the 2009 JO Compulsory Championships. Nicole is coached by Milena Sladkov at Gym Spot in Mundelein, Ill.

▲ ALEXANDRA HOUSE

Canandaigua, New York

Ali, 10, trains at Eagle Gymnastics and is coached by John Rauth, Bryna Mitchell and Brianna Bliss. Last season as a Level 6 she scored two perfect "10s" on beam. She also placed first all-around at 9 out of 10 competitions. This year Ali will compete Level 7.

▲ ALEX RUTH AND AARON TROFMAN

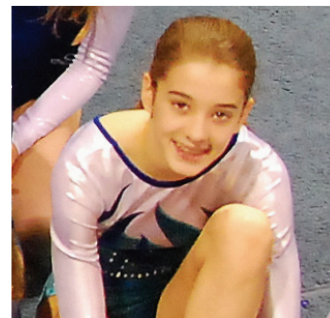
Fulton, Maryland

Alex and Aaron train and compete as a Level 9 men's pair in acrobatic gymnastics at Emilia's Acrobatics Gymnastics Center. They are coached by Daniil, Michael, and Yelena. They train around 10 hours a week. They are seen here eating Tyson chicken!

STARS GYMNASTICS

Houston, Texas

The Level 4 team at Stars Gymnastics was undefeated in their 2009 season (7 meets). All 11 girls qualified to compete in Texas' first-ever south state competition. At the meet the girls continued their undefeated status and became the first-ever Level 4 south state champions in Texas.



▲ JENNY RENNER

Greensboro, North Carolina

After winning a gold medal on trampoline at the 2006 J.O. Nationals, Jenny became the 2009 national champion again on synchro trampoline, sharing the honors with her teammate, Ashleigh Pirtle. Jenny, 14, is coached by Heather Carr and Scott Lineberry and trains at Ultimate Air T&T.



▶ SUNNEE D SCHUMANN

Woodway, Texas

Sunnee, 5, is a Level 3 and competed in her first meet at TWU in Denton, Texas, in September and scored a 9.50 on vault. She trains at Zero Gravity Gymnastics Academy and is coached by Tracy Cowan and Becky Peacock.



▶ PARKER CLAYTON

Fishers, Indiana

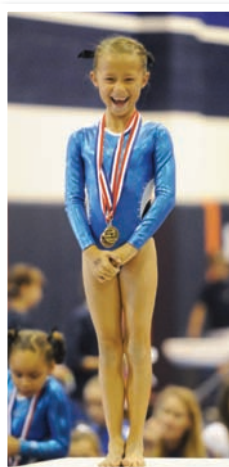
Parker, 10, is a Level 7 from DeVea's Gymnastics. He placed eighth at the National Future Stars Evaluation and made the National Development Team. L to R: Coach Aaron Schmitt, Parker, and Coach Chad Ford.



GABRIELLE DE LEON

Santa Clara, California

Gabrielle, 10, won the all-around state title at the 2009 Level 6 Northern California State meet with a score of 37.025. She also took first on beam and floor. Gabrielle also won the Level 5 all-around title in 2008. Gabrielle trains at Airborne Gymnastics.



▶ DALLAS CARGILE

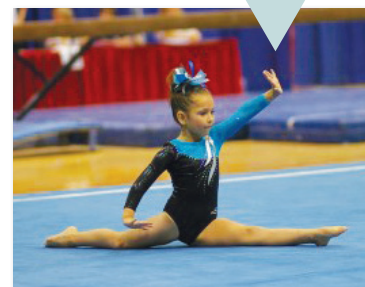
Pomona, California

Dallas, 7, is a Level 4 gymnast competing for Diamond Elite Gymnastics of Chino, Calif. All season long she struggled to get near the podium. At sectionals, she nailed her bar routine and took first place. The photograph says it all.

KEAGHAN OTTO

Plainfield, Illinois

Keaghan, 6, is a Level 4 at I&M Gymnastics. At the Judges Cup she placed first on beam, second on floor, vault and all-around, and third on bars. She also competes in Tumbling and Trampoline as a Level 6 and Double Mini as a Level 5.



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