

USA GYMNASTICS
Rhythmic National Team

Marissa Pierce

Hometown: Highland Park, Ill.
Residence: Lake Placid, NY
Date/Place of Birth: Nov. 26, 1985/Lake Placid, NY
Club: Illinois Rhythmic Gymnastics Center
Coach: Irina Vdovets/Natasha Klimouk/Caroline Hunt
School: Edgewood Middle School
Year in School: 10th (Fall '01)
Began Gymnastics: 1989
Favorite Apparatus/Event: hoop
Years on National Team: 3 (1999-2000, 2000-01, 2001-02 group)

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Personal Info

Pierce is the older of two children to Debbie and Bill Pierce. Her brother Bradley (1/14/89) plays hockey, soccer, tennis and runs cross-country. Her favorite subject in school is writing and she hopes to study drama and/or journalism in the future. Pierce also loves music and she plays the bass guitar, sings and dances in a band.

International Competition

- 1999 Tourneio Internacional de Portimao, Portimao, Portugal; Junior Group
- 1999 4-Continents Championships, Jacksonville, Fla.; 4th-AA Junior Group

National Competition

- 2001 U.S. Rhythmic National Championships, Philadelphia, Pa.; 9th-AA
- 2001 Eastern Open, New Britain, Conn.; 4th-AA
- 2001 Western Open, San Francisco, Calif.; 6th-AA
- 2001 Rhythmic Challenge, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 7th-AA, 8th-rope, 8th-hoop, 6th-ball, 6th-clubs
- 2000 Eastern Open, Brooklyn, N.Y.; 10th-AA
- 2000 Western Open, Detroit, Mich.; 6th-AA
- 2000 Level 9 National Championships, Houston, Texas; 1st-AA Senior Group
- 2000 Rhythmic Challenge, Colorado Springs, Colo.; (sr. div.) 9th-AA, 9th-rope, 11th-hoop, 7th-ball, 11th-ribbon
- 1999 U.S. Rhythmic National Championships, Downers Grove, Ill.; 4th-AA, 4th-rope, 3rd-hoop, 4th-ball, 3rd-clubs
- 1999 Western Open, Kentfield, Calif.; 6th-AA