

KIMMIE MEISSNER

(2009 PROFILE)

PERSONAL DATA

Age: 19 (Born: 10/04/1989)

Height: 5' 4" (162 cm)

Birthplace: Towson, Maryland

Home Town: Bel Air, Maryland

Education: Fallston High School Graduate (2007) University of Delaware (Current)

Family Information: Daughter of Paul and Judy Meissner and youngest of four children

Training Town: Coral Springs, FL

Home Club: University of Delaware FSC

Coach: Richard Callaghan & Todd Eldredge

Choreographer: Lori Nichol

Kimmie began skating at the age of 6. She first came into contact with skating while visiting the local rink to watch her brothers play hockey. She harnessed her skills by participating in the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program in her hometown and during the 2003-2004 season Kimmie jump-started her junior-level career with a second-place finish at the Junior Grand Prix in Sofia. She was fifth after the short program but jumped up to win the silver with a great free skate. After that, she won her first Junior Grand Prix gold and her first international gold medal at the Junior Grand Prix event in Slovenia. Kimmie then qualified for the Junior Grand Prix Final and finished fifth. In 2004, she won Gold at the State Farm U.S. Junior Championships, where she landed six triples. Kimmie followed up that victory with an impressive second place finish at the World Junior Championships.

During the 2005 season, Kimmie reached new heights when she became the first U.S. female athlete to land a triple axel since 1992 and a third place finish behind Michelle Kwan and Sasha Cohen. Although Kimmie qualified for the 2005 World Championships, Kimmie was ineligible to compete because she was too young. She went to the 2005 World Championships in Moscow as a guest reporter for ESPN, soaking up the experience and learning a great deal from observing World's. During the 2006 season, Kimmie won a silver medal at the US Championships to qualify for the 2006 Olympics in Torino. She performed extremely well at her first Olympics and finished a surprising 6th place. Kimmie showed the world her strong skating skills and her ability to handle the pressure of the Olympics. Three weeks later, Kimmie went to Calgary for her first opportunity to compete at the World Championships. At 16 years old, Kimmie gave an incredible performance and stunned the skating world by winning the title. Kimmie earned one of the highest technical scores in the history of figure skating (69.47) to upset favorite, Sasha Cohen. As a result of her incredible performance, Kimmie was named USOC's March Athlete of the Month. Following the season Kimmie made several appearances, including throwing out the first pitch of the Philadelphia Phillies' home opener, speaking at the Association for Women in Sports Media national convention, reading books to children during the annual Easter Egg Roll at the White House, and appearing at the ESPY awards, where she was nominated for "Best Breakthrough Athlete." Kimmie capped off her successful season by winning SKATING magazine's Readers' Choice Award for 2006 Skater of the Year (Michelle Kwan Trophy).

On January 28, 2007, Kimmie captured her first US Championship title. She became the first American since Kristi Yamaguchi to claim the U.S. crown after capturing a world title. One week later, Kimmie followed her win with another victory at the ISU Four Continents Championships. During the 2009 skating season, Kimmie faces new challenges. After disappointing performances at the 2008 U.S. and World Championships, Kimmie made the decision to work with renowned coach Richard Callaghan and Todd Eldredge (1996 World Champion and a six-time national

champion) She's now added a new choreographer Gyula Pandi, who is a ballet icon with no background in figure skating. Pandi was a trainer and performer with the Hungarian National Ballet, but retired in 2003 and besides training Kimmie is a sought after guest ballet instructor. Kimmie hopes to regain her place on the podium at the international level.

Off the ice, Kimmie has joined forces with the Cool Kids Campaign to help provide a higher quality of life for kids who are struggling with cancer. Meissner will be supporting various Cool Kids programs, and she plans to work directly with kids at local hospitals by visiting them, skating with them and helping to inspire them to beat the odds they are facing. Her decision to join the Cool Kids Campaign comes from her own experience of having two friends live with and try to beat cancer. The first program Meissner is working on is a TRIUMPH bracelet campaign. She personally designed the bracelets, and they are being sold for \$2 each. On August 25, 2007, Kimmie hosted her first charity skating special "Angels on Ice" to benefit the Cool Kids Campaign.

In addition to her charity work, Kimmie finds time to work with her sponsors, Subway, Under Armour and Visa. She appeared in her first television commercial with Jared in the Subway "Eat Fresh" campaign and an Under Armour commercial that aired during the 2008 Super Bowl and is currently training to be a 2010 Winter Olympic contender.

KIMMIE MEISSNER COMPETITIVE RECORD

2008-2009 SEASON

*World Championships 2008-7th
*ISU Grand Prix Final 2008-6th
*Cup of Russia 2008-8th
Skate America 2008-8th
National Championships 2008-7th

2007-2008 SEASON

*World Championships 2007-4th
*Four Continents Championships 2007-1st
*Trophee Eric Bompard 2007-2nd
Skate America 2007-2nd
National Championships 2007- 1st

2006-2007 SEASON

*Olympic Winter Games 2006-6th
*World Championships 2006-1st
*Trophee Eric Bompard 2006- 3rd
Skate America 2006-2nd
National Championships 2006-2nd
National Championships 2004- 1st

*International Competition

2005-2006 SEASON

*World Junior Championships 2005-4th
*ISU Junior Grand Prix Final 2005-3rd
*NHK Trophy 2005- 5th
*Trophee Eric Bompard 2005-5th
*Campbell's FS Classics 2005-2nd
National Championships 2005-3rd

2004-2005 SEASON

*World Junior Championships 2004-2nd
*ISU Junior Grand Prix Final 2004-5th
Skate Long Beach 2004-2nd (Junior)
JGP Courchevel 2004-2nd (Junior)
Campbells Skating Challenge 2004-5th

2003-2004 SEASON

Skate Bled 2003-1st (Junior)
Sofia Cup 2003-2nd (Junior)
Triglav Trophy 2003-3rd (Novice)
National Championships 2003-1st (Novice)

PERSONAL BEST

Type	Date	Score	Event	Event Category	Discipline	Level
Total	25.03.2006	189.87	World Championships 2006	Ladies	Singles	Seniors
SP/OD	23.03.2007	64.67	World Championships 2007	Ladies	Singles	Seniors
SP/OD Technical	23.03.2007	36.38	World Championships 2007	Ladies	Singles	Seniors
SP/OD Component	27.10.2007	28.84	Skate America 2007	Ladies	Singles	Seniors
FS/FD	25.03.2006	129.70	World Championships 2006	Ladies	Singles	Seniors
FS/FD Technical	25.03.2006	69.47	World Championships 2006	Ladies	Singles	Seniors
FS/FD Component	25.03.2006	60.23	World Championships 2006	Ladies	Singles	Seniors