

LEVINE FAMILY

Once upon a time there was a 3 year old little girl by the name of Leah. Leah woke up one day from her afternoon nap and discovered that her Mom was watching the 1996 Olympics on TV. Leah decided from that day on she was going to be like the gymnastics girls she was watching and so the story began.

We have been a part of the OGC family since August of 1996 – we have been a part of many activities at OGC thru the years such as, parades, Christmas programs, exhibitions at many locations, team family day and of course competitions.

Leah began her gymnastics in the pre-school program with Miss Kelly (Kelly Schiessl) and then of course with Miss Debbie (Debbie Russell). In the year Leah was 6, Phyllis decided to add Level 4 to the competitive program and that is when Leah began team competition and what a fun year that was.

Thru the years we have had many good times with other gym families and have made lifelong friendships.

There is so much more that they learn by being in the program at OGC. They are very structured in their school work and work ethic, they build strong friendships with other team mates from younger to older, build self-confidence and YES definitely mental toughness – I think Leah is the Queen of that one!

It's hard to put down on paper all that has happened here thru the years. I have always found the staff at OGC to be courteous and helpful and they have always taken the time to listen to concerns and have answered many questions (a special thanks to Nancy). I am one parent that thanks Phyllis (and Dale) for the open door policy at OGC. Throughout the years we have had many meetings regarding Leah and her progress. Gymnastics has not always come easy for Leah – with parents and coaches working together in a positive manner we have found ways for Leah to succeed here at OGC.

Leah is now a Sophomore at Oshkosh West High School is on the A/B Honor Roll and is in her second season as a Level 8 gymnast.

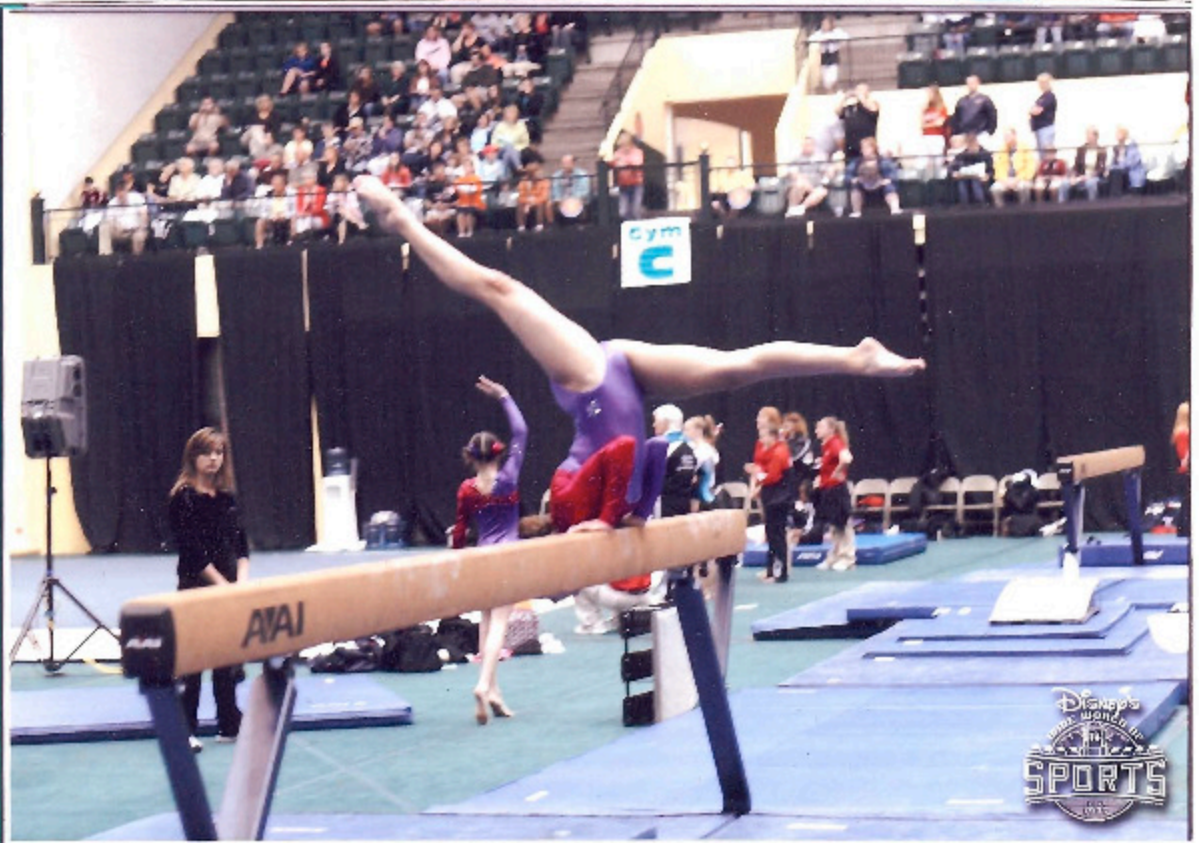
As we look forward to the 2009 season here at OGC, Leah's story continues. Who knows what Level she will end up being in her Senior year and where she will go in life after OGC – one thing I am most certain of is that she will be successful in whatever path she chooses.

A special tribute goes to her Grams (who passed away during the 2008 competitive season), she will always be with Leah who was a big part of her life and helped Leah be who she is along with all her family, friends, teachers, coaches (past and present).

THANKS OGC !



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