



Alumni

Hi, I'm *Amanda Carney* also known as 'Panda'.

O'Leary's has brought my love of gymnastics back when I just about gave up on it. I would not have been were I am today or even doing gymnastics without Tim and Caren's encouragement and belief in me. The skills inside and outside of the gym that I have learned from O'Leary's are priceless.



Some of my recent Accomplishments:

- 2012 Team National Champions
- 2013 ECAC Team Champions
- 2013 4th place Team at Nationals
- 2014 ECAC Team Champions
- 2014 ECAC Floor Champion
- 2014 ECAC Individual 5th place Vault
- 2014 3rd place Team at Nationals
- 2014 Individual 9th place Floor at Nationals
- Deans list 2012-2014, SUNYAC all Academic Team

Hi I'm *Jillian Casarella*, or 'Jilly/Jillybean' as my teammates call me.

I joined O'Leary's when I was 10 years old and immediately fell in love with gymnastics. I couldn't wait to be in the gym every day, and before I knew it, my teammates became my sisters and the gym was my home away from home.

I grew not only as a gymnast, but a person. I learned the importance of time management, respect, and confidence, which have helped me become the strong girl I am today (mentally and physically!). My coaches taught me that hard work goes a long way, and with this mentality I was able to attend college and compete D3 gymnastics. I absolutely love college gymnastics and couldn't picture my life without this sport.



As a club gymnast I competed as an all-around level 10 for three years, but now compete bars and beam for Ursinus College in Pennsylvania. **Our team** is currently ranked **1st in the NCGA** national rankings for Division 3, and we are looking to continue this placement for the rest of the season. I am hoping to make individuals on beam as well as bars at nationals. I wouldn't be here if it weren't for O'Leary's, and I am so thankful for the opportunities I was given thanks to my amazing coaches and teammates.



Hi, I'm **Erin Machado** and I started at O'Leary's Gymnastics Center in the 7th grade.

Looking back on it, it was one of the best decisions of my life. I learned so many great life lessons including time management, hard work, determination, and most of all, teamwork. The coaching staff was, and still is, absolutely amazing. They not only helped me achieve my goal of going to level 10 JO nationals, but landing myself a spot on the University of New Hampshire Gymnastics team.



I walked onto the UNH gymnastics team my freshmen year and competed floor. At one of the meets I suffered a season ending injury (torn achilles) and had to sit out the rest of the year. Even though this happened, my O'Leary's family had always taught me to never give up on my dreams, and I didn't. I was back on floor my sophomore year. By my junior year I was competing floor and beam which earned me a scholarship for my senior year. Senior year was the highlight of my four years. I was nominated co-captain and achieved my two highest scores, a 9.8 on beam, and a 9.9 on floor which earned me first place at the EAGL championship on floor and helped my team to win the championship and move on to regionals. We ended up placing fifth at regionals and finished 25th overall for all of Division 1 NCAA women's gymnastics.



During college, along with gymnastics, I obtained a degree in biomedical science. Both of these things allowed me to pursue my overall goal for my future which was to become a physician assistant. I've just recently started at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Manchester, New Hampshire to pursue this dream. If it wasn't for gymnastics I truly believe I wouldn't have accomplished all of these things. O'Leary's was my second family for over 6 years and most definitely helped shape me into the person that I've become and will continue to be.