

## Kim Yates

Kim Yates graduated from Hillsborough High School in 2001.

Kim had an outstanding career as a gymnast at HHS. In her freshman year, the high school had not yet formed its gymnastics team so Kim competed as an individual. Even as a freshman, she was both a NJSIAA state and sectional qualifier.

In 1999, the first year the HHS Gymnastics Program existed, Kim helped her team qualify for the Central Jersey Sectional State Championships. In that competition, Kim was named 2nd All-Around, 1<sup>st</sup> on Vault and qualified with the rest of her team for all events at the state level. At the state competition, her team earned 7<sup>th</sup> place overall, while she individually earned 6<sup>th</sup> place on the Uneven Bars, 7<sup>th</sup> place on the Balance Beam, and 9<sup>th</sup> place All-Around. That year, Kim was also nominated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State.



In her junior year, Kim continued her success as she helped her team become Skyland Conference Champions while becoming the individual Uneven Bars Champion, Balance Beam Champion and All-Around Champion. At the state sectional level, her team earned 1<sup>st</sup> Place while she individually earned 1<sup>st</sup> Place on Balance Beam as well as qualified for states in the All-Around category. Once at that competition, Kim helped her team finish 7<sup>th</sup> while individually placing 7<sup>th</sup> All-Around, 8<sup>th</sup> on the Uneven Bars and 5<sup>th</sup> on the Balance Beam. That year she was named to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State Team.

For her 2001 senior season, Kim's team was Skyland Conference Champion while she was crowned All-Around Champion, Uneven Bar Champion and Floor Exercise Champion. At the state sectional level her team earned 1<sup>st</sup> Place while Kim earned 1<sup>st</sup> Place on the Uneven Bars and qualified for states in the All-Around. At the state championships, Kim helped her team earn a 5<sup>th</sup> Place finish while she earned 9<sup>th</sup> Place on Uneven Bars and 7<sup>th</sup> Place All-Around. That year she was named to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State.

While still a high school student, Kim also competed outside of HHS and was a 2-Time Level 9 National Qualifier for USA Gymnastics and was US Gymnastics Level 9 State Champion for Bars in 2001.

Upon graduating from HHS, Kim earned a number of Division III scholarships but turned them down due to injury. She was however, a member of the first club gymnastics team while a student at the University of Maryland College Park. In those competitions, she was a 3-time National Qualifier for the National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs.

The HHS Hall of Fame Committee is proud to induct Kim into the Class of 2011.