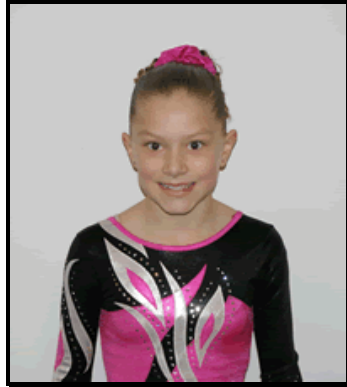




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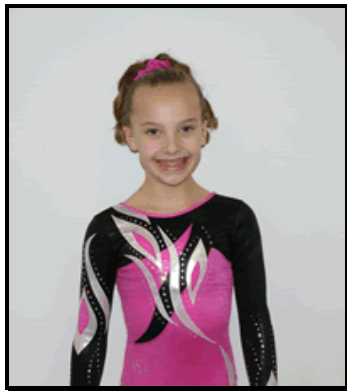
Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy Crowns Two Regional Champions and Qualifies Five Gymnasts to the Level 9 Eastern Nationals Competition!



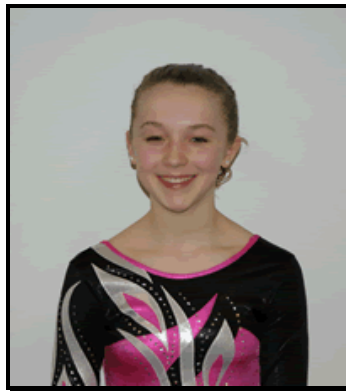
Rachel Dickson
All Around Champion



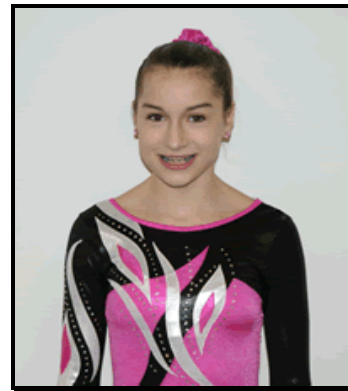
Shirley Bradley
All Around Champion



Allison Kunz
5th All Around



Kelsey Thomas
3rd All Around



Kalli Locklear
2nd All Around

Congratulations to our two Regional All Around Champions Rachel Dickson and Shirley Bradley. MEGA also qualified five gymnasts to the Level 9 Eastern National Championships. The top 6 gymnasts in each age group at the level 9 Regional competition qualified to Level 9 Nationals, being held in Tupelo, Mississippi May 8-10, 2009. In addition to the all around champions, we crowned four individual Regional Event Champions! Way to go MEGA Level 9's!

Rachel Dickson was crowned the Regional All Around champion in the Junior 1 age division. Rachel also placed 1st on Vault, 3rd on Bars and Floor, and 4th on Beam.

Shirley Bradley was crowned the Regional All Around champion in the Senior 7 age division. Shirley also placed 1st on Bars, 2nd on Vault and Floor, and 8th on Beam

Allison Kunz placed 5th in the all around in the Junior 2 age division. Allison also placed 7th on Vault, 9th on Bars, 6th on Beam and 4th on Floor.

Kelsey Thomas placed 3rd in the All Around in the Junior 8 age division, 1st on Bars, 7th on Beam and Floor, and 9th on Vault.

Kalli Locklear placed 2nd in the All Around in the Junior 6 age division. Kalli also placed 2nd on Bars and Beam, 6th on Vault and 8th on Floor.

Catie Conrad was crowned the Regional Bar champion in the Junior 3 age division. Catie also placed 2nd on Floor. A few mistakes on the balance beam kept Catie from qualifying to the National competition.

The coaches at MEGA could not be more proud of these girls. They have worked hard all season, and it is great to see that hard work pay off. They say that the beam in gymnastics is like free throws in basketball, and unfortunately it got the best of Catie this time. She will definitely be back next year. The MEGA coaches want to wish these girls the best of luck at Nationals!