

WINDY CITY INVITATIONAL 2025, January 17-20

North Shore gymnasts took on the Windy City this past weekend in their second meet of the competitive season. The 2025 Windy City Invitational was held at the Navy Pier Festival Hall in Chicago, Illinois.

Our Xcel teams wowed the judges and brought home several top Individual and team finishes.

The Xcel Golds had an amazing day with multiple top honors, including a second place team finish! Lauren Wheeler (10, Independence) and Addy Rice (11, Mound) both took second place honors on Floor, while teammate Alayna Sandbulte (10, Medina), placed third on Floor. Over on Vault, Emma Dressen (13, Hanover) earned second place, while teammate Joelle Johnson (13, Mound) placed third along with second place on Floor, third place on Beam and third place All-Around. Reagan Krysan (11, Delano) had a great day on Beam earning a solid third place finish. Last but certainly not least was Ashley Meyer (12, Rockford), who wowed the judges on not only Bars with second place, but also on Vault with third place and bringing home first place honors on both Beam and All-Around.

The Xcel Platinum girls continued to bring home the hardware with Isla Hatfield (11, Delano) taking second on Vault, and teammate Kate Pohl (11, Corcoran) placing first with her beautiful Bars routine and third on Vault. Maya Wetter (11, Delano) earned multiple trips to the podium with her second place finish on Floor and third place finish in the All-Around.

It was an emotional day for our Xcel Diamond Kayla Miller (17, Hanover), as this was her last meet with North Shore Gymnastics. She has been a very special part of our team for the past three years and we will miss her dearly, but we are excited to watch her gymnastics journey continue in the Chicago, Illinois area. Miller had an incredible day, dazzling the judges with her first place Floor routine, along with third place on Beam and third place All-Around.

Our Level 6-10's had their own set of bragging rights after many impressive routines over the course of the weekend.

The Level 9 and 10's started Friday out strong with some incredible routines and top finishes. Level 9 Addie Berg (15, Mound) earned multiple trips to the podium with not only her amazing first place victories on Floor, Vault and All-Around, but also second place on Bars. Our Level 10 Siena Chermak (16, Mound) brought home third place with her stunning Floor routine, while Level 10 teammate Lily Fake (17, Delano) added to the medal count with her strong routine on Floor earning second place, while taking third place honors on both Beam and All-Around.

The Level 7's continued the winning streak with Natalie Reardon (12, Wayzata) putting up a huge first place win on Floor with a score of 9.7, followed by an equally impressive 9.6 third place finish on Beam. Teammate Emmy Haag (13, Rockford) wowed the judges with her second place Beam routine, while Avery Monsen (15, Chaska) earned a well-deserved podium visit with her beautiful second place Bars routine.

Next up were the Level 8's, who fought hard against some tough competition. Anna Lamecker (16, Delano) started out strong with her impressive 9.5 score on Vault, earning her an impressive second place finish. Teammate Lillian Anderson (15, Hamburg) brought home her own hardware on her beautiful Beam routine with a third place finish, while Lexi Thelen (14, Minnetrista) stunned the crowd with a huge 9.725 first place finish on Floor.

The Level 6 team capped off the weekend with some incredible numbers of their own. Evelyn Belgarde (12, Wayzata) and teammate Colbi Shelp (12, Maple Plain) shared an incredible score of 9.675 on Bars, earning both of them impressive second place medals. Belgarde also brought home third place honors in the All-Around with a score of 37.025, while teammate Shelp brought home her very own third place All-Around medal with a 37.3.

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