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Westporter wins gold at international skating series

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The Skyliners Junior Synchronized Skating Team won gold at the 2016 Leon Lurje Trophy in Gothenburg, Sweden last weekend.

The Skyliners Junior Synchronized Skating Team earned a historic gold medal at the 2016 Leon Lurje Trophy in Gothenburg, Sweden last weekend, competing amongst the best teams in the world.

Among the team was Staples student [Katie Orlin](#), 17, who has been skating with the team for six years.

"Since I was a little girl, competing in and winning an international skating competition has always been a dream of mine," said Orlin. "I'm extremely proud of what my teammates and I were able to accomplish in Sweden. It really showed us that all of our hard work and determination paid off. I'm

looking forward to our next competition and the rest of the season.”

Representing Team USA for the eighth year in a row, Skyliners achieved a major feat – an American team earning a gold medal on the highly-competitive world synchro stage.

“To see the raising of the flag and know that we had earned gold for America was truly amazing,” said **Josh Babb**, Skyliners coach and director in a press release.

Skyliners Junior started by skating their Short Program to a Michael Jackson medley. The next day, Skyliners Junior took their long program to the ice, which was set to Les

Miserables.

The team's combined score of 167.23 points earned them the first place prize.

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