

# Anna Schimmelfing jumps her way to silver medal

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Reporter

On Oct. 17 and 18, the United States will get the opportunity to watch the U.S. jump rope team take on the world of jump roping at the World Championships. And Elon will get to see its very own Anna Schimmelfing jump her way to silver.

Over the summer, Schimmelfing, a sophomore, competed among the world's best jump ropers in Brisbane, Australia. Schimmelfing qualified for the U.S. team back in April, when her team SkipSations placed first in the trials. From there she began intense practices.

Schimmelfing spent six days a week practicing with her team. But this was no surprise to her considering she had already been to a world championship.

The World Championships in Belgium were a completely new experience for Schimmelfing, as well as for her team. Being inexperienced in such a large competition, her team made the decision to compete to the best of

its ability and see what happened. What happened was a surprising second-place finish. So when she found out she would compete again among the world for another jump rope title, it was no big deal. This time, she and SkipSations knew what to expect and how to win.

In Australia, Schimmelfing competed in multiple events. There were 15 teams at the meet and she performed against teams such as Hungary, Japan and Australia. Although the gold medal was at stake, for Schimmelfing, it was about her team doing its best.

SkipSations jumped to another impressive second-place finish, only to be out scored by the Hungarians. Individually, Schimmelfing placed seventh.

This fall marked her ninth year in the sport of jump roping. Growing up in Chapel Hill, Schimmelfing joined her middle school jump rope club for fun and never thought much about competing.

"I picked it up really quick," said Schimmelfing about her talent in jump

roping.

A coach noticed her talent and invited her to join a jump rope team. From there, Schimmelfing developed her talent in the sport. Double Dutch became less of a game and more of a passion. SkipSations lead her to competing in five to six competitions a year, gave her experience and allowed her to improve her performance.

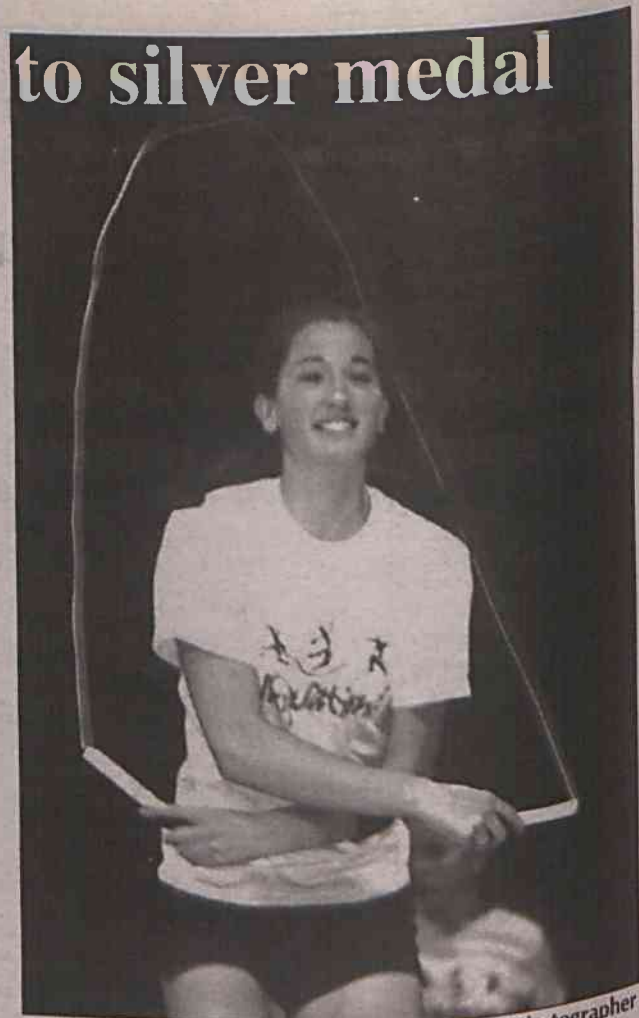
Currently, Schimmelfing says she is "just jumping for fun."

As far as her future plans, she hopes to possibly lead a group exercise class involving jump roping during Winter Term.

She also recently invited SkipSations to perform with her in the Habitat for Humanity's Showcase Showdown. The group thrilled the audience with their tricks.

She said it made people realize that jump roping is more than an activity, it's a sport.

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Brian Viebranz / Photographer  
Anna Schimmelfing performed Friday at the Showcase Showdown.

## CAREER CONNECTION: Your link to the Elon Career Center

### Fall Graduate School Information Workshop Monday, October 11

4 - 5 pm, Elon Career Center, Duke 101

Discussion will include deciding to go to graduate school, choosing the best graduate school for you, and applying to graduate schools.

Special Guests: Art Fadde, Director, Graduate Admissions, Elon University and Lisa Flint, Graduate Intern, Elon Career Center

### US Census Bureau Information Session Wednesday, October 13

4 pm, Elon Career Center, Duke 101

All majors and all students are invited to come and find out about careers with the Census Bureau. Find out about the courses you can take at Elon that will prepare you for a federal government career! RSVP to walldebb@elon.edu subject line; attend US Bureau. See you there! Refreshments will be served. For more information, please see <http://www.census.gov>.

### The Graduate and Professional School Forum 2004 Saturday, October 16

Benson University Center, Reynolds Campus, Wake Forest University  
10 am - 3pm, Theme: The Road Less Traveled: Navigating the Path to Success  
Interested students may contact Curtis Henry at [chenry@wfubmc.edu](mailto:chenry@wfubmc.edu) or Adrienne Smith at [adsmith@wfubmc.edu](mailto:adsmith@wfubmc.edu). The application is available from L'Tanya Richmond in the Multicultural Affairs Office, Moseley 221B.

### GRE/GMAT Prep Session

Tuesday, October 26

5:30 pm, Moseley 216

The Elon Career Center is sponsoring a Kaplan Test Prep session for the GRE and GMAT. Open to all students in all majors.

### Red Hat Information Session – Possible Internships for All Majors, Monday, October 18

"Take the Road to Red Hat" 5:30pm (PROMPTLY) - 7:00 pm  
Red Hat, Centennial Campus, 1801 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, NC

Did you know that Red Hat hosts one of the premier summer internship programs in the Triangle? Find out more by taking the 'Road to Red Hat'. Monthly, Red Hat will host 'Road to Red Hat' events at its Centennial Campus headquarters. There will be PIZZA, guest speakers and Red Hat representatives on-site. Great opportunity to network with Red Hat for internships and jobs! For more information, go to <http://www.redhat.com> or the Career Center website homepage under Events.

### Resume Walk-in Hours

Tuesdays, 2 - 5 pm

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