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KOREAN TAEKWONDO of AMERICA

NEWS LETTER

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Meet KTA's Student Leaders

KTA has an exceptional group of students. To provide opportunity for students to develop leadership skills along with their martial arts training, KTA will identify certain students from time to time as Student Leaders and/or Student Instructors to assist where appropriate.

Terrie Barron – Student Instructor

A _____ major at FCCJ, Terrie is one of our original students and has been consistent and dedicated from the beginning, achieving the rank of Blue Belt while exhibiting exceptional skill in forms. Terrie's dedication is indicated by the fact that she is the farthest student from the school, living in Orange Park.

Annika Perkins – Student Leader

Annika is also one the original students showing determination and skill that exceeds her age of 15. Annika is a High Purple Belt and has the reputation of being tough and resilient. Annika was one of two KTA students who traveled to Korea with Ms. Randi to the 1st Annual Korean Taekwondo Cultural Tournament. She was the recipient of a Bronze and a Silver Medal in sparring and forms. We are extremely proud of Annika for her accomplishments and her maturity.

Jeremy Shafer - Student Leader

Jeremy is a young man of 13 who has the poise and temperament of an adult. Jeremy came to KTA from another martial arts program, and has shown that he is well worth the Green Belt that he has earned at KTA. Jeremy



also traveled to Korea with Ms. Randi and was successful in winning two Gold Medals in sparring and in forms at the International Tournament. Jeremy is a faithful and valued member of the KTA family.

Student of the Month

Almaas Bannister - Almaas is a black belt from California, and she loves to spar, having joined KTA to continue her TKD training. She is an excellent example for other students on their path to black belt.



Welcome New KTA Students

Over this past month, KTA is pleased to welcome the following new white belt students.

Taylor Cutting - Age 8	Rose Glasheen - Age 8
Joshua Glasheen - Age 3	Hanna Hernandez - Age 8
Angie Hile – Adult	Kiersten Hile - Age 5
Megan Lowery - Age 8	Chase Potts - Age 4
Thalia Rey - Age 10	Skyla Stephens - Age 4
Mary Woodring – Adult	

Schedule Change for Next Belt Testing

The next bi-monthly belt testing will be held on October 5-6. Belt testing applications will be handed out starting the second week of September. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Additional Belt Advancements

The following students, who were unable to test at the last scheduled belt testing, have since tested and advanced as noted below.

White to Yellow

Kyra Epps Akash Thornton

Orange to High Orange

Pernell Berahzer

High Orange to Green

Carrie McLeod Yuriah Cook

Andy Nguyen Nam Nguyen

Green to High Green

Alicia Cartagena

High Purple to Blue

Terrie Barron

September 28/29 Tournament

The Florida Open TKD Championship Tournament in Lakeland will be Friday and Saturday, September 28 & 29. You will need to make your own hotel reservations as soon as possible. Wear your new KTA uniforms for competition. For details refer to the following website.



[http://www.ktaflorida.com/images/2007_florida Open_tournament.pdf](http://www.ktaflorida.com/images/2007_florida_Open_tournament.pdf)

Completed application and medical forms must be turned in to Ms. Randi, along with the \$70 Competitor fee, no later than Friday, September 21, so that all registrations can be post marked to Lakeland by the September 25 deadline.

Changes in Class Schedules

New Class – A Saturday class for families is starting September 8 at 9:00 AM. Mr. Woosok Ahn will teach this class. The class is open to all families also enrolled under the family membership program. Contact Ms. Randi for details.

Class Focus - All 6:45 classes Monday through Friday will feature advanced training.

Apple Patch Learning Center Opens

A new private early childcare and learning center serving ages 18 months to 5 years has recently opened just 1 mile west of KTA on Beach Boulevard. The Apple Patch Learning Center is run by Mister Luque's wife. If you know of anyone who has children of that age group who needs quality daycare, you might suggest to them to contact Apple Patch Learning Center for details.

Pro Shop Expanded

The pro shop has been upgraded to include the latest in martial arts items including uniforms and sparring equipment as well as other merchandise such as baseball caps, t-shirts with the new logo etc. As a reminder, KTA now is able to take **Visa, Discover, American Express and Mastercard.** Martial arts supplies are great gifts for birthdays and Christmas or just any special occasion.



Spread the Word about KTA

A copy of the latest KTA Florida flier is included as part of this newsletter mailing. Feel free to pass this on to your friends, neighbors, classmates and fellow workers.

Black Belt Test

The first Black Belt test is planned for October of 2008. All High Purple belts and above are eligible to test; however you must attend classes a minimum of two times per week and be able to perform all of the required skills for each belt level. Set your goal now! Remember the 5 tenets of Taekwondo are Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self Control and Indomitable Spirit. Everyone keep training to your highest level. We want every student in our school to succeed and reach your goals in Taekwondo and in life!