

KTA

KOREAN TAEKWONDO of AMERICA

NEWS LETTER

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Student of the Month

Kelsey Alipio. - Kelsey is a serious Taekwondo student who performs very well at each class and gives it her best. Recently she won a gold medal in forms at the American Open Taekwondo Championships Tournament in Atlanta. She is a good artist, and her hobbies are writing and art. Kelsey is a fifth-grader at Kernan Trails Elementary School.



Additional Belt Advancements

Since the latest belt testing held on January 25-26, the following individuals tested and advanced as noted.

From Yellow to Orange Belt

Stephanie Prudencio

From High Orange to Green Belt

Beth Woodring Kelly Murphy

From High Blue to Red Belt

Annika Perkins

Welcome New KTA Students

KTA is pleased to welcome the following new students since the last newsletter.

Jennifer Smith - Adult

Xiomara Garcia - Adult

Alexandra Jaramillo - Age 15

Nicolas Luna - Age 4

Gabriella Jaramillo - Age 10

Austin Pisula - Age 8

Brandon Westbrook - Age 4

Jared Harris - Age 10

Kelly Nielsen - Adult

Shayne Nielsen - Age 13

Luke DelGuidice - Age 7

Flo Ferris - Adult

Eve Bradford - Adult

Daniel Bradford - Age 11

Nicolas Venditti - Age 14

Michael Mahoney - Adult

Hannah Kim - Age 15

Sarah Kim - Age 17

Next Belt Testing

The next testing cycle is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 28-29 with youth testing to be held on Friday at 5:30PM, and adult testing will be on Saturday at 9:30 AM. See Ms. Randi for testing applications.

KTA takes Atlanta!



(L to R) Marissa Alipio, Justin Tollstrup, WooSeok Ahn, Wally Midgley, Derek Snyder, Hyunmin Oh, (In Front) Kelsey Alipio

In keeping with the successes of Zach and Jeremy at the Lakeland Tournament the week before, KTA students were highly successful at Atlanta, Georgia, the weekend of February 9-10. Mr. Ahn won gold in sparring and gold in forms while Mr Oh won gold in forms and silver in sparring in their competitions. Mr. Wally took gold in sparring while Justin Tollstrup won gold in sparring and silver in board breaking. Marisa Alipio was especially prolific, winning gold in forms, gold in board breaking and silver in sparring. Kelsey Alipio won gold in forms.



Justin breaking boards in Atlanta

In addition, Grandmaster Min Suk Song presented Mr. Wally a plaque in appreciation for his "outstanding contribution to the advancement of Tae Kwon Do".

Upcoming Tournaments

Following are upcoming tournaments. Refer to the KTA website, www.ktaflorida.com, for information links.

West Florida Taekwondo Championship - Will be held Saturday, March 8th 2008, 10:00am, at Port Richey, Florida

AAU Florida District Qualifier - Will be held Saturday, April 26th 2008, 9:00am, Orlando, Florida

The National Tournament in California - KTA has been invited to participate in the First 2008 ATU

National Taekwondo Championships in Los Angeles, California on June 28, and 29. More information will be forthcoming regarding potential participation.

World of Nations Demonstration Team

The KTA Florida Demonstration Team will be performing at the World of Nations Celebration on Saturday, May 3rd, at 1:00pm in the downtown Metropolitan Park. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Demonstration Team, contact Ms. Randi or any of the KTA instructors. This is the second year KTA has participated in the event.

KTA is as Good as Gold



We are extremely proud of the success of KTA students in achieving gold in WTF Taekwondo tournaments in Florida and Georgia as well as in Korea. It all started with Jeremy Shafer (photo at left) winning double gold in 2006 at the 2nd Annual Korean International Taekwondo Cultural Tournament. Since then, at

tournaments at Lakeland, Florida, and Atlanta, Georgia, the following individuals have brought gold back.

WooSeok Ahn
 Marisa Alipio
 Kelsey Alipio
 Terrie Barron
 Zach Ignacio
 Wally Midgley
 Emile Millspaw
 Hyunmin Oh
 Annika Perkins
 Jeremy Shafer
 Samantha Smith
 Justin Tollstrup



Hyunmin Oh and WooSeok Ahn at Atlanta

KTA is Affiliated with the AAU

To expand its ability to provide a broader martial arts program, KTA has joined the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) National Taekwondo Program--a national network for amateur athletes and sports administrators dedicated to improving and promoting the sport of amateur Taekwondo. The AAU Taekwondo Program has over 16,000 members. As a member, KTA will have the advantage of participating in exclusive AAU programs and events, networking with fellow practitioners and Taekwondo enthusiasts, improving our overall image and standards, as well as providing more KTA student activity opportunities.

