



GMA News

Sept-Oct 03

Congratulations on some major promotions

Some of our students have achieved some milestone rank promotions this month and deserve some special recognition.

Mr. Miller was recently promoted to 2nd dan in Hapkido.

Mr. Cory Pierce became the first TKD student from the Martinsville school to earn his black belt on 9-20

Mr. Yoshida earned his 2nd dan in TKD on 9-20.

Mrs. Yoshida is one break shy of becoming GMA's first 3rd dan. Look for her to finish the job and become official later this month.

This fall also marks the first of our lil' dragons to graduate the program. Lawton Hammack in Martinsville and Trevor Lanning in Spencer are on track to be the first from their schools to graduate into TKD.

Upcoming events

Demo team practices

Demo team practice from 10-12 on Sat. Sept 27th. This is the only major practice before the fall foliage demo, so we need as many team members as possible to attend. We will also have a practice on Friday Oct 3 at 6:30 (after TKD class). This is the practice where we will set the positions, so attendance or commitment to the demo is required.

Fall foliage demo and parade

We will be having a demo for Fall Foliage on Thurs, Oct 9th 5:30-6:00. Please note that there will be some class schedule adjustments to accommodate the demo. ***Beginning and yellow belts will have class from 6:15-7:00. Green belts and up will have class from 7:00 till 7:45.*** Black belt club will start late.

All students are also welcome to participate in the parade on Sunday Oct 12th. We must be at the high school at 12:30.

Bedford—we mean Martinsville-- tournament

The Bedford tournament has been postponed (venue fell through). In the meantime, we are going to host a scrimmage at the Martinsville school as a FREE substitute. We will have brackets and do formal matches to give the feel of a tournament. We are also inviting other schools to bring in some different energy and competitors. Registration to do brackets begins at 9:30, we will start at 10:00

Hapkido Testings

Martinsville school will be having a Hapkido test on Friday, Oct 3.

DPU students will have Hapkido testing on Mon Oct 13th and Wed. Oct 15th.

USHF seminar

The fall USHF seminar is on Sat. Oct 18th in Bloomington, IN

Kick a thon

Our Project Action kick a thon will be on Sat. Nov 1st. Details later, but be expecting pledge sheets mid-October. As always we are counting a lot on our students.

Halloween party and class

We will be having a Halloween party after class on Halloween night, starting at 7:00-9:00. Look for class schedule adjustments to accommodate the party.



Staff and Class Changes in Martinsville

Miss Madeleine Gonin is leaving her regular presence at GMA-M due to the demands of graduate school. We wish her luck, but this means that Tai Chi will no longer be offered on M/W. Tai Chi will remain on the Friday night schedule. While we look into replacing Miss Gonin, we are adjusting the hapkido classes on M/W evening. The following schedule will take effect in October

Monday, Wednesday

6:15-7:00	Beginning Hapkido
7:15-8:00	Intermediate Hapkido
8:15-9:00	Advanced Hapkido

This may be adjusted further and the time slot filled again, but for now we feel this is the best use of the time. We apologize for any inconvenience but believe this to be the best way to use our time and staff.

Leading by example—kunja in action

The namesake of our school—Gentry—is a constant reminder of our assertion that the martial arts are a means to self betterment. This obviously benefits the individual, but also society as a whole as our students become better functioning, more responsible, more respectful, more caring members of the community. Recently, it has become apparent just how much some of our senior students, leadership team, and instructors try to live up to this standard. Now, none of them were aware of me writing this and probably would not want it to be known. But I think it is important that people appreciate their efforts and also what it means to be ‘gentry.’ I am sure this list is by no means exhaustive, and I apologize if I slight anyone or fail to recognize other efforts...but again, these are merely examples to illustrate the point.

Miss Dill recently spent three hours visiting one of our students in the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Yoshida not only came to class on their anniversary, but went with other members of our school to help sandbag during the recent flooding. They left Martinsville to make their 1.5 hour drive home at 11:30, to get up and go to work the next day—how romantic. Keep in mind they were not affected by the flooding in northern Indy. As he has done for two years now, Mr. Miller has made special trips to IU to help teach the FAST portion of my self-defense classes, even though my schedule doesn’t permit me to reciprocate in his classes. One of our leadership team members in Hapkido had to work so much overtime he wasn’t sure if he could make class, but he managed to find a way to leave work early on a moments notice when we were short on help. His only reward was to get up even earlier for the rest of the week. This person was not the first or even the most recent to drop what they were doing and lend their expertise at a moments notice, sometimes at inconvenient hours.

The list could certainly go on...all of our leadership team that help out with classes. All those who gave up a Saturday during our recent school clean up. Parents volunteering to help out. Richard doing all types of work on the building. Some might respond by saying that such things are nothing among friends. But for me to say that trivializes their efforts, which are certainly more than nothing. Many of our students and instructors go the beyond the call of duty on a regular basis. I find it particularly gratifying to see it, because it proves our faith in them is well placed. They are trying to lead by example and show the concept of gentry or kunja in action. --
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