



2020 Inductees

Bronze

Bridgette Bandy

Competitor of the Year

A 2nd degree black belt under Master C-D Young, Bridgette Bandy has been training in the martial arts for 9 years. Named the Jr. Competitor of the Year in 2019, Bridgette continues to perform at a high level, taking first place in her last four tournaments in kata, sparring, and weapons. Highly competitive, Bridgette has been an honors student every semester since grade school. Bridgette's long term plans include earning a doctorate in Mechanical Engineering (robotics) and a career with NASA.

Brad Bezoni

Black Belt of the Year

Previously recognized as the 2018 Tae Kwon Do Master of the Year, Brad Bezoni continues to pursue black belt excellence. A school owner and instructor, he currently holds a 5th Dan in Tae Kwon Do, a 2nd Dan in Tang Soo Do, and a Blue Belt in Kuk Sool Won. He was honored by the Tang Soo Do Karate Association in 2019 as Black Belt of the Year. Master Bezoni has also been selected for inclusion into the Book of Masters being published by the United States National Grandmasters Federation and was recently presented a letter of appreciation from the U.S. Tang Soo Do Alliance for his efforts to perpetuate this Art.

Jody Lance Boyd

Instructor of the Year

When it comes to developing champions, Master Jody Lance Boyd knows his stuff. A combat sports coach in Clarksville TN, his prodigy have gone on to excel in the Ultimate Fighting Championships, North American Sport Karate Association, World Kickboxing and Karate Union, North American Grappling Association, United States Fight League, and in national and international competitions. Among his top competitors are Jacob Kilburn (UFC Fighter) and 2019 United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame inductee and world champion karate competitor, Kira Jones.



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Michael “Park” Maguire

Empowering Lives

After waking up from a 19-day coma and being told his hip was broken in 12 pieces, Park Maguire received the disturbing news he had permanent nerve damage and would never walk again. Defying the odds, Mr. Maguire has gone on to serve as a Senior Instructor in JKD and Filipino Martial Arts with Hall of Fame inductee Chad Von Dette. Mr. Maguire is an advocate of women’s self-defense and has appeared on Good Morning America, In Touch Weekly, TKD Times, CNN Heroes, and on ABC, NBC and Fox affiliates.

Arlandus Chimney

Master of the Year

A multi-location school owner, Master Arlandus Chimney is a spectacular martial artist and instructor, as well as a minister. He is truly a leader in the martial arts community, not only training many quality black belts in the art of Shotokan, but also teaching them effective instruction and school management so they are equipped to see success as instructors and future school owners. Master Chimney is also a member of the Wansai International Team, a missions-focused demonstration team that has performed globally, and is an active tournament competitor who has won numerous events.

James Von Debrow III

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

GM James Debrow is an experienced law enforcement officer who has worked in academia, private security, and the military. A former TSDPS state trooper, he is a Forensic Use of Force expert, State Defensive Tactics Coordinator, State licensed and certified Forensic Investigative Hypnotist, Firearms Instructor and Lead Instructor to the Texas Rangers. He has been FBI trained in Interview and Interrogation, statement analysis, use of force, constitutional law for executives, neuro-linguistic programming, investigative psychology, and profiling. GM Debrow also holds grandmaster rankings in Kenpo, GoJu, and Tae Kwon Do.



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Brady Drury

Competitor of the Year

Sensei Brady Drury is a 2nd Dan black belt in Song Moo Kwan and an assistant instructor at CD Young's Karate in Henderson NV. Growing as a leader and serving the students and community led to him becoming one of the first team members to be hired by the school. Sensei Drury has repeatedly earned top rankings as a black belt competitor in tournaments throughout 2019 earning him the title of Black Belt Adult Champion in January 2020.

Thomas Ryan Boyd Evans

Instructor of the Year

After a time of absence for family reasons, Ryan returned to the martial arts 4 years ago. He unexpectedly found himself leading a class of students when the school's instructor abruptly left the school without a leader. With the support of his family and his senior instructor, Scott Brown, Sensei Evans helped the students continue to advance in their own training while progressing himself as a black belt student and instructor. He is also a member of the Wansai Arts International Team, a faith-based, missions-focused demonstration team.

Anna Feygina

Female Judo Competitor of the Year

A consummate professional, Anna Feygina has consistently placed in the top three, including several first-place finishes, in the Judo Black Belt Executive Senior Division. Currently stationed at Ft. Hood, TX as a military defense attorney, she has previously served as a military prosecutor, special victim's counsel, and administrative law attorney. Anna Feygina is a 2nd degree black belt under Master Hector Negron and trains at the Martial Arts Sports HQ Judo in Killeen, TX.

Maria Gonzalez

Competitor of the Year



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Considered Panama's best fighter, Maria Gonzalez was Panama's National Champion for three years, never losing a fight. She competed in the 1987 World Championships in Barcelona where she went undefeated. She also instructed in Torrejon AB Spain from 1987-1991. Ms. Gonzalez was also the 1989 Armed Forces Champion in Las Vegas NV. A 4th place finish in the U.S. Championship qualified her to train for the U.S. Olympic Team for the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. After being sidelined by an injury, Ms. Gonzalez turned her attention to raising up new competitors, several who have gone on to compete in the Junior Olympics.

Kyrie Griffin

Black Belt of the Year

Starting at the age of 2-1/2 in her parent's dojo, Kyrie Griffin has literally grown up as a martial artist. Now holding a 4th Dan in Smaurai Jujutsu, she's a leader in her own right. Ms. Griffin has traveled internationally using the martial arts to inspire and encourage others, as well as a tool for evangelism. She has won multiple national and international titles in forms and fighting and continues to lead in the school in which she trains in and helps to lead as a role model for others.

Tony Hebert

Defensive Tactics Instructor of the Year

Tony Hebert began teaching defensive tactics for the State of Oklahoma in 2015, becoming the lead instructor in 2018. He has shown to be an excellent instructor, instilling a sense of discipline and respect in the officers he trains and developing an adjunct instructor group to expand their influence. Mr. Hebert is an instructor in Sayoc Cali and Krav Maga, and holds a black belt in Hapkido. He has also trained in TKD, BJJ, Aikido and Boxing. In addition to being CLEET certified, Mr. Hebert is also a law enforcement firearms training instructor.

Gerald Hester

Man of the Year



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A faith-based martial arts instructor, Grandmaster Hester leads HIS World Christian Martial Arts. Having started as a Golden Gloves boxer and judo practitioner, GM Hester began training in Tae Kwon Do and Akijujitsu where he earned a 2nd degree black belt in TKD and Akijujitsu under GM Les Armentor. He has also studied Shotokan, Lameko Eskrima, Polynesian Kung Fu, Tai Chi, and Karate. In his school, GM Hester teaches a blended style of open-hand and weapons techniques

Donna Cancila Keating

Black Belt of the Year

Sensei Donna Keating holds a 3rd degree black belt in Goju-Ryu and is recognized as someone with a diverse knowledge of martial arts. Her extensive background and experience have earned her the respect of many high-ranking martial arts Masters and Grandmasters over the years. She continues to develop herself as a martial artist and serves as an example to others of what dedication and commitment to training can help you accomplish in life.

Tammy Harvey Lamberson

Outstanding Woman of the Year

Holding a 7th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do under Grandmaster H.U. Lee, Tammy Lamberson is a consummate practitioner of the Korean arts. She is a 10-time ATA national champion and a member of the American Taekwondo Association and the United States Traditional Taekwondo Association. Ms. Lamberson was recognized as the 1980 ATA Instructor of the Year and has been inducted into the ATA Hall of Fame. She currently teaches at the U.S. Taekwondo Center where she is preparing a new generation of TKD students to become world-class practitioners of their Art.



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Monika LaFleur

Female Black Belt of the Year

Returning alumni, Monika LaFleur holds a 3rd Dan in Shotokan and is an assistant instructor at Shotokan Karate and Fitness in San Antonio, TX. Monika's senior instructor, Shihan Sandy Larwood, says of her, "Monika is the most reliable individual and instructor anyone could ask for. She is humble and kind to everyone. Her loyalty keeps me speechless. The students respect and adore her. Her leadership skills continue to grow as she helps develop the lives of children." Monika was recognized as Woman of the Year and Female Black Belt Instructor of the Year by the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame and Texas Karate Association respectively in 2019.

Christopher Bryan Marshall

Martial Artist of the Year

A 3rd degree black belt under Scott Brown, Sensei Bryan Marshall helps to manage Arnaldus Chimney's Schools of Martial Arts. He empowers youth and adult students to overcome handicaps, learning disabilities, and fear through his inspirational teaching. Not only does Sensei Marshall focus on teaching the students to be good martial artists, but also how to succeed in all areas of their lives. A true motivator, Bryan Marshall is making a positive difference in the lives of the students he is helping to lead.

Melodee Meyer

Entrepreneur Woman of the Year

Master Melodee Meyer is an international speaker, best-selling author, and business mentor dedicated to empowering others to bravely create a life of their own design aligned with their personal values. She is a 6th degree black belt in Hapkido and the first female Master of Hapkido International. Master Meyer overcame a life of bullying, homelessness, and domestic violence to build a million dollar business. She is the founder of Real Deal Self Defense, a personal safety course that uses adrenaline training to teach students how to work through typical fear responses and the award-winning fitness program, Kickboxers Ultimate Training. She is also appeared in several national stages, including TEDx.



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John Patton

Master of the Year

An excellent teacher and master instructor, Master John Patton holds a 6th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, and is also Jeet Kune Do practitioner. He was recognized as the 2019 Master of Martial Arts by the Action Martial Arts Hall of Honors and is a member of the ATA, WTA, and UWTA. Master Patton has earned the respect of his community for his excellence as a teacher of children, starting them on the right path to personal growth and development.

Keyara Jade Raber

Overcoming Adversity

After being severely bullied school, Keyara Raber attempted suicide to end the relentless pain and abuse she was enduring. Fortunately, she was not successful and found her way into a Tae Kwon do school. It was there Keyara discovered she did not have to remain a victim, but could become a victor over her circumstances. Not only has the bullying stopped for her, Keyara has become a voice for those being bullied and using Tae Kwon Do to empower those who are being victimized to take back their lives.

Logan Ramirez

Instructor of the Year

A 1st degree blackbelt in Taekwondo and an assistant instructor at Christian Taekwondo League in San Antonio TX, Chodan Logan Ramirez is the Lead Coach of the school championing system and the development of the kid's sparring and self-defense programs, two of the largest attended classes in the school. He thrives on learning so he can become a better, more valuable teacher to his students. Mr. Ramirez also hosts the online podcast, TaekwonDaddy, interviewing various martial artists and industry experts about their passion while exploring the application of these lessons and applying them to parenting.



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Kelvin Reynolds

Judo Competitor of the Year

A U.S. Army Veteran, who honorably served the United States for 21 years, Kelvin Reynolds holds a 1st Dan in Judo. While continuing to trail, he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Inherent Resolve, and Operation Resolute Support. Mr. Reynolds is currently a competitor and coach at Martial Sports HQ in Killeen TX under Sensei Hector Negron. For the past 3 years, Mr. Reynolds has been the #1 Ranked National Veterans Athlete of the Year in his division. He has won various International, National and State level tournaments. Mr. Reynolds loves serving his community and inspiring children to lead.

Tyler Sowers

Faith-Based Martial Arts School of the Year

Tyler Sowers, a 4th degree black belt in Hapkido, is the founder of Soldier for Christ Martial Arts, the only Catholic School of Hapkido in the Houston, TX area. Since opening the school in 2014, Master Sowers has expanded to offering classes in 6 different locations. The school specializes in training youth and has purposely created a membership-based program that makes martial arts affordable. With an emphasis on good martial arts and character development, Soldier for Christ Martial Arts is helping Houston area youth learn how to make a positive difference in their homes and in their community.

Paden Stacey

Outstanding Female Martial Artist

Paden Stacey started training in the martial arts since the age of 6, and at the age of 18 opened her own martial arts studio. An accomplished youth competitor, she won numerous tournaments, including several Grand Champion honors, while competing in AR, OK, KS, and TX. At the age of 14, she began training for the Olympics, after earning her black belt from the late Jack Hwang. After earning 1st place honors at the 2106 USAT, she placed 2nd in national Olympic sparring. Paden received her Kukkiwon certificate in March, 2017 and in 2018, she traveled to compete in China. In January 2020, she opened her first school, Stacey's Tae Kwon Do, in McAlister OK.



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Anthony Tierney

Distinguished Combat Operator

For the past four years, Anthony Tierney has been training soldiers in hand-to-hand combat. Using a practical “street-sense” approach, he has produced dozens of highly capable and competent soldiers ready to defend themselves and others, even amidst dire situations. In addition to training soldiers, Tierney offers free classes to the spouses and children of service members so they too can learn to defend themselves and improve the quality of their health. He is the founder of Rising Stronger Martial Arts and holds a 4th degree black belt in Taekwondo and certified as an Army Combatives Instructor.

Monye Kahill Tucker

Male Competitor of the Year

Monye “Bam Bam” Tucker is a sergeant in the U.S. Army and a professional fighter in his off time. He earned his 1st Dan in Pan American Goju Ryu and Akijutsu in 2017. In 2018, Tucker began competing (and winning) multiple competitions, including the Taekwondo Championships in South Korea, having earned a 1st Dan black belt in Taekwondo under Grandmaster Kim. In late 2019, Tucker competed in the 6A NASKA World Tournament, winning the continuous sparring competition. He is also a member of the United States Martial Arts Federation and United States Jiu-Jitsu Federation, and an ambassador for ArmaSport, Skullcandy, FactoryEffex, and RynoPower.

Larry Weeden

Taekwondo Master of the Year

Master Larry Weeden holds a 6th degree black belt in Moo Duk Kwan Taekwondo under GM Dan Roberts. He also has a 4th degree black belt under the Kukkiwon in South Korea. Founder of the Ole Miss Tae Kwon Do Club, Master Weeden was also a co-director of the Mississippi State TKD Championships. After relocating to Texas, he founded Weeden TKD. Master Weeden is also an honored member of the World Tae Kwon Do Federation and the World Moo Duk Kwan Alliance.



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Erin Williams

Woman of the Year

Holding a 5th Dan in Samurai Jujitsu, Master Erin Williams is a multiple national and international champion in kata and sparring. She also holds a 1st Dan in Japanese Jujitsu. Master Williams is a team leader with the Wansai International Team, a mission-focused demonstration team. She has taught women's self-defense in the Philippines, Canada, Brazil, and the U.S. as well as Kids-Safe and anti-human trafficking training kids.

Matthew Caleb Williams

Man of the Year

Matthew Williams is a 4th Dan in Samurai Jujitsu and a member of the Wansai International Martial Arts Team, where he specializes in martial arts stunts. Master Williams also teaches Kali and Modern Combatives. He has conducted international seminars in the Philippines, Canada, and China. Master Williams is also a United States Black Belt Federation.

Michele Young

Founder of the Year

One of the hardest working people in the martial arts industry, Michele Young is currently serving as the COO of CD Young's Karate in Henderson NV and the founder of SLC (Service & Leaders Club). SLC is an organization dedicated to leadership development and community service principles of youth of the Henderson and Las Vegas communities. SLC also provides clothing for families in Africa and led a toy drive for underprivileged families that impacted nearly 100 families this past year. Ms. Young is a 3rd Dan in Song Moo Kwan Taekwondo and assists her husband in teaching in their school while continuing her own training.



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Silver

Clarence Bowman

Silver Life Award

A former State Champion on the Texas Martial Arts Circuit, Grandmaster Clarence Bowman is a fierce international tournament competitor, instructor, and family man. He holds a 7th degree black belt in Tang Soo Do and a 1st degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. GM Bowman has faithfully served in the armed forces and is active in giving back and serving not only his students and family but his local community. He continues to raise up incredibly talented students who love him not only for what he teaches them, but his care and concern for their welfare and well-being.

Scott Brown

Global Impact

GM Scott Brown, an 8th Dan in Samurai Jujutsu, is the chief instructor of Makoto Dojo in Gladewater TX, home of the Wansai International Martial Arts Team. Under his leadership, this demonstration team has traveled globally to share their faith and their love for the martial arts. GM Brown's mission-focused efforts, along with those of his students, have truly made a global impact, offering inspiration and hope to people in Brazil, Taiwan, China, Canada, the Philippines and the U.S.

Theresa Brown

Distinguished Master

Holding an 8th Dan ranking in Samurai Jujutsu, Theresa Brown is actively helping to raise a new generation of martial artists in Gladewater TX. Leading by example, she is an avid competitor, taking Grand Champion awards in many tournaments over the years. She is one of the leaders of the Wansai International Martial Arts Team and has conducted martial arts seminars in Brazil, Taiwan, China, Canada, and the Philippines.



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Walter Bryant

Silver Life Award

A 20+ year veteran of law enforcement Grandmaster Walter Bryant holds a 7th Dan in Tang Soo Do under GM Clarence “Daddy-O” Smith. He is the owner and chief instructor of the Karate Institute, an organization priding itself in offering quality instruction at affordable rates for anyone interested in training. As a competitor, GM Bryant is known for his lightning-fast back fist and has been ranked at the state and national level. He was the Texas AOK State Champion in sparring in 2015, 2017, 2019, and 2019.

Jeanelle Hebert

Law Enforcement Officer of the Decade

An 18 year veteran law enforcement officer, Jeanelle Hebert has been a CLEET training instructor for 11 years. For the past six years, she has served as the lead instructor for the CLEET program in Oklahoma, the first female to hold this position in the state. Ms. Heber was later promoted to a supervisor over one of the sections of training, where she revamped the system, updating and adding new technique to modernize the training. In addition to being an edged weapons, baton, PR 24, and defensive tactics instructor, she is also an accomplished martial artists with black belts in Aikido and Hapkido, and is a certified Krav Maga instructor.

Patrick Fox

Silver Life Award

Coming from a Black Belt family, Grandmaster Patrick Fox followed in the family’s footsteps. Training under the late GM Billy Brammer and living legends GM Billy Smith and GM Steve Parks, he accumulated a number of tournament wins and was rated in the Top 5 in the heavyweight fighting category in the Oklahoma state circuit. In 2018, GM Fox was inducted into the Sports Karate Museum and the Universal Martial Arts Hall of Fame. He currently holds a 9th dan in Shuri Te.



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Leandro de Lorenzo Lima

Distinguished BJJ Instructor

Born in San Paulo, Brazil, Sensei Lorenzo has been teaching Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu since 2006. He holds a 2nd-degree black belt in JBB through the IBJJF and FPJJ. He is also a Judo black belt and 3x Judo National Champion and Hall of Fame inductee. Holding a Masters in Human Movement Sciences, Sensei Lorenzo combines his love for the martial arts with his understanding of human movement to help his students achieve their best results.

Victor Teran

Distinguished Master

Master Victor Teran has been training for 37 years, and inspires others to do better. He is known as firm, but fair, demanding the best of his students and those who are a part of his teaching team. A former Marine and combat veteran, Master Teran has also served in the U.S. State Department's Diplomatic Security Service and an Ambassador for the American Military University. In 2011, he became the Chief Instructor for the Baghdad Taekwon-do Club where he trained the Iraqi Olympic Committee under a U.S.-Iraq diplomatic program. He holds a 7th degree black belt in Taekwondo, is an award-winning author, and 2019 inductee into the Master's Hall of Fame.

David James Wright

Distinguished Master

Operating one of the top Taekwondo schools in Michigan, Master David Wright utilizes traditional training elements to perpetuate the legacy of TKD in his students. Considered by his students and peers as an excellent teacher, he strives to help each student master the Art to the best of their ability. Master Wright is a former Army Airborne who served with the 82nd Airborne Division in Iraq. His love for his country, and the martial arts, is a hallmark of his legacy.



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Gold

Timothy Fox

Golden Life Award

Starting his career in 1974 under Jack Hwring, Grandmaster Timothy Fox has been privileged to train under some of the great Grandmasters no longer among us. A 10th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, he also holds a 1st Dan ranking in Okinawan Shuri Te. After dominating in the OK tournament circuit, GM Fox has turned his attention to making a difference in the lives of others. He currently works with the Cancer Warriors of Oklahoma Children and Martial Artists supporting others who are fighting for their lives.

Phil Wilemon

Lifetime Achievement Award

Grandmaster Phil Wilemon began his martial arts training at the Texas Karate Institute in 1964. His long and successful career began early on, taking top honors in his division at the Allen Stein's United States Championship as a Blue Belt. In 1973, he was named Rookie Black Belt of the Year at the Heart of Texas Tournament. As a black belt competitor, he won 13 consecutive tournaments as a middle-weight. At the Battle of Atlanta, his team won the Championship trophy, and was a member of the DFW Texans first full contact team, along with names like Roy Kurban, Raymond McCallum, Demetrius Havanus and Ishmael Robles. In 2017 he was awarded and earned his 10th Degree rank by Sr. GM Pat Burleson and the World Martial Arts Ranking System. GM Wilemon served on the founding board for the Texas Amateur Contact Karate Association and also as a representative for the Southwest for the Professional Karate Association (PKA) whereas he refereed and coordinated over 100 full contact matches.



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Platinum

David Bailey

Law Enforcement Living Legend

After a decade of service in the U.S. Army National Guard, David Bailey became a police officer in 1985. Two years later, he became a Defensive Tactics Instructor for CLEET in Oklahoma. In 1997, Bailey earned “Top Cop” honors in Oklahoma and was named “Officer of the Year” in 1998. In 2013, he received his Master D/T certification in CLEET. Bailey was recognized by the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2014 as Most Distinguished Instructor and Law Enforcement Officer of the Decade in 2015. He also received the organization’s coveted Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018 for his dedication and commitment to serving and protecting his community and training a new generation of law enforcement officers to protect and serve with dignity, distinction, and respect. He is currently the oldest active D/T Instructor for CLEET in the state of Oklahoma.

Hud Huddleston

Martial Arts Legend

At age 71, Grandmaster Hud Huddleston has been one of the driving forces behind the expansion of the Korean Hwarang martial arts for many years. Holding a 9th Dan in the art of Hwa Yang Mul Sul under Master Cheung Lee Kim, he is the founder of the Korean Hwarang Martial Arts Federation, an organization he has led since 1970. GM Huddleston has appeared in Action Martial Arts Magazine and has received numerous recognitions over the years, including being inducted into several Halls of Fame. He is also the founder of the United States National Grandmasters Foundation and has trained hundreds of black belts over his 50+ years in the martial arts.