



**MARCH 2023**

**BLACK BELT PROMOTIONS**

*Please join us in congratulating the following students for their successful advancement to their next belt level.*



**Master Robert Secord, 6<sup>th</sup> Dan**

“Tae Kwon-Do has been influential to me my entire life. I have benefit far beyond getting some exercise a few days a week and learning to defend myself if need be. I have learned what it takes to learn new skills and improve upon existing skills leading me to start my own business and teach myself to play the violin. I have instructors, peers and students who are closer to me than some of my blood relatives. And I've been able to be a part of so many folks lives, helping them grow into confident and successful versions of themselves. I am eternally grateful for Great Grandmaster Kim and Master Brown dedicating their lives toward Tae Kwon-Do. They have shown me that I am capable and worthy of great things in this life and I am looking forward to continue that legacy for future generations.”



**Mr. Albert Dyk, 4<sup>th</sup> Dan**

“I started with Kim’s Taekwon-Do at 12 years old. What a blessing that has been. Being 4th degree has been a dream since I was a child. 4th degree is such a beautiful rank with beautiful forms. Glad I have been in a real-life art throughout my lifetime. It's with you and stays with you. “

*Tested Boise, ID*



***Mr. Tyler Johnson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan***

" I attended my first Taekwondo class twelve years ago because I worked with two people who encouraged me to go. I enjoyed it a lot, and have never looked back! I have trained under Mrs. Shaffer, Master Tindall, Master Shawna Secord, and both Masters Brown. I have had the pleasure of teaching classes in Nehalem and Seaside, and look forward to starting a class in La Grande! I want to thank all of the instructors mentioned above for teaching me everything I know. I also wish to thank my parents for encouraging me along this path, and my wife for being patient with me as I get ready to test."



***Mr. Jackson Oxley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan***

"I started Taekwon-Do back in 2010 at Southwest Community Center when I was five years old. After a year or so I moved to the sellwood studio and have been there ever since. Over the past thirteen years I have spent my time refining all of the details in my practice, as well having the opportunity to assist and teach classes. I would like to express my gratitude to Master Brown, all of my other instructors, and my peers for teaching me everything I know and encouraging me to push myself to be the best I can be, both inside and outside of the studio. I would also like to thank my parents for supporting my journey over all the years, as well as my brother for tagging along and making each day a little more fun."





***Patrice Ayala, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan***

“2nd Dan, wow! I have continued my TaeKwon-Do journey even through challenging times via virtual or in-person classes and plan to continue for as long as I am able to as it is physically and mentally beneficial. I would like to thank my husband, Jose Ayala, for his support. I would also like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Master Brown, the instructors and fellow students for their support, tips, encouragement, and patience. And so the journey continues...”



***Itallia Pacentine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan***

“I am a research scientist who joined Kim’s TKD in 2013. I am now testing for my second dan black belt. It has been a wonderful addition to my life. I’ve made many good friends and received a lot of support, help, and advice from people. These connections were especially meaningful to me through COVID-19. My goals are to continue attending the OHSU classes regularly as a student and assistant instructor to Mrs. and Mr. Master Hawes. Both have been exceptionally encouraging and supportive of me both within and outside of Taekwon Do. My classmates have also been a huge support, especially Ms. Zheng and Sokchea. I look up to Masters Vo and Secord as role models of proper form and good technique. Finally, I want to thank the Masters Brown for keeping our larger school going even through the struggles of the pandemic. I look forward to many more years!”



**Jack Toy, JR 1<sup>st</sup> Dan**

“I am 11 years old. I have been doing Taekwon-Do for 4 ½ years. I am grateful for my friends at school and at Taekwon-Do, and my family. I am very grateful for their support and encouraging words. I thank Mr. and Mrs. Master Brown, Mr. Gray, Mr. Pillsbury, and Mr. Unflat, who have all helped me progress to my Black Belt. I thank my grandma for always coming to my classes and tournaments, and I especially thank my Mom for taking me to my classes and tournaments. I am also grateful for my Dad’s encouragement. I look forward to continuing my journey with my Taekwon-Do family.”

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