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# AAU Taekwondo National

## Senior Female Team for Ages: 18 - 32

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<b>Angelica Guting</b> -101.4	<b>Taylor Macleod</b> 101.5 – 107.9	<b>Rosanni Lake Montero</b> 108.0 – 116.7	<b>Courtney O'Connell</b> 116.8 – 125.6
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<b>Makayla Gorka</b> 125.7– 136.7	<b>Nashayla Harper-Smith</b> 125.8 – 147.6	<b>Brittany Davey</b> 147.7 – 160.8	<b>Aniela Gardziola</b> 160.9 – 999.0



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## Senior Male Team for Ages: 18 - 32

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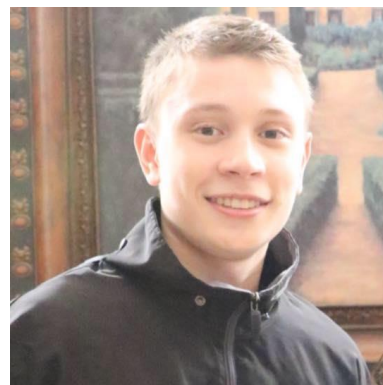


**Rwendy  
Luna  
-119.0**

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**Alejandro  
Chang  
119.0 – 127.9**



**Charles  
Buset  
128.0 – 138.9**

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**Yosvel  
Perez  
139.0 – 149.9**



**Walter  
Grant  
150.0 – 163.1**



**Taylor  
Reed  
163.2 – 176.4**

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**Philip  
Ripepi  
176.5 – 191.8**

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**Paul  
McFarquhar  
191.9 – 999.0**

# 2016-17 AAU Taekwondo National Female & Male Senior Teams

## Team Members & Biographies

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### Rwendy Luna

School: N/A

Location: N/A

Bio: N/A

#### National Experience:

None Provided



### Angelica Guting

School: Garr Sport Taekwondo

Location: San Jose, CA

**Bio:** Just a small girl trying to do big things. This win couldn't be done by myself and was all for one person, my grandpa.

#### National Experience:

2016 AAU Taekwondo  
Medal – Gold  
2012 Korea Expo  
Medal – Silver

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### Alejandro Chang

School: US Tigers

Location: Gainesville, VA

**Bio:** I have been doing taekwondo for 5 years and Olympic sparring for 4 years. Taekwondo has become a huge part of my life and I'm glad it has. I hope to make it to the Olympic in the future and represent our country. Other than taekwondo I enjoy playing and listening to music, hanging out with friends, and longboarding.

#### National Experience:

2016 AAU Taekwondo  
Medal – Gold  
2015 AAU Taekwondo  
Medal – Gold  
2014 AAU Taekwondo  
Medal – Silver



### Taylor MacLeod

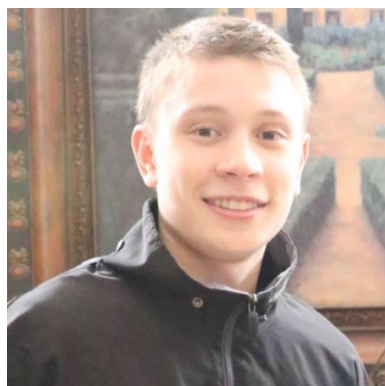
School: Power Kix Martial Arts

Location: Stafford, VA

**Bio:** I currently train with Coach Limas in Stafford, Virginia at Power Kix. I have a great team that pushes the best out of me and supports me. Just this year I joined the Army National Guard for WCAP (world class athlete program) where I will be fighting for the Army at tournaments. I am very grateful and feel super blessed to have this opportunity.

#### National Experience:

2016 AAU Taekwondo  
Medal – Gold  
2014 Canada Open  
Medal – Bronze  
2014 Pan-Am Open  
Medal – Silver



## Charles Buset

**School:** Power Kix Martial Arts

**Location:** Stafford, VA

**Bio:** N/A

### National Experience:

2014, 2015, 2016 AAU National  
Team Member  
2015 Mexico Open  
Medal – Bronze  
2014 German Open  
Medal – Bronze  
2013 Canada Open  
Medal - Bronze



## Rosanni Lake Montero

**School:** Lake Martial Arts

**Location:** Harrisonburg, VA

**Bio:** I grew up in the Dominican Republic. I began my Taekwondo journey with my father around the age of ten when I first moved to United States. I am now attending college as a full time student.

### National Experience:

2014 Canada Open  
Medal – Bronze  
2010 AAU Taekwondo  
Medal - Gold

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## Yosvel Perez

**School:** Master Yosvany Taekwondo

**Location:** Denver, CO

**Bio:** I was on the Cuban National Team from 2008 to 2014.

### National Experience:

2016 AAU Taekwondo  
Medal – Gold  
2016 US Open  
Medal – Bronze  
2015 Pan Am Championships  
Medal – Gold

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## Courtney O'Connell

**School:** N/A

**Location:** N/A

**Bio:** N/A

### National Experience:

None Provided



## Walter Grant

**School:** Power Kix Martial Arts

**Location:** Stafford, VA

**Bio:** I'm a teacher and head instructor at Grant's Chesapeake Taekwondo in Chesapeake, VA. I enjoy teaching very much and hope to take over the school one day. I started Taekwondo at 3 years old and have been doing it my whole life. Music also means a lot to me. I play drums, keyboard, and guitar, and love songwriting, producing, and making my own music. When I'm not doing Taekwondo, I love to go to the beach, go to concerts, and hang out with friends. My family and friends also call me, "Pookie", and it has been my nickname since I was born.

**National Experience:**  
2016 AAU Taekwondo  
Medal – Gold

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## Makayla Gorka

**School:** XTC

**Location:** Crestwood, IL

**Bio:** My name is Makayla Gorka and I am happy to be a part of the 2016-2017 the AAU Sr. national team. Besides taekwondo, I love deep dish pizza, the Chicago Blackhawks, and my puppy baby. I am excited to represent the USA through the AAU organization.

**National Experience:**  
2016 AAU Taekwondo  
Medal – Gold  
2015 Costa Rica Open  
Medal – Gold



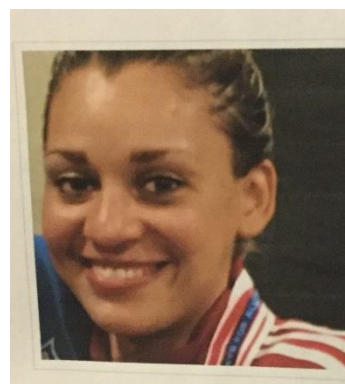
## Taylor Reed

**School:** Montana Taekwondo Center

**Location:** Missoula, MT

**Bio:** Mixed martial artist: Taekwondo, Boxing, Judo, Jujitsu, Nutritional Coach and Personal Trainer. College Student. Personal philosophy: "Nothing is given, everything earned"

**National Experience:**  
2015 Spanish Open



## Nashayla Harper-Smith

**School:** Mechelle's Way Taekwondo

**Location:** Schenectady, NY

**Bio:** I am 24 years old & have been training since I was 3 years old with my Instructor/Aunt/Coach Mechelle Smith 7th Dan at MW Taekwondo. I am the oldest of 3 siblings and family is very important to me. I've been teaching TKD since I was 2nd Dan. I am currently an aviation specialist in the Army National Guard. Taekwondo training is and has always been a priority to me. I am very excited to travel and represent AAU/USA as an adult member of the National Team. I am looking forward to taking in as much of the experience as I possibly can! My hobbies are motorcycles, dancing and music.

**National Experience:**  
2016 AAU Taekwondo  
Medal – Gold  
2015 AAU Taekwondo  
Medal – Silver

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## Philip Ripepi

**School:** N/A

**Location:** N/A

**Bio:** N/A

**National Experience:**  
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## Paul McFarquhar

**School:** F=MA TKD

**Location:** Tampa, FL

**Bio:** Beginning at age 3 Tae Kwon Do has been a large part of my life. My parents and older brother being my primary instructor's and coaches for my entire life, it has been a long and enjoyable path. Reaching the Olympics 2020 is my goal and with them I know I can reach it. Outside of Tae Kwon Do I'm studying Nursing, Anesthesiology, and Physics.

**National Experience:**  
2016 AAU Taekwondo  
Medal – Gold



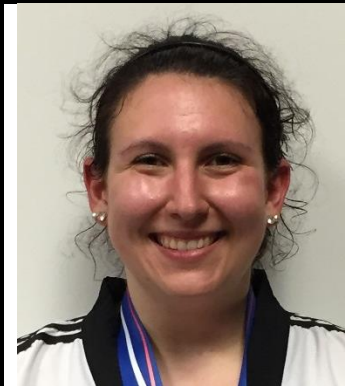
## Brittany Davey

**School:** Asian Sun Martial Arts

**Location:** Hudson, OH

**Bio:** I am a senior at Kent State University where I am double majoring in Biology Pre-Medicine and Paralegal Studies. At Kent State I am a member of Phi Mu Fraternity and the National Society for Leadership and Success. Taekwondo has become a major part of my life over the past years and I love having the opportunity to practice with my two brothers (both 3rd Dan) and my mother (4th Dan).

**National Experience:**  
2012 AAU Taekwondo  
Medal – Gold



## Aniela Gardziola

**School:** Asian Sun Martial Arts

**Location:** Hudson, OH

**Bio:** I started Taekwondo when I was 4 with my dad and the rest of my family joined shortly after. I began competing nationally when I was 11. I am a senior at John Carroll University majoring in management.

**National Experience:**  
2016 AAU Taekwondo  
Medal – Gold  
2016 Canada Open  
Medal - Silver  
2015 AAU Taekwondo  
Medal – Gold