



2015-16

AAU Taekwondo National

Cadet Female & Male Teams for Ages: 10 - 11

10 – 11 FEMALE CADET TEAM MEMBERS



**Katana
Chai Chong**
- 65



**Lauren
Lee**
65.1 – 78



**Madison
Yan**
78.1 – 90



**Natalie
Herschberger**
90.1 - 102



**Lauren
Larocca**
102.1 - 115



**Brianne
Usserman**
115.1 - 999

10 – 11 MALE CADET TEAM MEMBERS



**Luis
Salazar**
- 65



**Matthew
Mancuso**
65.1 – 78



**Jaden
Baxter**
78.1 – 90



**Sheldon
Wilcox**
90.1 – 102



**Gianmarco
Giambi**
102.1 – 115



**Julian
Basalatan**
115.1-999

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Team Members & Biographies



Luiz Salazar

School: OTT – Optimum Training Taekwondo

Location: El Paso, TX

Instructor: Mario Romero

Bio: I am training very hard to be able to participate in the Olympics and the Pan-American Games.

National Experience:
2015 AAU Taekwondo
Medal - Gold



Katana Chai Chong

School: Chai Chong's Black Belt Academy

Location: Beltsville, MD

Instructor: Master Nigel Chai Chong

Bio: I am 10 years old and attend Beltsville Academy. I am in the 5th grade. I started Taekwondo when I was three years old. I enjoy doing Taekwondo and would one day like to go to the Olympics. My hobbies beside Taekwondo include playing the violin and drawing.

National Experience:
2015 AAU Taekwondo
Medal – Gold



Matthew Mancuso

School: Champions Taekwondo

Location: Bayside, NY

Instructor: Master Andrew Oh

Bio: When I am not doing Taekwondo, I like to play football and baseball. My favorite movie is Captain America. My favorite food is shrimp and pasta. My favorite athlete is Servet Tazegul.

National Experience:
2015 AAU Taekwondo
Medal – Gold



Lauren Lee

School: World Taekwondo Academy

Location: Maple Grove, MN

Instructor: GM Eui Lee

Bio: I am going to Osseo Jr. High and will be a 6th grader. I love Taekwondo and going to the cabin on Maple Lake. I live with my dad, mom and 2 sisters, Ava and Jessica.

National Experience:
2015 AAU Taekwondo
Medal – Gold



Jaden Baxter

School: Master Kim's World Class Taekwondo

Location: Greenville, SC

Instructor: Master Jun Kyu Kim

Bio: I started Taekwondo in 2010 after my parents took me to see the new Karate Kid movie starring Jaden Smith. I am a sixth grade cellist and my favorite subjects are math and science. My ultimate goal is to represent the USA at the Olympics one day.

National Experience:
2015 AAU Taekwondo
Medal – Gold



Madison Yan

School: U.S. Pro Taekwondo

Location: Jupiter, FL

Instructor: Master Han

Bio: I am 11 years old and go to Bak Middle School or Arts as a String major. I enjoy reading, writing, piano, violin and above all, Taekwondo. When I first started, all I wanted was to have self-defense. I cannot believe how far I have come so far and my next goal is to go to the Olympics. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed, especially my parents and Master Han.

National Experience:
2015 AAU Taekwondo
Medal - Gold
2014 AAU Taekwondo
Medal – Bronze



Sheldon Wilcox

School: American Taekwondo Center

Location: Hartford, WI

Instructor: Master Vorpahl

Bio: I have been in Taekwondo since I was five I am now ten. I am a first-degree black belt in American Style Taekwondo. I did not like sparring at first but the older I got the more I liked it. Then I was asked to join our traveling team. The more experienced I got the better I fought. Then I was having fun and I started to win a lot more.

National Experience:
2015 AAU Taekwondo
Medal – Gold
2015 US Open
Medal - Gold

My coaches are Master Ron Vorpahl, Master Aaron Vorpahl, and Mr. Steve Cruft. Mr. Cruft was always pushing me to work on my stance. Master Aaron taught me all my exciting kicks and to kick hard. Master Vorpahl built my base for me. He was also my original coach. I like to fight older and bigger kids because I get better.



Natalie Hershberger

School: NexGen Taekwondo

Location: Mansfield, OH

Instructor: Master Chris Hershberger

Bio: I really love Taekwondo! Getting to travel and meet new people is a very cool benefit of our sport. So many people, from coaches and masters, to parents and competitors, have been so supportive of my mission to spread the word about our great sport. I'm so thankful to God for putting so many great people in my path! Go USA!

National Experience:
2015 AAU Taekwondo
Medal – Gold
2014 AAU Taekwondo
Medal – Gold



Gianmarco Giambi

School: G-Force Texas

Location: Grandmaster Giambi

Instructor: Houston, TX

Bio: I am a 10 year old 5th grader at Dickinson Elementary School in Sugar Land, TX. I have been practicing Taekwondo since I was 4 years old. I practice under my father, Grandmaster Mark Giambi and his older brother Master Gianni Giambi. I participated in my first AAU Nationals at the age of 5. This past summer I competed in AAU Nationals as a black belt for the first time. I also won a spot on the AAU National Jr. Development Team for Taekwondo.

National Experience:

2015 AAU Taekwondo Medal – Gold
2014 AAU Taekwondo Medal – Gold
2013 AAU Taekwondo Medal – Gold



Lauren Larocca

School: Team Force TKD

Location: Downers Grove, IL

Instructor: Rikki Valle

Bio: I started Taekwondo when I was 6 years old. I am an “AB” honor roll student at Hitch Elementary. I like to cook, bake, to help people and magic. My goal is to represent the US at the Olympics one day!

National Experience:

2015 AAU Taekwondo Medal – Gold



Julian Basalatan

School: Fastkix

Location: Spotswood, NJ

Instructor: Master Kevin Balon

Bio: I am starting middle school in September. I am an honor student and was awarded a silver Presidential Merit Award. I also play basketball. I love travelling with my family and Taekwondo has brought us to many places. I started Taekwondo and competing because of my brother, Gabriel. I like training with him.

National Experience:

2014 AAU Taekwondo Medal – Gold
2013 AAU Taekwondo Medal – Gold
2011 AAU Taekwondo Medal – Gold



Brianne Usserman

School: US Tigers

Location: Gainesville, VA

Instructor: Master Dennis Kim

Bio: I started Taekwondo when I was 5 years and instantly fell in love with everything it had to offer. I enjoy learning all of the disciplines and sparring team has been a bonus. I started practicing with the sparring team when I was 7. I enjoy training with the team, the relationships and confidence I've gained are like no other. I'm in 6th grade at Reagan Middle School and my favorite subject is Science.

National Experience:

2015 AAU Taekwondo Medal – Gold
2014 AAU Taekwondo Medal – Gold