













2017-18

AAU Taekwondo National

Cadet Female & Male Teams for Ages: 12-14

12 – 14 FEMALE CADET TEAM MEMBERS

				
<p>VACANT -66.0</p>	<p>Saniya Carrillo 66.0-72.8</p>	<p>Caitlin Nguyen 72.9-81.6</p>	<p>Makayla Greenwood 81.7-90.4</p>	<p>Sharon Vera 90.5-97.0</p>
				
<p>Natalie Velazquez 97.1-103.6</p>	<p>Jodie Gao 103.7-112.4</p>	<p>Brianne Usserman 112.5-121.3</p>	<p>Natalie Hershberger 121.4-130.1</p>	<p>Alena Viana over 130.1</p>

12 – 14 MALE CADET TEAM MEMBERS



**Blaise
Carrillo
-72.9**



**VACANT
72.9-81.6**



**Aaron
Tran
81.7-90.4**



**Joshua
Brown
90.5-99.2**



**Kyle
Choi
99.3-108.0**



**Martin
Lado
108.1-116.8**



**Ryan
Kim
116.9-125.7**



**Michael
Rodriguez
125.8-134.5**



**Zachary
Thompson
134.5-143.3**



**Brian
Lee
over 143.3**

2017-18 AAU Taekwondo National Female & Male Cadet Teams

Team Members & Biographies



Blaise Carrillo

Instructor: Kymberly Buset

Location: Las Vegas, NV

Bio: I have been in taekwondo for 8 years, almost 9. On my spare time, I like to play basketball and football. I enjoy playing video games. I have two dogs named Roxy and Legacy. I love spending time with my family.

National Experience:
2017 AAU Taekwondo
Medal - Gold



VACANT

Instructor: N/A

Location: N/A

Bio: N/A

National Experience:
N/A



VACANT

Instructor: N/A

Location: N/A

Bio: N/A

National Experience:
N/A



Saniya Carrillo

Instructor: Kymberly Buset

Location: Las Vegas, NV

Bio: My name is Saniya Carrillo, and I have been doing Taekwondo since I was 6 years old. I train at World Taekwondo School in Las Vegas, Nevada. I have been a black belt for a year and a half. In my spare time I play the violin and am an honor student. I love spending time with my family.

National Experience:
2017 AAU Taekwondo
Medal - Silver



Aaron Tran

Instructor: Sang Cha

Location: Coppell, TX

Bio: I will be a freshman in high school. I enjoy hanging out with my friends and playing with my dog

National Experience:

2016 US Open
Medal - Silver



Caitlin Nguyen

Instructor: Thac Nguyen

Location: Milpitas, CA

Bio: My name is Caitlin and I am 12 years old. I'm a 7th grader at Ranch Middle School. Last year took 1st in sparring and it was special to me because it's my first time I made the National Team! I have been practicing since I was 4 years old at Blue Dragon Taekwondo Academy in Milpitas, CA, where my dad, Thac Nguyen, is the owner and head instructor.

National Experience:

2017 AAU Taekwondo
Medal – Gold



Joshua Brown

Instructor: Jonathan Yoo

Location: Waldorf, MD

Bio: I am a diehard Dallas Cowboy fan and I enjoy watching my favorite football team play on Sundays. My future goal is to attend Stanford University and earned a degree in Engineering. I enjoy spending time with my family and vacationing in the Caribbean. I also hope to compete in the Olympics in Taekwondo to represent Team USA.

National Experience:

2017 AAU Taekwondo
Medal - Bronze



Makayla Greenwood

Instructor: Tim Tocco

Location: Sunrise, FL

Bio: Just chasing the Olympic Dream!

National Experience:

2017 Spanish Open



Kyle Choi

Instructor: Dennis Kim

Location: Gaithersburg, MD

Bio: *Not Provided*

National Experience:

2013 Pan Am International
Open Championship
Medal - Gold



Sharon Vera

Instructor: Serapio Medina

Location: Oak Lawn, IL

Bio: I love taekwondo and I love training and thanks to that I have won 3 silver medals and 1 bronze in my last four USAT nationals and my very first gold medal in AAU.

National Experience:

2017 AAU Taekwondo
Medal - Gold



Martin Lado

Instructor: Derrick Kwak

Location: Simi Valley, CA

Bio: I have been doing taekwondo since I was 5 years old and I enjoy it. I train with Modern Day Knights team, and my coach is Master Derrick Kwak.

National Experience:

2016 Bi-National Games, Mexico
Medal - Gold



Natalie Velazquez

Instructor: Fouad El Chemali

Location: Elk Grove, CA

Bio: My name is Natalie Velazquez and I am in the 8th grade. When not training with my team, I like to go to the skiing with my family. I love to spend time with my teammates in and out of Taekwondo.

National Experience:

2016 AAU Nationals
Medal - Bronze



Ryan Kim

Instructor: Dennis Kim

Location: Gainesville, VA

Bio: I have been practicing Taekwondo for 9 years under my father/coach Dennis Kim. I am a freshman at Battlefield High School in Haymarket, VA.

National Experience:

2013 US Open
Medal - Bronze



Jodie Gao

Instructor: Michael Ro

Location: Flushing, NY

Bio: My name is Jodie Gao and I am currently 14 years old. I started taekwondo since I was eight years old. I train under my fantastic master, Master Michael Ro. I have a wonderful and supportive team at Ultimate Champions Taekwondo and I don't think I would have gone this far without them.

National Experience:

2017 AAU Taekwondo
Medal - Silver



Michael Rodriguez

Instructor: Gianni Giambi

Location: Houston, TX

Bio: I am a ninth grade student at Heights High School in Houston, TX. Currently, my career goal is law enforcement. When I am not training I enjoy playing video games and basketball. I enjoy listening to classic rock music and watching movies. I also enjoy going to classic rock concerts.

National Experience:

2017 AAU Taekwondo
Medal - Gold



Brianne Usserman

Instructor: Dennis Kim

Location: Broad Run, VA

Bio: I love doing taekwondo under master Dennis. My hobbies are reading, riding a bike and, cooking. I enjoy school.

National Experience:

2016 German Open



Zachary Thompson

Instructor: Jung Han

Location: Wellington, FL

Bio: *Not Provided*

National Experience:
2017 AAU Taekwondo
Medal - Gold



Natalie Hershberger

Instructor: Christopher Hershberger

Location: Mansfield, OH

Bio: I enjoy the challenges of taekwondo. Representing AAU Taekwondo is a privilege and I consider myself very fortunate for the opportunity. Ultimately, I'm very thankful to God for putting such wonderful people in my life.

National Experience:
2014 AAU Taekwondo
Medal - Gold



Brian Lee

Instructor: Geoffrey Uy

Location: San Ramon, CA

Bio: Hello, I am Brian Lee and am really proud to be a team member of 2016 AAU taekwondo national team as well as 3x USAT National Cadet team. I am a very competitive person who works hard towards my goals to be the best in this sport. I am also a regular friendly guy that enjoy playing video games.

National Experience:
2017 Spain Open
Medal - Gold



Alena Viana

Instructor: Lynda Laurin

Location: Las Vegas, NV

Bio: I enjoy training and competing in taekwondo. I have had many opportunities to work with great coaches, trainers, and athletes that have inspired me to do my best and work hard for the future. I am very thankful for having great role models and a supportive team.

National Experience:
2017 AAU Taekwondo
Medal - Gold