

## **AAU Taekwondo National**

# **Junior Female & Male Teams for Ages: 15-17**

#### **15-17 FEMALE JUNIOR TEAM MEMBERS**



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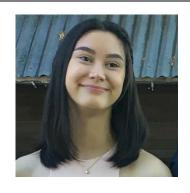
Daeja Whitney -92.7

Kiana Chai Chong 92.7-97.0

Katheryne Cruz 97.1-101.4

Trinitee Stykes 101.5-108.0

Jodie Gao 108.1-114.6







Leonarda Andric 121.4-130.1



Skylar Farrell 130.2-138.9



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Alena Viana 139.0-149.9



Rebecca Adams over 150.0

### **15-17 MALE JUNIOR TEAM MEMBERS**



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Aaron Tran -99.2

Melvey Alvarez 99.2-105.8 Michael Lantino 105.9-112.4 Jordan Heppe 112.5-121.3

Arya Rezadoost 121.4-130.1



Rocco Simonelli 130.2-138.9



Michael Rodriguez 139.0-149.9



Julian Kim 150.0-160.9



Dallas Parker 161.0-172.0



Brian Lee over 172.1

# 2018-19 AAU Taekwondo National Female & Male Junior Teams **Team Members & Biographies**



#### **Aaron Tran**

Instructor:

**Location:** Coppell, TX

Bio: I am a sophomore in Coppell High School. I enjoy traveling and

film making.





## **Daeja Whitney**

Instructor:

Location: Duluth, GA

Bio:

My name is Daeja, I am 17 years old. I train with Peak Performance and also OLVERA Martial Arts. I dream to become an Olympian and a Surgical Doctor. I'm a

senior in High School.



## **Melvey Alvarez**

Instructor:

Location: Cos Cob, CT

Bio: I am a junior at Greenwich High School, I live in Cos Cob Connecticut, and I am 16 years old. I have been doing Taekwondo since I was 3 years old. My dream is to be a future Olympian and World Champion.



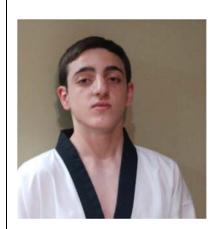
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## **Kiana Chai Chong**

Instructor:

Location: Bowie, MD

Bio:



#### **Michael Lantino**

Instructor: Soon Kang
Location: Seaford, NY

**Bio**: I live in Seaford NY, and I have been doing Tae Kwon Do since I was 4 years old. I have been competing with Champions ever since I was six. I have made the national team before when I was eleven. Also, this year I placed in U.S. open and last year at Canada open.



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## **Katheryne Cruz**

**Instructor:** Tom Chea

Location: Chicopee, MA

**Bio**: I am 17 years old. I live in Chicopee Massachusetts but was born in Mayaguez Puerto Rico. I have fell in love with the sport taekwondo, and have made it more than just a sport. I've made

it a huge part of my drive.

## Jordan Heppe



**Instructor:** Ryan Andrachik

**Location:** Akron, OH

**Bio**: I have been in Taekwondo for 8 years. I enjoy competing and traveling to new places. I have met a lot of people and made many new friends through the sport.



## **Trinitee Stykes**

Instructor: Gianni Giambi

**Location:** Houston, TX

**Bio**: I have been training with Texas G-Force for 9 years under Master Gianni Giambi. I have developed a passion for Taekwondo because it teaches not only self-defense but also integrity. My goal is to win gold at the Olympics. I am a sophomore in high school taking college courses at HCC. I also dance and enjoy playing basketball.

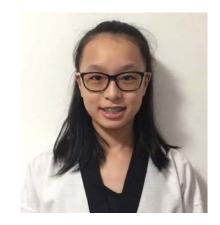


## **Arya Rezadoost**

**Instructor:** Dennis Kim **Location:** Gainesville, VA

**Bio**: Couldn't have done it without my

Coach and Parents.



#### **Jodie Gao**

Instructor:

Location: Flushing, NY

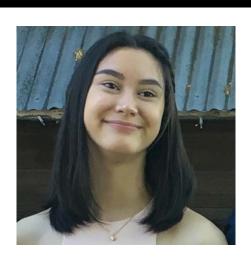
**Bio**: I have been training in taekwondo for about six years. Taekwondo has been a part of my life. It has become my passion and I hope to only improve in this sport. I train under my inspiring master, Master Michael Ro and with my supportive friends and teammates.



## **Rocco Simonelli**

**Instructor:** Dennis White **Location:** Palm Harbor, FL

**Bio**: I am an Honor Student at Countryside High School. I have been training in Taekwondo for 8 years. I enjoy travelling, competing and meeting other athletes. I also enjoy springboard diving, track and skateboarding.



### **Elizabeth Farmer**

**Instructor:** Chang Shon **Location:** Tacoma, WA

**Bio**: I have been in Taekwondo since I was 4 years old. My favorite food is spaghetti. I love dolphins and enjoying hiking, traveling, swimming/snorkeling, and spending time with friends and family.

family.



## **Michael Rodriguez**

Instructor: Gianni Giambi

**Location:** Houston, TX

**Bio**: I am a sophomore at Heights High School in Houston, TX. Currently, my career goal is in Criminal Justice/Central Intelligence Agency. When I am not training I enjoy playing video games and basketball. I also enjoy listening to classic rock music, watching movies, hanging out with friends, and going to classic rock concerts.



#### **Leonarda Andric**

**Instructor:** George Koh

**Location:** Ontario, Canada

**Bio**: I started Taekwondo at the age of 12 and I instantly fell in love with the sport. Ever since, it has been a huge part of my life and has made me who I am today. I am a gold medalist in the 2018 President's Cup G2, a gold medalist in the 2018 Canada Open G1, a gold medalist in the 2018 AAU Taekwondo Championships, and the 2018 AAU Team Trials. Outside of Taekwondo I play competitive rugby and I do competitive Track and Field. In my spare time I like to bake and cook.



**Instructor:** Dennis Kim

Location: Gainesville, VA

**Bio**: Practiced Taekwondo for 11 years under my father/coach Dennis Kim. Junior at Battlefield High School in Haymarket, VA. Likes to play video games and eat

good food.



## **Skylar Farrell**

Instructor:

Location: Laguna Niguel, CA

Bio:





#### **Dallas Parker**

Instructor: Dennis Kim

Location: Laurel, MD

**Bio**: I am a junior in High school. I love science and math! I have been doing taekwondo since I was 6 years old. I love traveling with my family!



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#### Alena Viana

Instructor:

Location: Las Vegas, NV

**Bio**: I enjoy training and competing in taekwondo. I have an excellent training team that I work with in Dallas, Texas and in Las Vegas, Nevada. I also train with my sister at home daily. I am looking forward to representing the AAU Team this year and competing more internationally. I am very thankful for all of the opportunities that being on a national team has given me and look forward to more challenges ahead for the future!



#### **Brian Lee**

**Instructor:** 

Location: San Ramon, CA

**Bio**: I am proud and honored to be 3 X AAU National Team member and earned two victories internationally. I am grateful for the opportunities and have enjoyed every year with them, travelling, learning and experiencing new things. I am a competitive person but overall I'm a friendly guy that enjoys video and a little lazing around.



#### **Rebecca Adams**

Instructor: Missy Cann

Location: Lake Wylie, CO

**Bio**: I began studying taekwondo at the age of eight. I have had the opportunity to compete internationally in the US Open, Canada Open, Pan Am President's Cup and Pan Am Open which has allowed me to travel, meet new people and cultures. Besides taekwondo, I like to learn American Sign Language and draw.