

Kim's students medalists at USA Judo Junior Olympics national event

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Kim's Martial Arts and Fitness sent seven students to the recent USA Judo Junior Olympics.

Nearly 700 athletes from throughout The United States, including athletes from as far away as Alaska and Hawaii, competed in eight age division in the National event.

The 2009 USA Judo Junior Olympics competition was held at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort at Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Five of the seven students from Kim's Martial Arts and Fitness, which has schools in Brentwood and Cranberry brought home medals.

Tyler Kim, Jaycia Malesky and Sal Desimone of Kim's all earned silver medals.

Kim, who has attained brown belt status, competed in the 13-14 age division.

Malesky a blue belt, and Desimone, a purple belt, both saw action in the 11-12



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CONGRATS TO Kim's Martial Arts and Fitness Center members (front, l-r) Sal Desimone, Jimmy Malesky, Liam Williams; (middle) Tyler Kim, Tanner Kim, Jaycie Malesky; and (back) coach Dave Desimone, Grandmaster Kyu Ha Kim and Master Eugene Kim. Missing from the photo is John Kazalas.

age division.

Also, Liam Williams and Jimmy Malesky of Kim's ended up as bronze medalists.

Williams, a purple belt, competed in the 9-10 age division while Malesky an Orange belt, competed in the 7-8 age division.

The two other Kim's students — Tanner Kim and John Kazalas — narrowly missed out on advancing to the medal round. Both ended up in fourth place.

Kim, a purple belt, competed in the 11-12 age division.

Kazalas, a blue belt, competed in the 9-10 age division.

The three day USA Judo Junior Olympics championships concluded with competition in an international tournament.

Featuring athletes from Brazil, Netherlands, Great Britain, Barbados, Costa Rica, Peru and the Bahamas, champions were crowned in four age categories.

More than 100 athletes competed in the international tournament.