

Hi, my Tae Kwon Do journey began when my mother, now known as Mrs. McKinney, showed me a book about Tae Kwon Do. When I went I was on my own. I only knew one person there. I've known him since we were 2 months old. He quit the next time, but my dad and brother joined. We progressed. Then at green belt, my mom joined. Now at 1st permanent brown belt, I hope I can join them as a black belt. My sister joined about a year and a half ago.

First I'd like to thank Mr. Meek. He is my instructor and I consider him my friend. I also want to thank Master Hall and Master Slatten. Even though they push hard, I get better and I have a good time.

Next I want to thank Mrs. McKinney. She got me interested in Tae Kwon Do. She also helped me with training and encouraged me.

Mr. McKinney: when Mr. Meek is gone he is the instructor. He helps people after class and helps.

Young Mr. McKinney: He taught me some Tae Kwon Do and still encourages me to go.

Mrs. Bartholomew: She gives us rides to class and helps with training.

Mr. Farnsworth: Helps with training and helps everyone have a good time.

Mr. Strade: For showing the tenets in real life and being fun.

Master Clinton: for training us hard but being nice about it.

Kami Bartholomew: For motivating me when I needed motivation.

Anna Poulton: For helping me with everything.

Elizabeth and Ron Jackson: For helping me with forms.

Cheyenne and Brienne Peterson: For being humorous which helped me stay in TKD.

All the rest 1st perm belts: For helping get this far.

Caleb Jackson: When I am tired he wakes me up with a good joke.

The Rivera boys: For giving someone to teach when needed.

Grand Master Woo Jin Jung: For helping bring Tae Kwon Do to the USA.

Now I'll tell you what the tenets mean to me.

Courtesy: My personal favorite because it means respect to others.

Integrity: I like how if you say something you keep your word.

Perseverance: My 2nd favorite because if you start something you have to finish it.

Self-Control: I think you need to be able to do a technique with making light contact.

Indomitable Spirit: To keep hope and keep trying.

I've gone to many tournaments, tested, demos, and classes.

Tyler McKinney

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12 years old

Testing for Temporary Black