

Ms. Christi Fraga, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZE THE MEDALISTS FROM THE UNITED STATES OPEN & JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CUP TEAM KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS, & INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS**

The United States Open & Junior International Cup Team Karate Championship is one of the highest technical level events organized by the United States National Karate Do Federation (USANKF). This event brings together athletes from the United States national team as well as member athletes from the national teams of other countries in the Americas, and teams from Europe and Asia. It is an event where more than 2,500 competitors participate in child, youth, adult, and elite categories.

The USANKF has within its ranks some of the preeminent Karate athletes in the world. Every World Championship Medal won by the United States in the last fifteen years, has been achieved by USANKF athletes. Their membership includes eight United State Olympic Committee Karate Athletes of the Year, five World Champions, Individual Bronze and Silver Medalists, and myriad internationally acclaimed junior and senior medalists.

Seven Miami-Dade County Public school students that train at Fudoshin Doral Shotokan, in the City of Doral, competed and won medals at the United States Open & Junior International Cup Team Karate Championship in Las Vegas, Nevada, on April 15, 16 and 17, 2022.

- **Maria Lorenzo, Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School**  
Bronze Medal – Kata Junior International Cup  
Bronze Medal – Kumite Junior International Cup  
Bronze Medal – Kumite Elite US OPEN
- **Marlon Martinez, Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School**  
Silver Medal – Kata Junior International Cup  
Gold Medal – Kumite Junior International Cup  
Gold Medal – Kata US OPEN  
Gold Medal – Kumite US OPEN
- **Alessia Blaschitz, Doral Preparatory Academy**  
Bronze Medal – Kumite advanced US OPEN

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- **Niklas Blaschitz, Doral Preparatory Academy**  
Gold Medal – Kata Junior International Cup  
Silver Medal – Kumite Junior International Cup  
Bronze Medal – Kata US OPEN  
Bronze Medal – Kumite US OPEN
- **Matías Nones, Doral Preparatory Academy**  
Bronze Medal – Kata Junior International Cup  
Bronze Medal – Kata US Open  
Bronze Medal – Kumite US Open
- **Liam Walser, Sunset Elementary School**  
Fifth Place – Kumite US OPEN
- **Noam Walser, Sunset Elementary School**  
Bronze Medal – Kata Junior International Cup  
Gold Medal – Kumite US Open

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. CHRISTI FRAGA:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize the medalists from the United States Open & Junior International Cup Team Karate Championship.