

# Martial Arts Students

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On March 7, Master Tony Young held his 2009 All-Star Nationals in Riverdale, Georgia. The tournament served a double purpose, as both a competition and an awards banquet for the previous year's winners. The tournament opened with awards to the National Champions of 2008. Receiving awards from the Franklin area were Bill Singleton as a five-time champion, Rachel Singleton as a three-time champion, Jadarius Young and Izayah Young, who are both two-time champions.

Following awards, the tournament



began with weapons and forms. As a national tournament, new and uncommon things were expected, including a martial arts club from Georgia Tech and a school that specializes in the Drunken Monkey form, a very unique and interesting form of Kung Fu. With unknown styles of martial arts all around and a very talented group of black belts, the competition did not fail to amaze the crowd and put the competitors to the test. Things really got exciting when two world champions entered the tournament. Champions Jikeme Daniels and Clinton Kelly of Tony Young's Tae Kwon Do treated both competitors and audience alike to sparring matches towards the end of the day. The competition was concluded with board breaking and black belt grands.

Young's Tae Kwon Do left the tournament with a most supporting school award for the fourteen students that attended. The school left with eighteen trophies and numerous metals. Instructor Robert Young is immensely proud of all of his pupils that participated and would like to thank the parents for their support.

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