

WHRDA 2022 Annual Awards

STUDENT LEVEL AWARDS

MOST IMPROVED

Every human being possesses the potential for greatness. To achieve it one must have the proper humility to first realize their weaknesses and fears, then make a conscious decision to overcome them with self-determination and by taking action.

The above individuals have taken an honest look inward and have taken significant strides in a forward direction towards personal excellence.

- Aurelien Benoit
- Catarina Valentim

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Training in Hwa Rang Do requires the proper attitude of dedication, determination, sincerity, and patience. An individual must sacrifice not only to gain knowledge, but also to maintain their dignity through the service and respect they give their martial art family.

Through their consistent actions, the above individuals have demonstrated the proper warrior spirit of a Hwa Rang Do practitioner.

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR

- Julia Regazzoni

OUTSTANDING ADULTS

- Siria Saglibene
- Annalisa Tro
- Filippo Bruzzo

PERSEVERANCE AWARD

Trials and tribulations are commonplace on the path to success. The ability to not only endure, but to thrive amongst life's struggles is what distinguishes excellence from the superficial realm of mediocrity.

The above individuals have demonstrated the capacity to persevere and realize their potential.

- Carlo Alberto Grecchi
- Giuseppa Antonia Scicolone

OUTSTANDING SUNBAE

Within any society, there is a hierarchy. As an individual learns and grows, one begins to move up in this hierarchy gaining privilege and responsibility. As one moves up, you should never forget where you originally came from, and show compassion for those below you in rank.

The above individuals continually act as a responsible, caring, and motivating older brother or sister to their fellow students, exemplifying what it means to be a Sunbae.

- Claire Davey
- Alessandro Terranova
- Giulio Balestri
- Gerald Rutledge
- Aaron Godin
- Nick Fruge

OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

For their selfless devotion and tireless efforts to the continued growth of Hwa Rang Do® & Tae Soo Do® furthering the spirit of the Hwarang and its noble path.

- Sabina De Paris
- Andre Valentim
- Sal Tinajero
- Matt Parrish
- Kristina VanOverbeke
- Sam Mestman
- DP Prakash

OUTSTANDING COURAGE

To the person who has overcome immense challenges, who have faced the horrors of fear and doubt, who has suffered and endured tremendous pain, who has withstood all forms of opposition both friendly and familial, who did not succumb to the easier, more comforting path, but stood fast to their convictions and commitment to follow the path of the Hwarang - one of strength, honor, courage, and self-sacrifice.

- Veronique Meehee Wilhelm

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INSTRUCTOR LEVEL AWARDS

OUTSTANDING PERSEVERANCE

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The above individuals have demonstrated the capacity to persevere and realize success.

- Romina Montanari
- Pietro Picconi
- Maria Luisa Medelin
- Alina Cole
- Daniel Shoemaker
- Joe Coughlin
- Luca Gelati
- Giulia Felicetti
- Jesus Hernandez

OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTOR

While each path is unique, the Truth and the principles of our Hwarang Way have a singular resonance. As an individual moves through the progression of ranks, it forges and strengthens the character of the self in its totality so that one can best impart the Truth to others no matter the opposition and the struggles.

It is leading and teaching through example and self-sacrifice to aid, transform, empower one person at a time, which effects will ripple through eternity. This Award is to recognize the outstanding efforts and dedication shown by the above Instructors for bettering the world by preserving and furthering Hwa Rang Do®, teaching to the next generation.

- Daniel LaFave
- Roberto Cesca
- Alessio Baiocco
- Kyle Humfeld
- Heather Klug
- Mauro Capocci

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OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

Leadership is less about being “in charge” and more about using one’s character to influence others through positive decisions and actions daily, leading by example. This type of guidance occurs only through exemplary service, strength of conviction, and a willingness to jump into the front lines, sacrificing their lives while most others dwell in their anxieties, fears, and comforts of living.

It is written to judge a man like a tree by the fruit he bears. The above person continually leads in a forthright manner, raising good fruit.

- Giuseppe Catania

BEST SUPPORT

Just as a house cannot stand without its foundation, the supporting members of any organization are essential to ensuring a vibrant, long-lasting tradition.

The above individuals have strengthened our foundation by taking steps above and beyond the call of duty in demonstrating his/her support to the preservation and advancement of Hwa Rang Do.

- Travis Webb
- Francesco Morelli
- Simone Negro
- Davide Pizzo
- Dr. Janet Lee
- Dr. Richard Downie
- Dr. Andrew Weil
- Dr. John Marcus
- Master Yongsuk Kim

BEST LOYALTY

The essence and foundation of Hwa Rang Do is Loyalty, that is our Legacy, Mission, and Aspiration!

It is an unwavering commitment to strengthening and bettering the self so that they may be of greater service and sacrifice to the flourishing of humanity through the perfection of the ideals of the Hwarang Knights, in so doing honoring God.

The above individuals have dedicated their lives to the perfection of the Hwarang O Kae and its virtues, and have remained in the loyal service of our Dojoo for the majority of their lives and beyond.

- Susuk Sabum Marco Mattiucci
- Susuk Sabum Alex Krijger
- Master Dylan Sirny
- Master David Kijek