

Sr. Grandmaster Joon Pyo Choi Martial Arts & Personal History

Name: Joon Pyo Choi -10th Degree Taekwondo Black Belt
 Promoted by Supreme Grandmaster Byung Jick Ro in July 3rd, 2013 -
 Only living Founder of Modern Taekwondo - Since 1944

Born: 1945 11.27 Heung Nam North, Korea. Fled to South Korea 1951

Address: New Albany, Ohio 43054

Work: President/Founder of the Oriental Martial Arts College
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Education and Special Training

1956-Current: Study &Training (SongmookwanTaekwondo, Karate, Hapkido, Kung Fu, Judo, Gumdo, Kimoodo-Healing Art, Zen, Dao & Confucian)

1965-1971: Pusan Su-San University (Business Administration)

1965-1970: Song Hak Acupuncture School & Korean Folk Musical Instrument

1965-Current: Oriental Philosophies & Kimoodo-Energy Healing Arts

Martial Arts History & Achievement

2014: Advisor, Korean Culture Research Center - Ohio State University

2013 July: Promoted 10th dan Taekwondo black belt Grandmaster by the Founder of Song Moo Kwan Taekwondo (Founded 1944), The Highest Taekwondo rank in the World, Supreme Grandmaster Byung Jick Ro (Father of modern TKD)

2013 July: Produced 3 9th dan Taekwondo black belt senior Grandmaster by Supreme Grandmaster Byung Jick Ro

2012: Honorary International Advisor, Kukkiwon - Taekwondo World Head Quarters

2011: Special Award by Kukkiwon

2011: Presidential Award in Leadership by the President Barak Obama, of the USA

2010: Elected as a President of USAT Martial Arts Commission

2009: Honorary Chairman for International Hapkido Championship in Battle Creek, MI

2009: Elected as a Chairman of USAT Martial Arts Commission

2009: Appointed as a Kukkiwon Rep for USAT

2009: Elected as a Board member for USA Taekwondo (National Governing Body under US Olympic Committee)

2008: Established Alliance with Korea Traditional Martial Arts Federations – Taekyun/Hapkido/Gongkwon Teukgong Musool

2007: Directors' Leadership Award by United States America Taekwondo - USAT - National Governing Body under USOC

2007: Hall of Fame - Award by Grandmasters Society -Taekwondo Times / Special Award by World Taekwondo Federation

2006: Special Awards by Kukkiwon President / Hall Fame Award as a Coach of the Year by the Taekwondo Times
 Martial Arts Commission Co-Chairman (NGB for USOC)

2005: Featured on Cover Story in National Association Professional Martial Arts Magazine (NAPMA)

2004: World Peace Ambassador Medal Award by International Educators Association for Peace - UN Affiliated NGO

2003: Martial Arts Hall of Fame Award by World United Martial Arts Alliance (WUMA)

2001 Special Award from President of Bridgeport University CT. for Martial Arts Contribution

2001-2004 General Chairman of the Arnold Battle of Columbus World Martial Arts Games/Asian Culture Fair

2000: U.S. Team Head for World Taekwondo Festival (Korea & China) – (WUMA)

1999: U.S. Team Head for World Taekwondo Festival (Chung Chung Korea) & Served as an Executive Committee

1998: U.S.A. Team Delegate for International Taekwondo Festival Mexico '98 (WUMA)
 Chairman of World Martial Arts Expo/Asian Culture Fair (Columbus Convention Center)

1997: Promoted to 9th Dan Black Belt (Supreme Grandmaster Byung Jick Ro) – Father of modern Korea Taekwondo

1993: International Martial Arts Goodwill Mission & Seminar (Russia, Mexico, Korea, China)

1992: Founded Kimoodo Healing Arts / Founded World United Martial Arts Alliance (WUMA)

1988: Coached Seoul Olympic for U.S.Team (USTU) - 11 Medals - Women-1st in the World), Men - 2nd in the World

1986: Promoted to 8th dan Kukkiwon and SongMookwan

1979: Pre-World Games US Team Head Coach - U.S. National Taekwondo Coach of the Year Award (USTU)

1977-1979: U.S. National Team Head Coach (AAU Taekwondo)

1973: International Referee & International Instructor certification by Kukkiwon president, Un Yong Kim

1976-Current Started Battle of Columbus Open Multiple Martial Arts Championships

1971-1989: Best Demo Awards - Madison Square Garden, Smithsonian Institute & plus...

1971: Moved to USA – Head Instructor at Korea Taekwondo School in Madison Indiana

1965-1971 Head Instructor – Busan Susan University & Hae Yang University Navy/Marine ROTC

1963: Founded Boy Scout Taekwondo School, Seoul, Korea – Head Instructor

1956: Began Taekwondo Training -Songmookwan Taekwondo

**Champions Produced by Grandmaster Joon Pyo Choi Since 1972 in USA from
Taekwondo Songmookwan Oriental Martial Arts College (Founded 1963 in Korea moved to USA in 1971)
This list covers only winners by National Governing Body of Taekwondo
under the Umbrella of United States Olympic Committee
Recognized by Kukkiwon and World Taekwondo Federation (WTF)**

1972-1980: Greg Fears - 3 times USTU National Champion (Feather-Light Weight - Gold Medal in Pan Am Games Silver Medal in 3rd World Championships in Chicago. Over 10 times Grand Champion in Open Circuit
James Kirby - USTU National Champion (Middle Weight), Pan Games Gold Medal, Silver Medal 3rd World Championships in Chicago
Sunny Graff - 3 times USTU National Champion (Bantam Weight), Gold Medal World Championship in Taiwan
Jeff Nelle - USTU National Champion (Light Weight)
Mark Isbister - Grand Champion in Open Circuit
Helen Yee - USTU Pin National Champion (Fin Weight) - World Cup Silver Medal

1980-1990: Greg Baker - 5 times USTU National Champion (Bantam to Welter) - World Cup, World Champs, Olympic Bronze Medal
Chris Spence - 3 times USTU National Champion (Fly - Feather), World Cup Bronze Medal
Doug Baker - USTU National Champion (Feather-Light), Olympic Contender
Jennifer Grey - USTU National Champion - Olympic Contender
Youn Lee - USTU National Champion, Jr. World Championship Silver Medal
Greg Gruel - USTU National Champion - Jr. World Championship Gold Medal
Rebecca Bravard - USTU national Champion in Olympic Festival - Gold Medal
Heath Watson - USTU National Champion - US Olympic Festival - Gold Medal
John Kelso - USTU National Jr. - Gold Medal

1991- 2000: Stewart Gill - USTU National Champion - World Championship Gold Medal in Taiwan

Community Service and Achievement

2010: Special Awards by President of USA Barrack Obama –National & Community Volunteer Service Award
2006: Outstanding Community Leadership Award by Central Ohio Breathing Association
2005: Appointed as an Advisory Council in International Development for GyeongBuk Province in Korea
2003: Re-Appointed as a Columbus Community Relations Council Commissioner - Appointed by Mayor of Columbus
2001: Civil Right Leadership Award from Civil Right Commission and Governor of the State of Ohio
Special Award from President of Bridgeport University CT. for Martial Arts Contribution
Elected as a President of the Asian American Commerce Group
2002-2004 Board of Director for United Way of Franklin County
1999-2004 Columbus Community Relations Council Commissioner - Appointed by Mayor of Columbus
Directed World Martial Arts Expo, Asian Culture Fair, Asian Trade Seminar - Invited GyeongBuk Team
1998: Chairman of Asian Culture Fair & World Martial Arts Expo- Conducted International Trade Seminar
Honorary Chairman for Franklin County International Fair
Chairman of Board, Columbus Korean American Community School
1997: Elected as a Board of Director for the United Way
Honorary Delegate, Governor Voinovich (Ohio) Asian Pacific Rim Trade Mission, GyeongBuk Visit
Board of Director for Central Ohio Breathing Association
Central Ohio Minority Business Advocate Award
1995-98 Advisory Council for Peace Unification of Korea for President of Korea - Appointed by President of Korea
President, Asian American Commerce Group
1993: Goodwill Mission Ambassador, appointed by Governor Voinovich & Mayor Lashutka
1992: Columbus Area Sports Council Advisor (Appointed by Mayor Lashutka)
1992: Established Ohio-GyeongBuk province Sisterhood Agreement - Acting Goodwill Ambassador
1991: Outstanding Service Award for Korean American Senior Citizen Assoc. of Columbus
1986: Served as a Chairman of the Board for KASCO
1977-78 Elected as a President of Korean-American Assoc.