



# Wado Karate Centers News

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## With Saddened Hearts



**Grand Master Hironori Ohtsuka II**  
02/28/1934 – 06/26/2015

Wado Karate Centers is sad to announce the sudden loss of our Grand Master Hironori Ohtsuka II on Friday June 26, 2015. In the time tested traditions of Japanese karate he will be succeeded by his son Kazutaka Ohtsuka. Many students of our dojo and others throughout the world have had the privilege of personally training under Master Ohtsuka over the years. He will be deeply missed and the world has lost a true karate master! Our thoughts and prayers are with the Ohtsuka family in their time of grief.

## Mark Your Calendar

**July 1 & 2:** Family Nights

**July 4:** Closed for Independence Day

**July 6-11:** Stripe testing in classes

**July 18:** Monthly Belt Exam

## Word of the Month

The word of the month for July is **Ambition**, which is defined as a strong desire to succeed or achieve something. To set goals in life is very important, but in order to achieve those goals one must have ambition. Success does not come from dreaming about success; it

comes from visualizing a goal and then having a strong, unbending desire to achieve that goal. And, ambition is the driving force for success.

## Welcome Future Black Belts!

Richard Burton, Kelly Culwell, Eli Culwell, Carter Young, Jaela Lewis, Payten Harshaw and Rikenson (Rick) Colas II joined our dojo during the past month and began training in traditional Wado Karate. All the instructors welcome each new student and pledge to do whatever is necessary to make sure each receives the many life-changing benefits of karate taught in our school. Wado Karate Centers has been in continuous operation since 1973 and has helped thousands of students achieve success in karate and in life.

## June Belt Graduations

Pictured are the students who graduated to new belts at the June exams. Each new belt is affirmation of another successful step completed toward Black Belt Excellence. The long-term goal of every student should be to achieve his or her Black Belt. This is why Wado Karate Centers is called a Black Belt School!

### Jr. Gold Belt

Amari Walker

### Gold Belt

Mia Adams, Bryanna Boyd

### Blue Belt

Sydney Smith, Brittany Wetnight

### Purple Belt

Anderson Cross

### Green Belt

Jasmine Consuegra, Eryne Sheffield, Matthew Allen

### Brown Belt (2<sup>nd</sup> Class)

Brandon Allen

### Brown Belt (1<sup>st</sup> Class)

Tyler Bishop



## Karate Trivia

Sensei Taylor K. Hayden was a tournament champion during the initial 20 years of his karate training. He once fought on the first U.S. Eastern Wado-Ryu Federation team that participated in the Wado-Ryu world Championships in Tokyo, Japan. Name the year to win a prize! One winner will be awarded in both the youth and adult programs but you must present the correct answer to Sensei Schutz in writing. Good luck!