



# Wado Karate Centers News

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## Welcome Future Black Belts!

Roger Boni, Matthew Talbert and Amari Walker 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.

## Mark Your Calendar

- May 6 & 7: Family Nights in classes
- May 16<sup>th</sup>: Weapons class 1-2 PM
- May 18-23: Stripe testing in classes
- May 25<sup>th</sup>: Closed for Memorial Day
- May 30: Monthly Belt Exam

## Word of the Month

The word of the month is **Etiquette**, which means proper and required behavior. In karate there is a lot of etiquette that must be learned and practiced by all students. For example, bowing every time one enters or leaves the training floor. And, in almost every social setting there are rules of etiquette that should be followed. How to eat with a knife and fork at the dinner table is an example. One of the jobs of being a parent in every society is teaching children proper etiquette during their developmental years

## Think About It

The importance of being physically fit does not decrease with increased age! Instead, as one gets older it is more important than ever to be physically fit!

## Website Student Section

<http://students.wadokaratecenters.com> will take you directly to the student section of the school's website. But,

you will need to enter **front** as the User Name and **kick** as the Password. The newsletter, many photos, and other things are stored there for your viewing.

## Shodan Exam

The semi-annual Black Belt exam for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt (*Shodan* in Japanese) was held April 26 in Murfreesboro, TN. Wado Karate Centers is pleased to announce that the following four young men passed the test! Joshua Gambill, Thomas Yates, Matthew Sears and Matthew Kerrigan. Each of these young men did a tremendous job and most of all...supported each other in true Wado fashion! We are very proud of you guys! Below are pictures of them right after the test and individual ones after receiving their belts.



## April Belt Graduations

Pictured below are the students who graduated to new belts at the April 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 (not pictured)**  
Mia Adams, Kayden Riddle

**Gold Belt**  
Keagan Baines

**Orange Belt**  
Erik Jackson

**Purple Belt**  
Allen Gore

**Green Belt**  
David Consuegra

**Brown Belt (1<sup>st</sup> Class)**  
Michael Peeden