

MATEO ELIZAGARAY BECOMES A CERTIFIED MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUCTOR



(above, l-r) Mateo Elizagaray, 14, of Stirling, being presented his certificate by Master Instructor Lydia Chu as proud parents look on.

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Mateo Elizagaray, 14, of Stirling, a student at Chu's Academy of Martial Arts became an internationally certified "Jo Kyo" (first level) instructor in the art of Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan, a traditional Korean martial art, on February 19th.

Mateo's achievement caps off a demanding journey through practical and classroom training in the Academy's Leadership Program and his rank advancement to first degree black belt. He has held instruction and leadership assignments both in the Gillette studio and at the HudsonWay Immersion School Afternoon Enrichment Program. At the HudsonWay sessions, his

studious assimilation of instruction technique was fully on display in his notably excellent touch at acclimating 3-5 year olds to a structured class and nuanced movement.

ABOUT CHU'S ACADEMY OF MARTIAL ARTS:

Chu's Academy of Martial Arts, located in Gillette, has been developing positive attributes in children since 1982. The Academy is led by co-owners Lydia Chu and Michelle Cavett, and Program Director Andrew Masini. Chu, Cavett and Masini are internationally certified master instructors in the Korean martial art of Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan. For more information, call or text 908-647-4194 or go to karate4peace.com



(above, l-r) Certified Jo Kyo instructors at Chu's Academy: Julia Barrance, 13, of Stirling, Amos Chang, 13, of Gillette, newly installed Mateo Elizagary, 14, of Stirling, Jacob Schlegel, 15, of Stirling and Vedika Ghosh, 16, of Berkeley Heights.

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