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Giordano Family MKA Promotes 6 Students at the
Methuen Arlington Neighborhood Karate Club

Presentation Advanced 4 Yellow Belts and 2 Blue Belts,
Recognizing Youth Commitment to Karate

Methuen, MA June 23, 2008: The Giordano Family Methuen Karate Association promoted 6 students at its satellite school at the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood Karate Club on Tuesday, June 17, 2008. The students who were presented with yellow belts included Juan Nogueras, Michael Mauricio, Yessica Gonzalez, Katelyn Molina, and blue belts Angel Ramos and Mayreni Mercedes. The Giordano Family MKA has partnered with the Methuen Arlington School Program for five years, and the program has been popular with the students. Assistant instructors Sempai Steve Hamel and son Sempai Greg Hamel, have been teaching at the club for the last 3 years.

"These kids have worked hard and earned their promotions," stated Larry Giordano, Shihan at Giordano Family Methuen Karate Association. "Our partnership at the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood Karate Club has been a great success. Karate is a great influence on children who participate. We consistently see an increase self esteem and confidence in each child who reaches a new belt level. In addition, the children personally learn how persistence pays off. I am exceptionally proud of all who were promoted."

About Giordano Family MKA

Giordano Family MKA, formerly known as MKA, was founded in 1968 by Shihan Larry F. Giordano. The "school of the rooster's" mission is to promote the traditional, spiritual, and educational goals of karate do through the discipline of Kyokushin Karate. Shihan Giordano holds the rank of Haichidan 8th Dan. His efforts have been recognized internationally, including being inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame and the Hawaiian International Martial Arts Hall of Fame, and named Master Instructor of the Year by the International Hall of Fame for World Head Sokeship Council. To date, the school has graduated more than 70 black belts. For more information, visit www.methuenkarate.com.

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Karate Students at the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood Karate Club Were Promoted on June 19th, 2008.

Back Row

Shihan Larry F. Giordano - Head of the Giordano Family Methuen Karate Association

Juan Noguerras Promoted to Yellow Belt

Michael Mauricio Promoted to Yellow Belt

Sempai Greg Hamel Assistant Instructor

Sempai Stephen Hamel Lead Instructor

Front Row

Yessica Gonzalez Promoted to Yellow Belt

Katelyn Molina Promoted to Yellow Belt

Angel Ramos Promoted to Blue Belt

Mayreni Mercedes Promoted to Blue Belt