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Giordano Family MKA Promotes 10 Students at the  
Lawrence Boys and Girls Club

Presentation Advanced 10 Blue Belts,  
Recognizing Youth Commitment to Karate

Methuen, MA April 27, 2009: The Giordano Family Methuen Karate Association promoted 10 students at its satellite school at the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club in April 2009. The students who were presented with blue belts included Ryan Castro, Phanny Chin, Haieley Gil, Elijah Henriquez, Anthony Morales, Justin Morales, Jennifer Sok, Jessica Sook, Peira Sokhom, and Jakob Wievses. The Giordano Family MKA has partnered with the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club for more than eight years, and the program has been popular with the students. Assistant instructor Mark Hicks has been teaching the students for the last two years.

"These kids have worked hard and earned their promotions," stated Larry Giordano, Hanshi at Giordano Family Methuen Karate Association. "Our partnership at the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club has been a great success. You can see how karate is a good influence on the children at the Club. They have more self esteem, confidence, and gain the understanding of 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 Hanshi 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. Hanshi Giordano holds the rank of Haichidan 9th 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](http://www.methuenkarate.com).

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Karate Students at the Boys and Girls Club Were Promoted In April

Back Row

Hanshi Larry F. Giordano,

Sempai Steve Hamel

Assistant Instructor, Mark Hicks

Front Row L-R:

Anthony Morales, Hailey Gil, Jakob Wieves, Piera Sokhom, Elijah Henriquez, Jennifer Sok,

Jessica Sok

Not pictured:

Ryan Castro

Phanny Chin

Justin Morales