

PERSONAL HISTORY

Name: Joon Pyo Choi - 9th Degree Black Belt (Senior Grand Master in Martial Arts)
Address: 6834 Walnut St. New Albany, Ohio 43054
Work: President/Founder of the Oriental Martial Arts College
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Education and Special Training

1956-2000: Various Martial Arts Study & Training (Taekwondo, Kung Fu/Tai Chi, Karate, Hapkido, Judo, Kumdo, Kigong, Etc.)
1965-1971: Pusan Su-San University (Business Administration)
1965-1970: Song Hak Acupuncture School & Korean Folk Musical Instrument
1965-1998: Oriental Philosophy (Taoism, Confucianism, Zen, Kigong - Energy Healing Arts)

Martial Arts History & Achievement

2005: Established Pan-Caribbean Martial Arts Alliance, European Martial Arts Alliance, African Martial Arts Alliance, Canadian Martial Arts Alliance and Korean Martial Arts Alliance
2005: President of World Martial Arts Alliance (www.wuma.com)
2005: Featured on Cover Story in Inter-National Martial Arts Magazine
2004: Elected as a President of United States Taekwondo Alliance (www.usta.com)
2004: World Peace Ambassador Medal Award by United Nation World Peace Council
2003: Martial Arts Hall of Fame Award by World United Martial Arts Alliance
2001: General Chairman of the Arnold Battle of Columbus World Martial Arts Games/Asian Culture Fair
2000: U.S. Team Head for World Taekwondo Festival (Korea & China)
1999: U.S. Team Head for World Taekwondo Festival (Korea) & Served as an Executive Committee
1998: U.S.A. Team Delegate for International Taekwondo Festival Mexico '98
Chairman of World Martial Arts Expo/Asian Culture Fair (Columbus Convention Center)
1997: Promoted to 9th Dan Black Belt
1993: International Martial Arts Goodwill Mission & Demonstration (Russia, Mexico, Korea, China)
1992: Founded Kimoodo Healing Arts Institute
1988: Coached Seoul Olympic for U.S Team - Women (1st in the World), Men (2nd in the World)
1979: U.S. National Taekwondo Coach of the Year Award
1977-1979: U.S. National Team Head Coach
1971-1989: Best Demonstration Awards
1971: Moved U.S.A. - Founded & Head Instructor, Oriental Martial Arts College
1968-1969: All Korean National Championship Winner
1956: Entered Taekwondo School
Since 1956: Achieved Rank of 9th Degree Black Belt. Trained Over 25,000 Students
Produced Most National / International Champions in U.S.A. from Single School

Community Service and Achievement

2003: Re-Appointed as a Columbus Community Relations Council Commissioner
2001: Civil Right Leadership Award from Civil Right Commission and Governor of the State of Ohio
Special Award from President of Bridgeport University CT. for Martial Arts Contribution
Elected as a President of the Asian American Commerce Group
2000: Became General Chairman of the Arnold Battle of Columbus World Martial Arts Championships
Directed Expo Asia 2000 (World Martial Arts Expo - 25th Anniversary Battle of Columbus, Asian Culture Fair, Asian Trade Seminar) - Delegates From GyeongBuk Participated
1999: Columbus Community Relations Council Commissioner - Appointed by Mayor of Columbus
Directed World Martial Arts Expo, Asian Culture Fair, Asian Trade Seminar - Invited GyeongBuk Team
1998: Chairman of Asian Culture Fair & World Martial Arts Expo- Conducted International Trade Seminar
Honorary Chairman for Franklin County International Fair
Chairman of Board, Columbus Korean American Community School
1997: Elected as a Board of Director for the United Way
Honorary Delegate, Governor Voinovich (Ohio) Asian Pacific Rim Trade Mission, GyeongBuk Visit
Board of Director for Central Ohio Breathing Association
Central Ohio Minority Business Advocate Award
1995-1998: Advisory Council for Peace Unification of Korea for President of Korea
President, Asian American Commerce Group
1993: Goodwill Mission Ambassador, appointed by Governor Voinovich & Mayor Lashutka
1992: **Established Ohio-GyeongBuk Sisterhood Agreement - Acting Goodwill Ambassador for Ohio-GyeongBuk**
1991: Outstanding Service Award for Senior Citizen of Columbus (Korean American Senior Citizen Assoc. of Columbus)