



I've been a student of Master Michelle Gordon for over 10 years. I came to her as a 9 year old and enjoyed being a part of her program in which has competed in local tournaments in North Carolina and against international competitors from countries such as Canada, Mexico, and Korea. Sparring has always been my favorite event and under her instruction, and in my youth I have won first place in North Carolina State Championships and Black Belt USA competitions.

Over the years, I have continued to work out and train even as a student at North Carolina State University (NCSU). Master Gordon became one of the people in my life that has given me a positive influence and has inspired me and encouraged me to work hard in my academics as well as in Tae Kwon Do. And as a result, I was accepted into the College of Aerospace Engineering at North Carolina State University. Master Gordon always encouraged her students to pursue education along with being the best at Tae Kwon Do. Due to her inspiration and help, my younger brother is currently a Gates Millennium Scholar and a junior in Mechanical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). All of the students that achieved the rank of black belt are either in college or are college graduates.

I will forever be indebted to the nurturing that Master Gordon's taekwondo program provided for me. I have great appreciation for my fellow taekwondo classmates, and continue to stay in contact with Master Gordon and her school. Furthermore, I look forward to attending upcoming tournaments and events.

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