

Garden State Championship 08

Michael Gorski	2 nd Place Senior Advanced Forms-Men 2 nd Place Adult Advanced Forms
David DePaola	2 nd Place Advanced Forms (Ages 11-12) 3 rd Place Advanced Weapons (Ages 11-14)
Noah Rusnak	2 nd Place Advanced Weapons (Ages 11-14) 3 rd Place Advanced Forms (Ages 11-12)
Lorelei Armstrong	1 st Place Advanced Weapons (Ages 11-14) 1 st Place Advanced Forms (Ages 13-14)
Anthony Vigliano	1 st Place Advanced Breaking (Ages 11-14)
Jimmy Bainbridge	1 st Place Sparring Ages (Ages 13-14/Boys) 3 rd Place Advanced Forms (Ages 13-14) 3 rd Place Advanced Breaking (Ages 11-14)
Jillian Bainbridge	Medal
Shrai Gupta	Medal
Jared Gorski	2 nd Place Advanced Breaking 2 nd Place Advanced Weapons 10 & Under 3 rd Place Advanced Forms (Ages 9-10)
Emilio Gerus	1 st Place Intermediate Breaking 1 st Place Intermediate Forms Ages 7-8 1 st Place Intermediate Weapons 10 & Under
Julianna Melusky	2 nd Place Intermediate Weapons 10 & Under
Max DeLosSantos	2 nd Place Intermediate Forms Ages 7-8 3 rd Place Intermediate Weapons 10 & Under
Val Prasak	2 nd Place Intermediate Breaking Ages 11-14 3 rd Place Intermediate Forms Ages 11-12
Austin Rusnak	1 st Place Intermediate Forms Ages 9-10 3 rd Place Breaking Ages 9-10
Milo DeLosSantos	1 st Place Forms Intermediate 6 & Under
Erica Diefenbach	3 rd Place Intermediate Forms Ages 7-8
Aidan McHenry	Medal
Sarah Cuprzinski	2 nd Place Forms 2 nd Place Weapons
Brandon Goldenbaum	2 nd Place
Eli Cadoff	3 rd Place Forms Black Belt Mens
Master Laurie DeUmberto	1 st Place Womens Master Forms

11 1st Place Trophies
9 2nd Place Trophies
9 3rd Place Trophies

29 Total Trophies

Notables:

Mercer Academy took 3 out of the 4 trophies in 4 different divisions.

1) Advanced Forms Ages 11-12: 1st Place Justin DeUmberto, 2nd Place David DePaola, 3rd Place Noah Rusnak.

2) Intermediate Weapons Ages 10 & Under: 1st Place Emilio Gerus, 2nd Place Julianna Melusky, 3rd Max DeLosSantos.

3) Intermediate Forms Ages 7-8: 1st Place Emilio Gerus, 2nd Place Max DeLosSantos, 3rd Place Erica Diefenbach.

4) Advanced Weapons Ages 11-14: 1st Place Lorelei Armstrong, 2nd Place Noah Rusnak, 3rd Place David DePaola. *(They were all originally tied for 1st and had to go again to break the tie!)*

Emilio Gerus won 1st Place in every division he entered- Breaking, Forms, & Weapons!

Lorelei Armstrong won 1st Place in both the divisions she entered-Forms & Weapons!

Milo DeLosSantos continued his winning ways in Forms for the 6 & Under group. Winning his 3rd straight 1st Place Trophy since he began last fall!!!

Anthony Vigliano, who has consistently placed in the past couple years, won his 1st, 1st Place trophy in breaking!

Jimmy Bainbridge won 1st Place in Point Sparring. Which shows how well rounded a martial artist he is since we do not spar for points at our school!

Also congratulations to all 4 new tournament students: Val Prasak, Erica Diefenbach, John Ruzzi, and Aidan McHenry. They all won at least one trophy in their first tournament season!!!!

Jillian Bainbridge & Shrayi Gupta just missed placing. They were in a tie breaker after the first round for third place: Jillian in breaking and Shrayi in Form & Weapons.

Congratulations to all participants! I am so proud of all of you, of how you represent our school and yourselves. I love working with all of you!!!