

# Locals receive their black belts in Kuk Sool Won

Hard work and dedication have definitely paid off for a number of local residents, who on Saturday, February 16 were honored to receive their Black Belts in the traditional Korean martial art of Kuk Sool Won.

Kingwood area resident Alex Hostettler, along with Hedy Moor of Humble, Allen Wallace and Terri Waters of Porter, and Michael Moor of Atascocita, received their second degree Black Belts. It has taken over six years of practice for these students to reach this level of achievement.

First degree honors went to a number of other students including a family of four from Atascocita, Nadine, Mora, Al'Anoud, and Ali Abboud. The Abboud's have been training in Kuk Sool Won for over three years. Their father, Hassan Abboud says, "Kuk Sool Won is an extremely comprehensive martial art requiring a great deal of practice. The time and effort spent escorting my children throughout this time has been well worth it."

Another Black Belt family in Kingwood swelled their ranks with the addition of one more. Stephen Aleman, joined his mother and father, Linda and Angel Aleman, earning his first degree Black Belt. "We are a growing martial art family. Kuk Sool Won is a martial art that benefits all members of our family, and we

look forward to our two other children receiving their Black Belts somewhere in the not to distant future," said Linda Aleman.

Ron Fovargue of Atascocita, Jeff Woodward and Austin Silver of Kingwood, also received their Black Belts. Austin is a student at Kingwood High School.

Proving that if the desire is strong enough, all things are possible, was the accomplishment of Ryan Benoit. Benoit, who despite a family move to Baton Rouge was able, with the help of his father Troy and his brother Anthony (also Black Belts in the art of Kuk Sool Won) made the standard promotion to first degree Black Belt.

The promotion ceremony took place at the Kingwood College gym, with the presentation of certificates and Black Belts by Kuk Sool Won Grandmaster, In Hyuk Suh, along with other Master instructors from all over Texas and the U.S. The ceremony followed the testing of some 300 students to various levels of Black Belt testing.

Once promotion has been received, all promotees, as a sign of respect to their instructor, give a demonstration of their skills to the attending masters.

For further information on Kuk Sool Won, please call 281-359-5425, or visit [www.kuksool-won.com](http://www.kuksool-won.com).



Local residents earn Black Belt in the Korean martial art of Kuk Sool Won. Pictured are back row (left to right) Ron Fovargue, Alex Hostettler, Nadine Abboud, Allen Wallace, Austin Silver, Hedy Moor, and Michael Moor. Middle row (left to right) Grandmaster In Hyuk Suh, Master Richard Roper, and Jeff Woodward. Front row (left to right) Terri Waters, Nora Abboud, Stephen Aleman, Ali Abboud, and Al'Anoud Abboud.