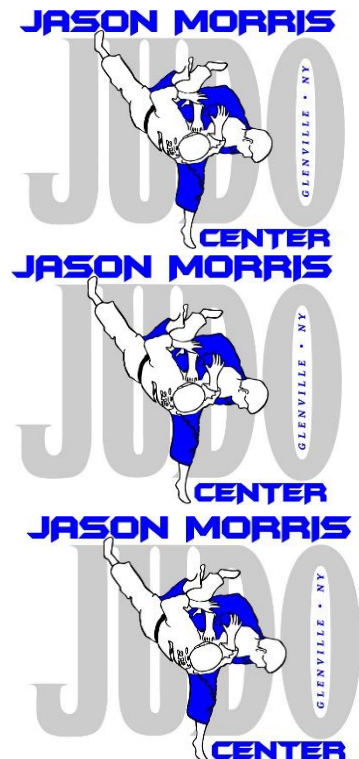


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JMJC's Head Coaches, Teri Takemori and Jason Morris, introduced Mayfair Nursery School to Judo with a demo on February 12, 2014. Dani & Randi Morris, who go to school there led the way with the help of Amanda Barone, Maria Dhami and Jordan Poliakiwski.

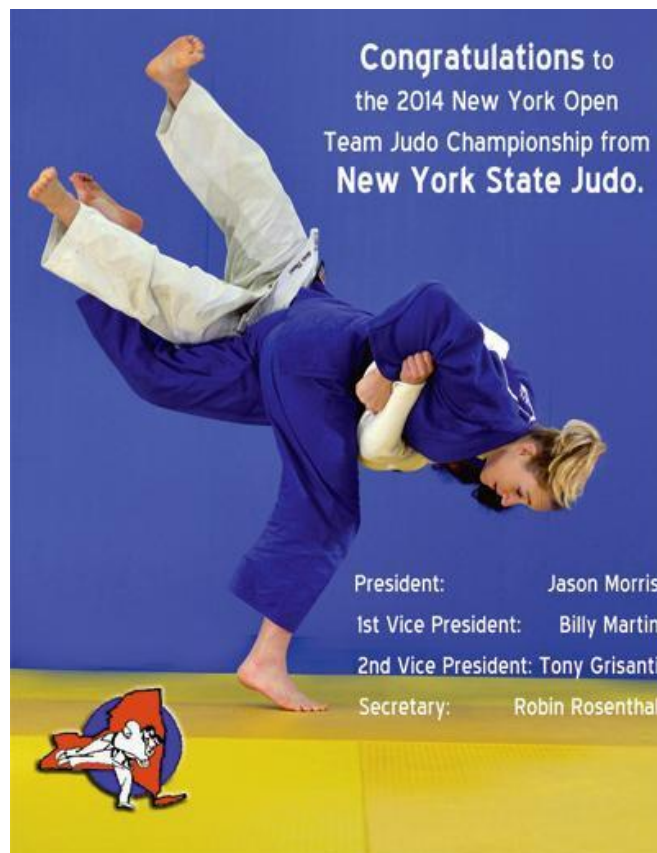




The February 2014 issue of USJA's Growing Judo is now available! Check it out Tony Sangimino is on the cover!

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**JMJC's Hannah Martin stars in an ad for New York State Judo in the program for the fourth annual NY Open Team Championships.**





## Dhami, Hatton, Hejlik & Turner Claim Gold



*Photo L to R: Quentin Cook, Jimmy Valentin, Amanda Barone, Jack Hatton, Joe Martinez, Alex Turner, Nick Irabli, Maria Dhami, Eric Skylar & Haley Meara*

*North Bergen, NJ* - Athletes from the Jason Morris Judo Center (JMJC) in Glenville, NY captured twelve total medals including six gold at the Tech Judo Open Sunday, February 23. SCCC student **Maria Dhami** (18), went an impressive 8-1 on the day to win the 57kg title and the Women's Grand Championship. Dhami collected the \$200 first prize award and another \$100 for the Grand Championship. **Ashley Hejlik** (26), was a double gold medalist winning both the 48kg & 52kg weight classes. Burnt Hills graduate, **Jack Hatton** (18), won the 90kg division and \$350 first prize for the men's competition beating JMJC teammate and Burnt Hills Senior, **Eric Skylar** (17), in the final. Skylar picked up \$150 for winning the silver and he also won the 90kg brown belt crown. SCCC student, **Alex Turner**, posted a 5-0 mark to claim the 73kg title and collect the winner's purse. JMJC's newest member, Burnt Hills Freshman **Quentin Cook** (15), was impressive and took a silver in 66kg weight class to collect \$150. Burnt Hills Junior, **Nick Irabli** (17) continued to improve as he won a silver medal in the +100kg division. **Jimmy Valentin** (22) picked up a silver medal in the 73kg brown belt category while Burnt Hills Senior, **Haley Meara** (17) won a silver in 48kg. **Amanda Barone** won a bronze medal in the 48kg weight class to close out the JMJC medal count.

## JMJC at the Liberty Games Press Conference





## 2014 IJF European Tour with the JMJC



## 2014 NY Open Team Tournament

**NYC, NY-** The New York Athletic Club (NYAC) held its annual Team Tournament on Sunday March 2nd. Teams from Canada, France, Germany, Japan and United States traveled to the heart of NYC to compete for the \$3,000 Grand Prize. 2012 Olympian/NYAC member and JMJC athlete Kyle Vashkulat competed on the men's team in the plus 90kg category. Overall the USA men's team ended up placing 6<sup>th</sup> in the Team Competition.

Coach Morris and the JMJC ladies also had a chance to display their skills during an exhibition match against Japan. Ashley Hejlik, Maria Dhami, and Hannah Martin were chosen to represent the Women's USA Team, alongside two other top female athletes in the country. The Women's team did not beat Team Japan but they gained quality experience and were also interviewed by *Film Annex* to talk about how judo plays an important role in Women's empowerment.



Jason Morris and Mike Swain at the NYAC tournament- both are 4x Olympians!







*Eric Skylar with Mike Swain*



*NYAC member Nick Kossor with Hard Soul Band Mate Ryan Klaleyson*



*Jason Morris with Kiyoshi Shiina.*



*Jack Hatton, Maria Dhami, Ashley Hejlik, Hannah Martin and Eric Skylar at the NY Open Banquet*

# ♥ Judo Love ♥



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*Lucille*  
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**Randi Morris practices her ouchi on Dani Morris with mommy Teri giving a helping hand at the Jason Morris Judo Center**



JMJC's Jeremy Liggett is headed down under to visit Danny Simmons and while he is there will be doing a clinic at Danny's Judo club in Woy Woy, New South Wales, Australia




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**COST: \$15**



## Original JMJC Family member dies



The Jason Morris Judo Center (JMJC) lost one of its original family members, as Susan Aragona (59) of Rotterdam, NY died peacefully in her husband's arms on January 5, 2014 at St. Peter's Hospital after a brief illness. Born in the Philippines to Elvira Montemayor and the late Donald Aljets. Susan & Ronnie brought their daughter, Ronni (8 at the time), to the JMJC in 1999 and she made it all the way to the Olympic trials in 2008. Ronni made it to the semis of 63kg. The Aragona's where a major reason why the JMJC started to host the Annual Morris Cup Judo Championships and

they helped run it from the start in 2002 until last year. Susan will be missed by many and hold a special place in the JMJC's heart.



*photo: Ronni Aragona (blue) throws Cory Geier for ippon at the Olympic Trials*

# ***Takemori honored***

On February 19, 1942, following the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, leading the United States government to confine more than 100,000 people of Japanese descent in internment camps across the United States. Almost two-thirds of those incarcerated were United States citizens.

Despite tremendous prejudice and the internment of their families, more than 33,000 second-generation Japanese Americans (*nisei*) volunteered to serve in the United States Army during World War II – most notably, in the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, one of the most decorated units of World War II, and the Military Intelligence Service.

In 2010, over 65 years later, Congress passed and [President Obama signed into law](#) legislation awarding the Congressional Gold Medal – one of the highest civilian awards in the United States – to thousands of these veterans, finally recognizing the sacrifices they made for their country.

Today, the President met with seven of these surviving veterans including Jimmy Takemori (88) who is the father of Jason Morris Judo Center's Teri Takemori, to thank them in person for their service.

*Photo: President Barack Obama returns the salute from Tommie Okabayashi while Takemori (right) looks on,, during a meeting in the Oval Office to congratulate them on their Congressional Gold Medal, Feb. 18, 2014.*





## *Introducing* NEW JMJC Products!

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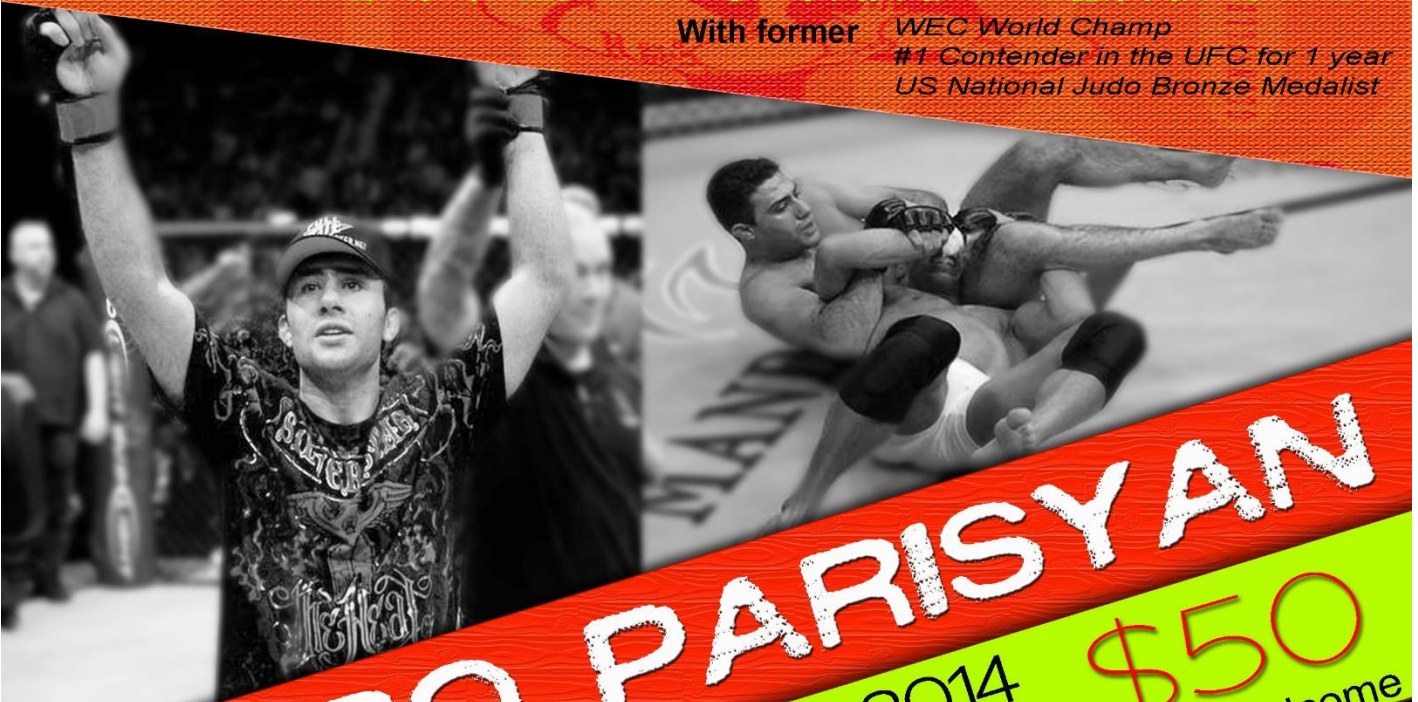




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## 2014 Upcoming Events

- Mar. 8- Pedro's Challenge - *Wakefield, MA*
- **Mar. 9 - Karo Pariyson Clinic- JMJC Glenville, NY**
- Mar. 15-16 - Montreal Cup - *Montreal, Canada*
- Mar. 15-16 - Uruguay Open - *Montevideo*
- Mar. 21-23 - Georgian Grand Prix - *Tbilisi*
- Mar. 22-23 - Argentina Open - *Buenos Aires*
- Mar. 22-23 - Scholastics - *Irving, TX*
- **Mar. 22 - JMJC OPEN -JMJC Glenville, NY**
- Mar. 29-30 - Turkey Grand Prix - *Samsun, Turkey*
- Mar. 31- April 4 - Montreal Camp - *Montreal, QC*
- April 5-6 - Liberty Bell Classic -*Philadelphia, PA*
- April 25-27 - Pan Am Championships - *Ecuador*
- May 3-4 - Sr. National Championships - *Reno, Nevada*
- May 9-11 - Azerbaijan Grand Slam- *Baku*
- May 24-25 - Am Can International - *Buffalo, NY*
- May 24-25 - IJF MASTERS - *TBA*
- May 31 -June 1 - European Open - *Madrid*
- June 7-8 - Cuba Grand Prix - *Havana*
- June 14-15 - El Salvador Open - *San Salvador*
- June 21-22 - Hungary Grand Prix - *Budapest*
- June 27-29 - Jr. Olympics - *Irving, TX*
- July 4-6 - USJA/USJF Jr. Nationals - *Honolulu, HI*
- July 4-6 - Mongolia Grand Prix- *Ulaanbaatar*
- July 12-13 - Russia Grand Slam- *Tyumen*
- July 20 - Liberty Games - *Scotia, NY*
- July 26-27 - Pan American Open - *Chile*
- July 27-28 - Asian Open - *Taipei*
- Aug. 2-3 - USA Pan American Open- *Miami, FL*
- Aug. 25-31 - World Championships - *Chelyabinsk, Russia*
- Sept. 12-14 - Croatia Grand Prix - *Rijeka*
- Sept. 27-28 - European Open - *Estonia*
- Oct. 4-5 - European Open Women- *Great Britain*
- Oct. 4-5 - European Open Men - *Portugal*
- Oct. 10 -12 - Kazakhstan Grand Prix - *Astana*
- **Oct. 12 - Morris Cup XIII - Burnt Hills, NY**
- Oct. 16-18 -Uzbekistan Grand Prix - *Tashkent*
- Oct. 22-26 - Jr. World Championships - *Miami, FL*
- Oct. 31- Nov. 2 -Abu Dhabi Grand Prix - *Abu Dhabi*
- Nov. 8-9 - African Open- *Port Louis*
- Nov. 14-16 - Oceania Open - *Australia*
- Nov. 19-21 - Qingdao Grand Prix - *Qingdao, China*
- Nov. 27-29 -Jeju Grand Prix - *Jeju, Korea*
- Dec. 5-7 -Tokyo Grand Slam - *Tokyo, Japan*



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## Where JMJC Athletes Stand in the Rankings



Hannah Martin

### World Ranking List (WRL)

#11 Hannah Martin -63kg  
#28 Nick Kossor -60kg  
#28 Brad Bolen -66kg  
#103 Kyle Vashkulat -100kg  
#116 Cammi Kaichi -52kg  
#118 Tony Sangimino -81kg  
#142 Maria Dhami -52kg  
#194 Brice Rudat -90kg  
#234 Alex Turner -73kg



Brad Bolen

### US Sr. National Ranking Roster

#1 Nick Kossor -60kg  
#1 Hannah Martin -63kg  
#1 Brad Bolen -66kg  
#1 Kyle Vashkulat -100kg  
#2 Cammi Kaichi -52kg  
#3 Maria Dhami -52kg  
#3 Leah Fisher -70kg  
#4 Christie Woosley -78kg  
#5 Alex Turner -73kg  
#5 Tony Sangimino -81kg  
#6 Jack Hatton -81kg  
#8 Dave Harris -66kg  
#8 Nick Irabli - +100kg  
#9 Haley Meara -48kg  
#9 Ashley Hejlik -52kg  
#14 Kyle Vashkulat - +100kg  
#17 Joe Martinez -60kg  
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Dave Harris



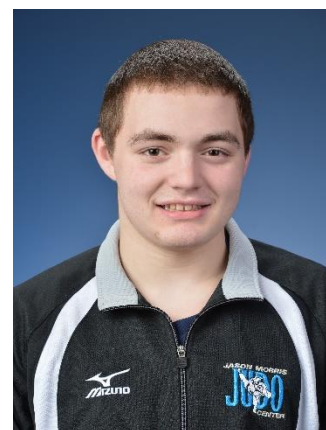
Alex Turner

### Jr. National Roster

#1 Maria Dhami -52kg  
#1 Jack Hatton -81kg  
#3 Nick Irabli - +100kg  
#4 Quentin Cook - 66kg  
#5 Jack Hatton - 90kg  
#6 Haley Meara -48kg  
#8 Eric Skylar - 81kg



Quentin Cook



Eric Skylar