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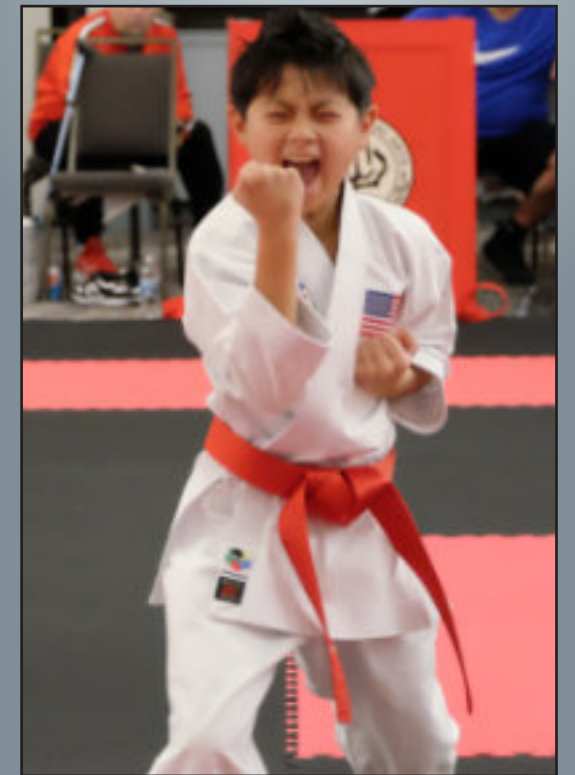


**Tatyana  
Madu**

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**Alexa  
Shaurov**



**ALEXA  
SHAUROV**

# Alexa Shaurov





# Alexa Shaurov



My name is Alexa Shaurov and I am a 4x karate national champion. I love doing karate and I hope one day I can compete in the Olympics for kumite. There has been some tough times though. For example in 2019 I had been in the finals and in the last 30 seconds I got kicked in the neck. I thought I would lose but I pushed through and won 🏆. I had also fracture in my ankle and fractured both of my toes but that never stopped me. I also hope to be a judge when I grow up because I want my option heard and I love making things right. I am a brown belt in shotokan karate. I am a triplet and I have 2 brothers named Alexander and Allen. Alexander does karate too and is also a national champion. My

other brother Allen doesn't do karate. I have achieved lots of stuff but a title isn't what makes it great. It's the accomplishment of it knowing I'm a national champion. I have travelled to some places like Boston and Miami and Chicago for competitions. I love traveling and hope to travel the world one day. I am on team aplusma (a+ martial arts) in great neck Long Island. My coaches are Adham Sabry, Ashley Davis, Omar Abdelrahman, and Yousif Malfa. They are amazing coaches and are one of the main reasons I'm where I am right now.

Photographers Credits: My parents

I want to be an WKF athlete and travel all over the world for everybody to watch my karate.



**Cheon  
Isa**



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Isa**

# Christina Korman







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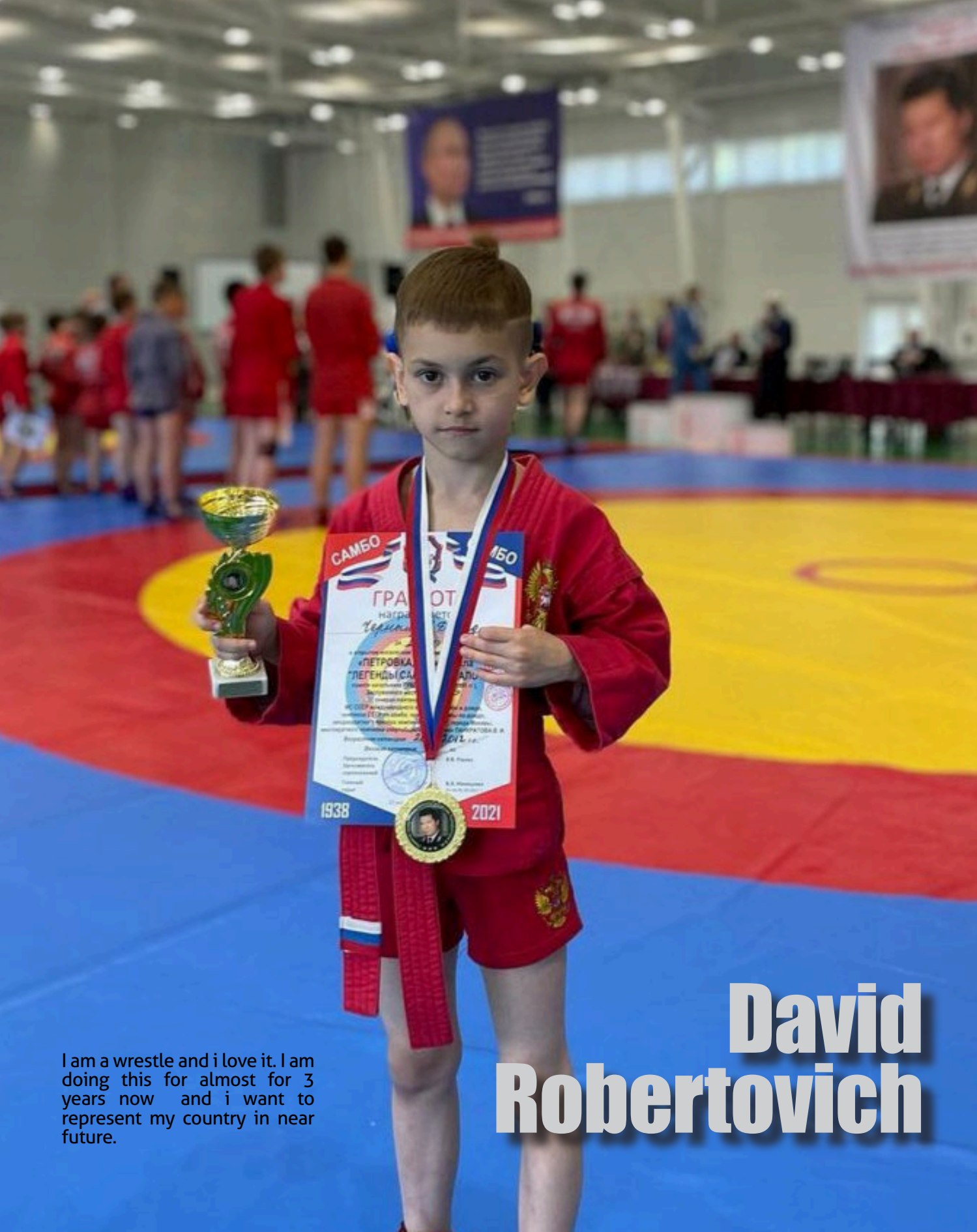


My name is Christina Korman, I'm sixteen years old and currently making my dreams come true. I started karate at the age of ten because my mom wanted to share the love of karate with me. She would always talk about all her karate friends and how karate was a way of life, and at the age of ten she thought it was finally time to let me start my karate journey. I instantly fell in love with the sport after my first ever karate tournament. I remember being the first division up and having butterflies in my stomach, but right when I walked into the ring, I knew this is where I was meant to be. I don't know how to put this in words but I felt this amazing feeling of being in the moment for the first time. I felt as if the atmosphere around me had completely changed and that I was no longer nervous. After finishing my kata, I waited anxiously to see the scores, and it was 5-0 in my favor, but I wasn't done yet I had one more round to go. I repeated my same kata again, but this time put even more of myself into it and good thing I did because when I looked around and it was 5-0 in my favor. My first tournament was a success and I finished the day with a gold in Kata! When I started karate, I instantly preferred kata because I loved to watch the elite athletes put so much power and strength into their kata. Their techniques were so clean and beautiful, and I got chills just watching them. It's been six years now and I still get chills. I've been lucky enough to train under many World Competitors such as Sakura Kokumai, Damian Quintero, Ariel Torres, Sandy Scordo, Mickael Serfati, and Gakuji Tozaki. In these past six years my goal has not only been to make Team USA but also to spread the love of karate to all of those around me. This past year (September 2021), I was able to claim my spot-on Team USA in the 16-17 Elite Kata division and it has been a full-on dream come true. If it wasn't for my parents, teammates, and Sensei I wouldn't be where I am today. They have taught me that karate isn't just a sport but it's a family and a lifestyle I hope to live for the rest of my life. So in the end always follow your dreams, because eventually they will come true.

Photographers Credits: Cassie Korman



**Christina  
Korman**



I am a wrestler and i love it. I am doing this for almost for 3 years now and i want to represent my country in near future.

# David Robertovich





**David  
Robertovich**





# Emiliano Núñez Díaz

Hi, My name is Emiliano Núñez Díaz, I am two years old and I was born in Colombia. I love playing tennis and I dream about becoming a professional tennis player. To get there I know I need to take baby steps and complete all the stages which are necessary to be one of the best players. At my short age I have been able to hit the ball over the

net two times in a row and I can hit the ball using my forehand and backhand swings. I am very happy when I play tennis because my whole family gets very excited when I hit the ball since they are all tennis players and one of my biggest goals is to become a complete tennis player.





**Emiliano  
Núñez Díaz**



I want to go to the Olympics in 2024 and fight for my country.

Photographers Credits:  
@kaishoemma on Instagram.



**Gramaticu  
Denisa Antonia**

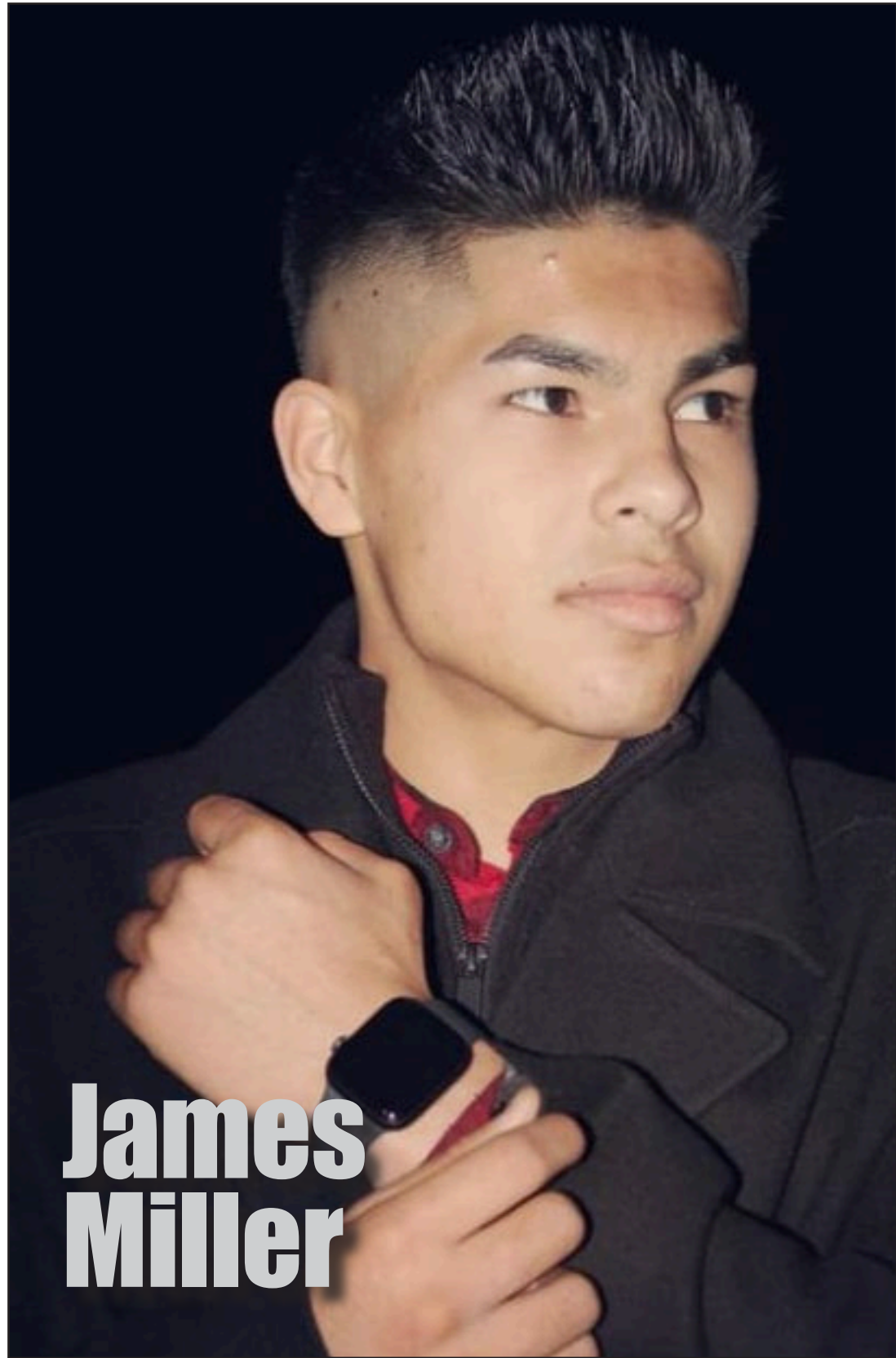




I want to become a great  
karate player and  
represent my country.

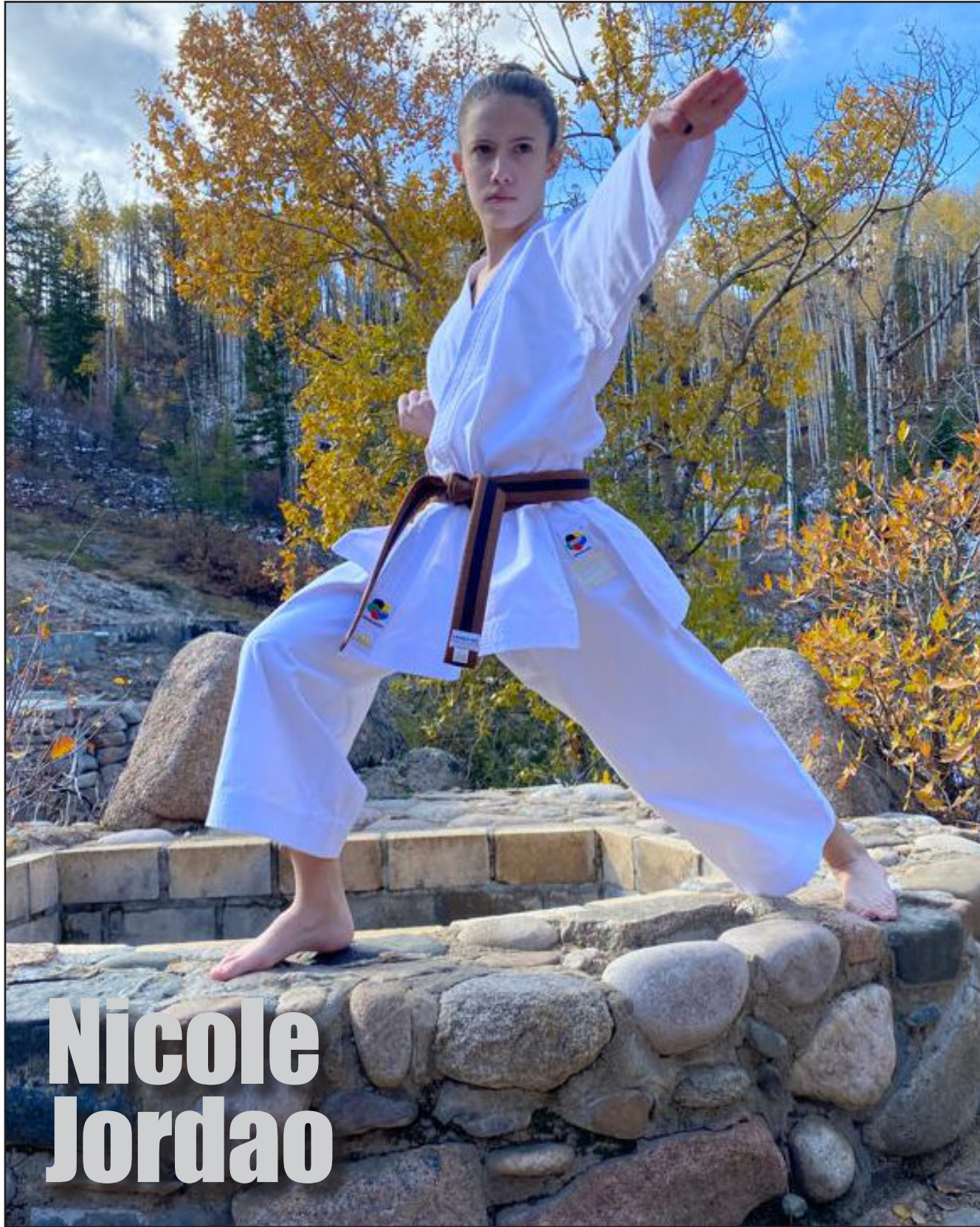
**James  
Miller**





**James  
Miller**





**Nicole  
Jordao**





Nicole began practicing karate kind of by accident. Her brother decided to try the sport at a local dojo in Winter Garden-FL four years ago and Nicole went along to watch him. By the end of class, Nicole asked her parents, 'Can I also do that?'. At the time she was taking dance classes but quit soon after to focus on karate and has been training ever since.

During her first week of training at Stoneybrook Karate, her Sensei – Tim Hilgenberg, immediately recognized her talent. Sensei Tim told her parents, "This girl is talented, and I would like to invite her to join our competition team." Her parents, not believing much of that, agreed to let her give it a

try. Nicole began competing in 2018 at the age of 9, and her first competition was not very successful. However, she kept training and continued to improve. In her first year of karate, she went to AAU Nationals as a beginner and brought home double gold in Kata and Kumite. In her second year as a karateka, competing in the intermediate division, Nicole won gold at both the US OPEN and the Junior International Cup in Las Vegas, the most prestigious karate tournament in the USA. After just doing karate for just 1.5 years, her sensei suggested skipping her again to the advanced division. As an advanced competitor, Nicole didn't disappoint! As a 10-year-old, she won the Miami



International Cup in both the 10/11 and 12/13-year-old divisions. She then went to 2019 Nationals, won silver, and that medal gave her a spot in the AAU USA National Team.

Then came COVID in 2020, but that did not stop Nicole from training or competing. She continued taking classes and competing online. COVID gave her the opportunity to compete against girls from all over the world in her specialty: Kata (a Japanese word meaning "form"). She became the 2020 Overall Pan-American Champion of the American Junior Karate League (AJKL). She also competed in the E-Tournament World Series three times,

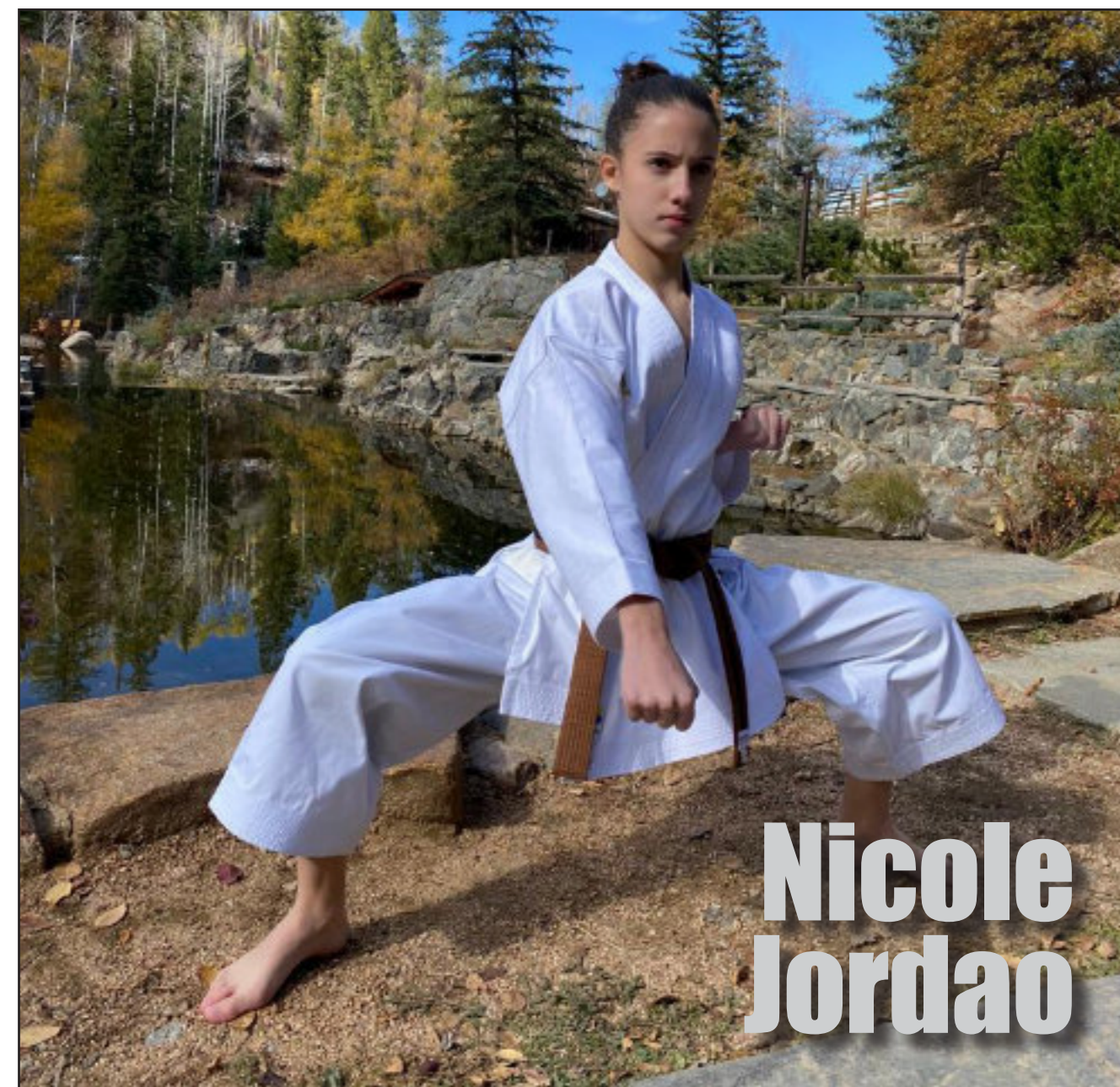
winning gold, bronze, and placing 5th, going against more than 30 girls from 20 different countries. The events placed her in the top 15 of the 2020 E-World Ranking.

Karate has given Nicole opportunities to meet new people and visit places that would not have been possible without this sport. Although competing is fun and exciting, it can also very stressful and exhausting. To endure such stress, Nicole gets the support and encouragement she needs from her Sensei Tim Hilgenberg, Sensei Joseph Martinez, her friends, and her family. "My mom is with me daily, taking me to the Colorado Budokan dojo here in

Denver and helping me with my virtual karate classes with my Floridian dojo. At competitions, my mom fixes my GI and is the noisy one cheering from the stands! My Dad is more of a quiet supporter; he is in charge of video recordings and making sure everything is OK. He also helps carry all my gear."

Nicole has quite a busy schedule. She works hard at school to maintain straight As, trains at two different dojos 5 times a week, and works out twice a week with a Physical Therapist. Sometimes it is

hard for Nicole to stay motivated, but she pushes through by remaining focused on her goals. Her objective for 2021 is to go to the US Open in Las Vegas in December, where she will defend her gold medal. For 2022, she aims to make the US team and compete for a gold medal at the WUKF World Championships in Fort Lauderdale-FL. As for her long-term goal, Nicole says "I want to travel the world and represent my country as a member of the US Senior Team. I also really want to go to Okinawa, Japan to see where karate started".



# Nicole Jordao

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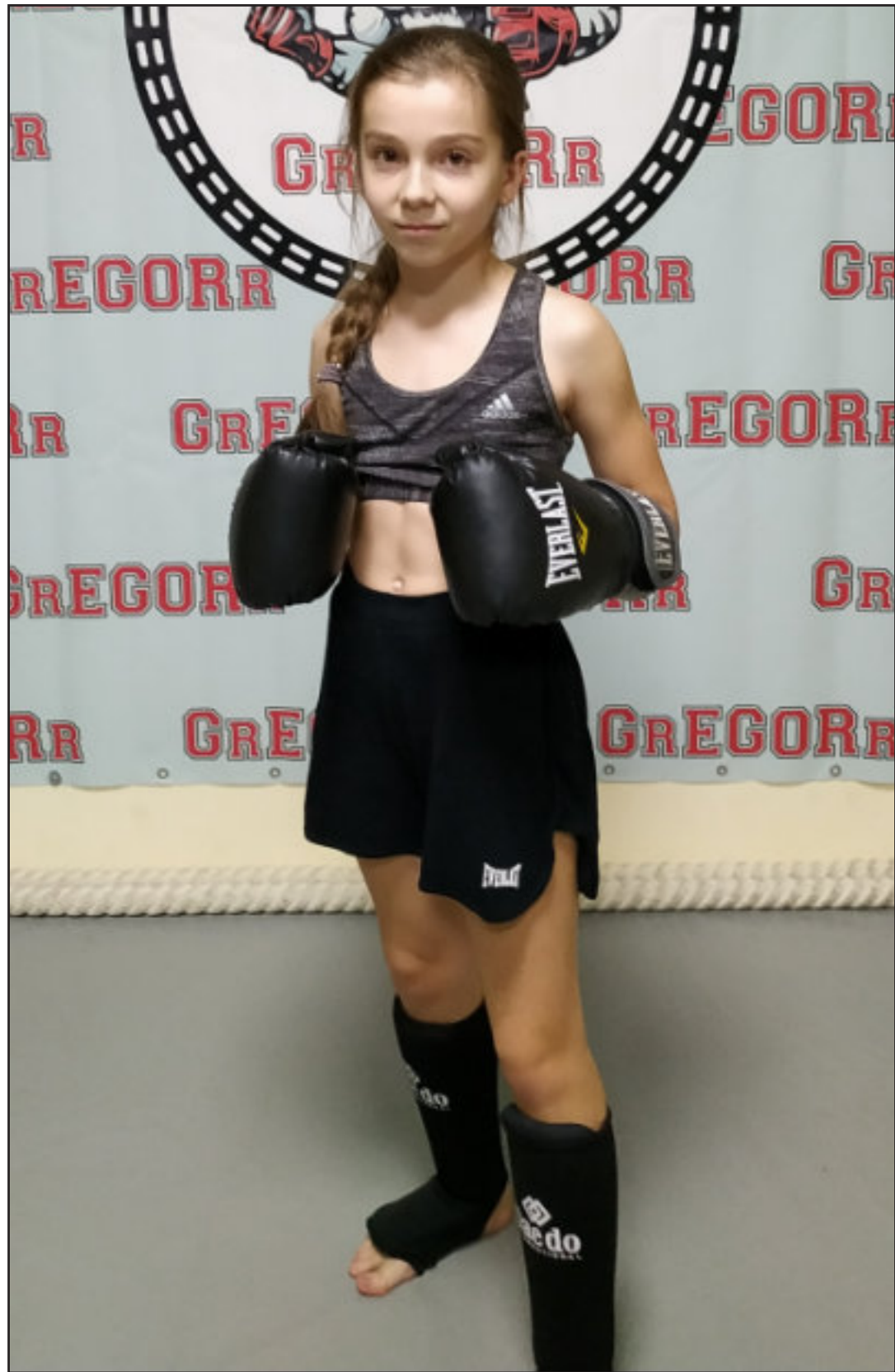
To become world champion



# Omer







Sophia  
Miroshnikova



**Sophia  
Miroshnikova**





This is my third year in Muay Thai. Prior to that, from 4 years old she was engaged in acrobatics.

I chose Muay Thai because it gives me confidence and I like it.

I compete in both Muay Thai and kickboxing.

I have already become the champion of the city, region and Ukraine.

My dream is to achieve even higher goals! And I hope that I will succeed.



# Sophia Miroshnikova



Tatyana



I do Taekwondo VTF,  
my dream Black belt!!!



# Tatyana



**Tatyana  
Madu**



# Tatyana Madu



My name is Tatyana Madu I live in the Bahamas. My dream is to be the best that I can be. I was introduced to playing tennis at the age of three by my parents. Whereby I have consistently practiced tennis on a daily basis covering the many aspects of the game. I have just turned twelve and have participated in quite a few tennis tournaments along my journey. This has allowed me to focus and stay competitive whilst harnessing my overall game. The most challenging that I face is to

consistently train at a high level day in day out, giving 100% everyday is difficult to maintain. Currently I am training for the ITF Coteccc finals held in Mexico on November 22nd 2021.

My goal is to play championship standard tennis globally, and to inspire others who like the sport.

Photographers Credits: Parents



**Tatyana  
Madu**



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## Tatyana



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