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Winter Newsletter

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A Word from Our President

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Welcome to our 2022 Winter Newsletter!
We are excited to share with you all that our club has accomplished and experienced this past semester!

Our club started the year strong with many new faces, including a new head coach, Master Nick Yates. Master Nick has been a fantastic fit for our club, motivating our athletes to train their hardest whether for competition or for personal achievement. This semester, our exec board worked hard to organize our first ever entirely student-run practice tournament with UNC Taekwondo. We also had a strong showing at Brown, having multiple teams make deep runs in our largest tournament to date. With this newsletter, we invite you to come celebrate with us another great semester of Duke taekwondo and to continue to share in the community that has always made Duke Taekwondo special.

On behalf of Duke Taekwondo, happy holidays!

Best,
Melody Gao | President of Duke Taekwondo



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A New Semester

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Fall of 2022 brought some exciting changes in our club and new faces, but the core values behind our friendships and bonds stayed the same!

Left: Our first social of the year, held at Secrets Noodle Bar.
Below: Our first fall practice, held in Wilson!



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Fall Retreat



We had our most fun fall retreat yet, featuring scenic hikes, campfires, stargazing, and piñatas! The retreat was carefully planned by our VP of Programming, Katie Zhang, and members took a welcome break from school by playing Switch games, watching movies, and playing Mafia.



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UNC Highlights

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Duke Taekwondo helped organize and compete in a practice scrimmage with UNC Taekwondo. At UNC, our members won 10 gold, 6 silver and 11 bronze medals. We are definitely looking to competing more next year!



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Brown Highlights

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With 18 members, our team made our annual trip up to Brown for our largest ECTC tournament yet with nearly 500 competitors. The hard work of all of our athletes was clear each time they stepped onto the mat. Special congratulations to Larry Zheng, Ethan Lee, and Harrison Huang for making men's B team sparring quarterfinals and to Samy Boutouis and Emily Ford for making C team poomsae quarterfinals!

Shoutout to our alumni Roy Auh, Muyun Zhou, and Daniel Ryan for joining us for post-tournament celebrations!!

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Help support our club

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This year Club Taekwondo is participating in Duke Sport Clubs Giving Day, which will take place for 24 hours on November 29th! YOU can help us raise money and possibly win prizes based on donations and social media activity.

Donations made will go towards travel expenses for returning to our yearly tournaments (including NCTA Nationals), coaching fees, and holding color belt and black belt testing.

No donation is too small, and with your support our club can continue to grow.

To make a tax deductible donation, you can:

- Donate electronically (via credit card) at: <https://gifts.duke.edu>
Please be sure to **select Club Taekwondo** in the search bar.
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Duke Recreation & Physical Education, ATTN: Sport Clubs
Box 90548, 117 Wilson Center, Durham, NC 27708.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for this club. We hope to see all of you soon and catch up on our lives over the common ground of our experiences in this wonderful Taekwondo family of ours!