

Local karate champs deliver

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This group of students plus one not pictured, at Dylan Vargas' Martial Arts Academy, attended the U.S.A.M.A. New Mexico State Karate Championships on Jan. 30. The students brought home 69 trophies and awards and Dylan won 1st place in Forms, 1st place in Weapons, 1st place in Fighting, And Grand Champion in the Advanced division. Dylan was also awarded the Triple Crown for being number one in forms, weapons, and fighting for the the year 2015. The students, from the left, are: Isaiah Guillen; Jacob Benedict; Diego Rangel; Damiano Kozeliski; Munyaradze Dube; Leona Joe; Daniel Guillen; Xavier Maestas; Rigel Devey; Anamaria Devey; Mukai Dube; Tiana Tom; Michael Padilla; Cross Malcom; Jessica Thompson and Sonja Thompson. Unavailable for pictures was Jacob Torres. **Photo Credit:** Tom Hartsock