

November 15th, 2011

Dear Students,

On December 1st I will become the Chief Instructor of Abbott's Taekwondo America. I was given the opportunity to take over the Blacksburg location and I have accepted the responsibility gratefully. I have been with Mr. and Mrs. Abbott since I was 12 years old and was one of the first students to walk through the doors of Abbott's Taekwondo. I have been training for the last 8 years and plan on to continue that training for both my students and myself. Taekwondo is my life, I am always looking for ways to make things better and help my students succeed in every way possible. I love teaching and seeing the smiles on the faces of the students when they succeed at something that they have been working hard for. I plan on running the school in the same manner that the Abbott's have done. I am going to work hard to keep our students happy and I also plan on keeping the family aspect within the school.

Some people might be concerned that I'm too young to do this, the truth is I've been running the school for the last year and things aren't going to change that much. Mr. Abbott will still be teaching on Tuesdays and Fridays and the Abbotts will still be here at this school training. Not much will change except that the day to day decisions and operations will be my responsibility alone. The Abbotts will be there for me if I need advice on a matter but the final say will be mine.

I hope everyone can understand just how much this school means to me and I would never do anything to jeopardize it or its students. I have been talking to Mr. Abbott about opening a school for the last couple of years and now I have a perfect opportunity to do so. I'm excited and nervous at the same time but I know with the help of my instructors and Mr. and Mrs. Abbott's continued guidance I can do this. So I hope that all of you can have faith in me and believe that this will be done the right way.

Thankfully,

Alex Griffin

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