

Stephen M. McArther

Taekwondo: 5th Dan USNTF; 4th Dan Kukkiwon Koryo Gumdo: 1st Dan WKGA

- 1982: Started training in Tae Kwon Do at the age of 13.
- 1984: Received 2nd place at Illinois AAU/USA State Championship (junior red belt div. sparring).
- 1985: Received 1st Dan from Kukkiwon.
- 1985: Received 1st place in Illinois USTU State Championship in Chicago, Illinois (junior black belt div. sparring).
- 1985: Received 3rd place in 5th USTU National Junior Olympic Tae Kwon Do Championships in Chicago, Illinois (junior black belt div. sparring).
- 1985: Received 1st place in AAU/USA Junior Olympics in Iowa City, Iowa (junior black belt div. sparring).
- 1985: Attended Junior Elite Athlete Training Program at US Olympic training center, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- 1987: Received 2nd place in Indiana USTU State Championship (adult black belt div. sparring).
- 1987: Competed in 13th USTU National Championship, Anaheim California Championship (adult black belt div. sparring).
- 1988: Received 1st place in Indiana USTU State Championship (sparring).
- 1988: Competed in 14th USTU National Championships (Pre-Olympic Trials) in Miami, Florida (sparring).
- 1988: Became President and Team Captain of Purdue University Tae Kwon Do team.
- 1990: Competed in Collegiate Championship, San Francisco, California (sparring).
- 1991: Began teaching private Tae Kwon Do lessons in Norcross, Georgia.
- 1995: Visited Kukkiwon in Seoul, Korea.
- 1995: Received 1st place at the “Brawl at the Hall” Full Contact Kickboxing Competition in Collinsville, Illinois.
- 1997: Opened Mitchell & McArther’s Tae Kwon Do, Inc. in Granite City, Illinois.
- 1999: Qualified for Illinois state team: Team Force.
- 2000: Began training under the direction Grandmaster Thomas Perry.
- 2001: Received 3rd Dan USNTF; 2nd Dan Kukkiwon.
- 2001: Opened McArther’s Tae Kwon Do & Fitness in Collinsville, Illinois.
- 2002: Received “Grand Champion” title in forms at the 10th USTNF International Games in Chicago, Illinois.
- 2002: Received “Grand Champion” title in forms at the 1st Annual Missouri Invitational Championship.
- 2003: Received 4th Dan USNTF; 3rd Dan Kukkiwon
- 2003: Received “Referee with Best Attitude” at the 11th USNTF International Championships in Chicago, Illinois.
- 2004: Accepted invitation to compete at World Games in Athens, Greece (forms and sparring). Captured 3 gold and 1 silver at the games. Won overall World Champion.
- 2004: Inducted into I.C.K.O. Illinois State Martial Arts Hall of Fame as “Tae Kwon Do Competitor of the year.
- 2006: Received I.C.K.O. “Instructor of the Year” Award.
- 2006: Traveled to S. Korea to receive special training in Tae Kwon Do, Hapkido, Yong Moo Do, and Gumdo.
- 2006: While in Korea, was promoted to 4th Dan Kukkiwon certified and 5th Dan USNTF certified.
- 2006: Left full time career in Information Technology industry to focus on teaching martial arts as a full-time, professional instructor.
- 2007: Received Letter of Commendation from Kukkiwon, Seoul S. Korea for dedication to and development of Tae Kwon Do.

2007: Received 1st Dan in Koryo Gumdo under the World Koryo Gumdo Association.

2007: Received I.C.K.O. "Black Belt of the Year" Award.

2008: Received intensive training in Koryo and Haidong Gumdo from Master Lee in Seoul, S. Korea. Received Letter of Appreciation from the World Haidong Gumdo Association for dedication to the growth of the art.