

Anthony David Benevides

Style(s) Shotokan, Judo

Rank: Shotokan 5th Dan, Judo – Honorary bridge to Karate rank

Region: New England – Southeastern MA

Location: Fall River, MA

Training Since: Judo -1976 ; Shotokan-1989

Teacher(s) Hanshi John Almeida, AIKA 9th Dan

Tabata Kazumi, Sensei NECKC/NAKF 8th Dan

Sensei Mike Savage, AIKA 2nd Dan

Sensei Peter Perry, AIKA 3rd Dan

Judo

Bernie Wood, Fall River Recreational Center 6th dan

Allen Thompson, Taki Gawa Judo 3rd Dan

Affiliations:

- Almeida's International Karate Association (AIKA)
- Taki Gawa Judo
- North American Collegiate Karate Conference
- North American Karate Federation
- Southeastern Massachusetts Karate Club / University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Shotokan Karate Club
- Otaku Karate
- UConn Muay Thai Club
- Independent Promoters and Practitioners of New England (IPPONE)

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Biographical Sketch:

Tony Benevides is a Sr. Quality Assurance Analyst for Voya Financial. He is a five-time winner of the President's Volunteer Service Award as a Bronze medalist for his years of involvement as a Baseball and Track and Field Coach. He holds a bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering.

He began his martial arts training at the age of 6 under Judo and traditional Jujitsu Master, Mr. Bernie Wood. In 1989, after a hiatus from Judo, Tony joined the Southeastern Massachusetts Universities' (now UMD) Shotokan Karate Club as a member of the NECKC (now NACKC.) Tony became a club officer in 1990 and was team captain from 1992 – 1994. In 2003 Tony took over as the chief instructor at UMD. Tony went on to form Otaku Karate, a mobile dojo concept where he can work with a number of the former UMD students to help continue their karate training at different locations.