

Andrea McKey

I started Martial Arts at Francis Patton School 22 years ago under the direction of Princeton Bailey Sensei, Jerry Bailey Sensei and Charles Butterfield Sensei. In 2008 I obtained my black belt and was the first female in the school's 30 year history to become a black belt. Under Master Tabata I received my 2nd Dan and 3rd Dan which was an honour. I am currently a 4th Dan. I have competed in many tournaments here and overseas and was nominated for a book Who's Who in Martial Arts in the USA. I have also been nominated for an Instructors Award which was presented to me in January 2020 at the World Cup Finals in Virginia.

In 2011 the school was growing and Butterfield Sensei expanded, opening up a new school at Holy Trinity Church in the Hall. I took on the teaching of the children and as the class grew changed the time to 5:45pm for children on Mondays and Wednesdays. I continue to train in the senior's class on a weekly basis. I have taught countless amounts of children over the years and hope that I have made a positive impression on them. In 2016, Francis Patton After School Program picked me as their Athlete of the Year to follow. Once a month I would go and speak to them about the importance of exercise and eating right and also did some exercises and taught them the basics of karate.

Along with running the children's program and training I am also the secretary/administrator for the school. In addition to karate I am also a member of the Bermuda Garden Club and I help with the decorating at Church. On top of all this I work full time in the Customs Department where I have been for the last 33 years.

I have three daughters and 6 grandchildren. My grandchildren keep me active and also do karate with me. A proud grandma moment was when we all competed in a tournament together.