



Bobby Lawrence

**KARATE**

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# BLACK BELT GRADUATION

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MAY 2, 2026



# EVENT PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 8, 2025

ENTRANCE OF GRADUATES  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
TOURNAMENT AWARDS

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
AWARDING OF BELTS

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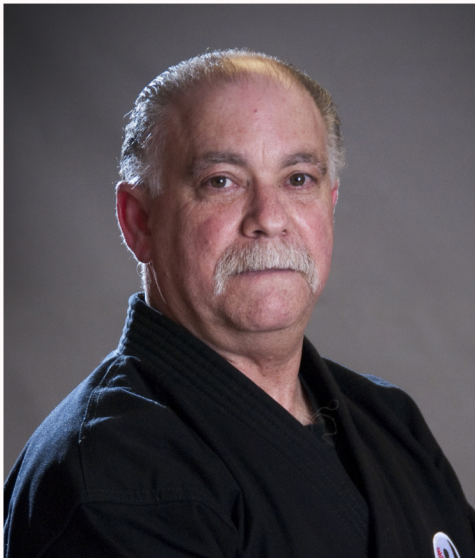
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# THE BOBBY LAWRENCE KARATE HEADS OF SCHOOL



GRANDMASTER BOBBY LAWRENCE AND  
MASTER CHARLENE LAWRENCE

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MASTER KEN RUANO



MASTER ALBERTO VAZQUEZ

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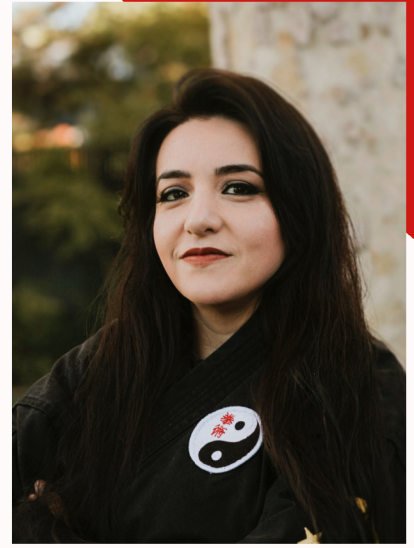
# THE BOBBY LAWRENCE KARATE HEADS OF SCHOOL



HEATHER ORGILL  
CASTLE VALLEY



AUSTIN MARSHALL  
FORT UNION



CLARISSA RODRIGUEZ  
OREM

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COLE KLEKAS  
PARK CITY



JOSH MARTINEZ  
RATON

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# THE BOBBY LAWRENCE KARATE HEADS OF SCHOOL



**MICHAEL BROOKS**  
**SPANISH FORK**



**LEAH FOX**  
**WEST VALLEY**

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# CASTLE VALLEY - HEATHER ORGILL

OWNER



HEATHER OWNS THE BLK CASTLE VALLEY SCHOOL.

SHE STARTED KARATE IN THE FALL OF 2010 WITH HER OLDEST DAUGHTER WHO WAS THEN 5. HER DAUGHTER HAD SEEN KUNG FU PANDA AND THOUGHT IT LOOKED AWESOME AND WANTED TO TRY IT. HEATHER IS A FIERCE COMPETITOR, A GREAT TEACHER, AND A GREAT EXAMPLE OF A STRONG WOMAN AND HAS RAISED 3 WONDERFUL DAUGHTERS TO BE JUST AS STRONG AS SHE IS.

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT HEATHER CARES VERY MUCH ABOUT HER STUDENTS AND THEIR CONTINUED PROGRESS TO BLACK BELT AND BEYOND!

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**BLK CASTLE VALLEY PROUDLY PRESENTS  
THE FOLLOWING BLACK BELT CANDIDATES:**

STETSEN MERRELL - JR PLAIN BLACK BELT

CARTER JONES - JR PLAIN BLACK BELT

ZACHARY CANTERBERRY - 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

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# PARK CITY - COLE KLEKAS

OWNER



COLE KLEKAS STARTED KARATE IN 1991 WHEN HE WAS 5 YEARS OLD, AFTER HIS FRIEND DID A NUNCHUCK PERFORMANCE FOR SHOW AND TELL. HE HAS BEEN DOING KARATE EVER SINCE. HIS DAD, COURT KLEKAS SR., RAN THE PARK CITY SCHOOL FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE COLE STARTED RUNNING IT IN 2003.

COLE SAYS THAT KARATE HAS HELPED HIM IN EVERY ASPECT OF HIS LIFE AND HE FEELS VERY FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TEACHING, TRAINING, AND LEARNING. HE LOVES WORKING WITH STUDENTS OF ALL AGES, HELPING THEM OVERCOME CHALLENGES, AND WATCHING THEM IMPROVE AND EXCEL. HE AND HIS WIFE BRITNEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN, COLBY AND CORA.

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**BLK PARK CITY PROUDLY PRESENTS  
THE FOLLOWING BLACK BELT CANDIDATES:**

**HALEY EHLERS - 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT**

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# WEST VALLEY - LEAH FOX

OWNER



LEAH STARTED TRAINING WITH MASTER VASQUEZ WHEN SHE WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. WHEN SHE WAS 8 YEARS OLD, SHE MOVED TO THE SANDY SCHOOL AND BEGAN STUDYING WITH MASTER RUANO. SHE RECEIVED HER 5TH DEGREE BLACK BELT IN APRIL 2010 AND OPENED THE WEST VALLEY SCHOOL TWO MONTHS LATER. SHE EARNED HER 6TH DEGREE BLACK BELT IN MAY OF 2015.

LEAH HAS PLACED FIRST IN FORMS AND SPARRING AT THE DISNEY NATIONALS AND LONG BEACH INTERNATIONALS, AND WON THE OVERALL KENPO FORMS GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE LONG BEACH INTERNATIONALS WITH LONG 6. SHE IS A GREAT INSTRUCTOR, ROLE MODEL, AND SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSWOMAN.

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## BLK WEST VALLEY PROUDLY PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING BLACK BELT CANDIDATES:

ALAN SALAS - JR PLAIN BLACK BELT

SEANNA MIERA - JR 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

THOMAS HOLT - JR 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

LEAH FOX - 7<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

TONY VERGARA - JR 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

DIDAC CAMACHO - JR 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

ALEXIS HAYMOND - JR 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

MICHAEL CHANDLER - JR 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

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# SPANISH FORK - MICHAEL BROOKS

OWNER



MICHAEL BROOKS BEGAN HIS KARATE TRAINING IN 2003. HE AND HIS WIFE, HAYLEY, RUN THE SPANISH FORK BLK SCHOOL. THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN: MAX AND CHARLEIGH. MICHAEL IS A VERY ENTHUSIASTIC INSTRUCTOR AND DEDICATED BLACK BELT.

HE ENJOYS TEACHING AND WATCHING THE STUDENTS AS THEY WORK TOWARDS THEIR BLACK BELT AND BEYOND. MICHAEL HAS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN EXERCISE AND WELLNESS FROM BYU AND IS A CERTIFIED HEALTH FITNESS SPECIALIST AND PERSONAL TRAINER.

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## **BLK SPANISH FORK PROUDLY PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING BLACK BELT CANDIDATES:**

ELIJAH LUKE TANGREN - 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

INDYA AKIRA KAMALAMALAMA - JR 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

FIELDING JON PULLEY - JR 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

MAXSON BROOKS - JR 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

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# OREM - CLARISSA RODRIGUEZ

OWNER



CLARISSA IS THE OWNER OF THE BLK OREM SCHOOL AND A 6TH DEGREE BLACK BELT. EVER SINCE SHE WAS 4 YEARS OLD, SHE WANTED TO STUDY KARATE AND EARN HER BLACK BELT.

SHE'S A PERFECTIONIST AND AN EXTREMELY HARD WORKER. SHE LOVES HELPING HER STUDENTS LEARN AND THE OREM SCHOOL GROW.

CLARISSA IS COMMITTED TO LEARNING THE ENTIRE BLK SYSTEM DIRECTLY FROM GRANDMASTER BOBBY LAWRENCE.

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## **BLK OREM PROUDLY PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING BLACK BELT CANDIDATES:**

SIMON MONTANEZ - JR 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

BEN LOPEZ - 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

AIRYN HERRERA - JR 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

ETHAN YOUNG - 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

CLARISSA MARIE RODRIGUEZ - 7<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE BLACK BELT

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# **THANK YOU TO OUR BLK TOURNAMENT HEROES!**

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THIS EVENT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE INCREDIBLE DEDICATION, SERVICE, AND HARD WORK OF SO MANY MEMBERS OF THE BLK FAMILY.

TO OUR SETUP AND TEARDOWN TEAMS, YOUR EARLY MORNINGS AND LATE NIGHTS ENSURED A SMOOTH, SEAMLESS EXPERIENCE FOR EVERY STUDENT AND FAMILY WHO WALKED THROUGH OUR DOORS.

TO THOSE WHO ASSISTED IN CREATING AND EXECUTING THE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE, REGISTRATION AND MORE, YOUR PRECISION AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL KEPT THE ENERGY HIGH, THE REGISTRATION PROCESS CLEAR AND THE RINGS RUNNING LIKE CLOCKWORK.

AND TO THE MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO TACKLED TASKS BOTH SEEN AND UNSEEN—YOUR QUIET CONTRIBUTIONS MADE A LOUD IMPACT. WHETHER IN LOGISTICS, LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATION, OR SUPPORT, YOU HELPED BRING THIS SPECIAL DAY TO LIFE.

THANK YOU FOR LIVING THE BLK PILLARS OF LEADERSHIP, EXCELLENCE, ATTITUDE, AND DISCIPLINE. YOUR SERVICE IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED, AND YOUR EXAMPLE CONTINUES TO INSPIRE OUR ENTIRE ORGANIZATION.

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# THANK YOU FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

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ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE TEAM AT BOBBY LAWRENCE KARATE, WE WISH TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS FOR THE UNWAVERING SUPPORT YOU HAVE SHOWN YOUR STUDENT THROUGHOUT THEIR MARTIAL ARTS JOURNEY. EARNING A BLACK BELT IS NOT SIMPLY A PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT. IT IS A SHARED VICTORY THAT REFLECTS THE TIME, SACRIFICE, AND ENCOURAGEMENT PROVIDED BY LOVED ONES LIKE YOU.

YOUR PRESENCE, WHETHER IN THE STUDIO, AT HOME, OR CHEERING FROM THE SIDELINES AT TOURNAMENTS, HAS MADE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE. THE PATH TO BLACK BELT REQUIRES DEDICATION, PERSEVERANCE, AND RESILIENCE, AND HAVING A STRONG SUPPORT SYSTEM IS INVALUABLE IN HELPING OUR STUDENTS REACH THIS IMPORTANT MILESTONE.

AT BOBBY LAWRENCE KARATE, WE ARE DEEPLY COMMITTED TO MORE THAN JUST PHYSICAL TRAINING. **OUR MISSION IS TO SHAPE LEADERS THROUGH THE DISCIPLINE OF AUTHENTIC MARTIAL ARTS.** WE BELIEVE IN CHANGING LIVES BY INSTILLING THE CORE VALUES THAT DRIVE SUCCESS NOT ONLY ON THE MAT BUT IN EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE. THROUGH THE PILLARS OF LEADERSHIP, EXCELLENCE, ATTITUDE, AND DISCIPLINE, WE GUIDE OUR STUDENTS TO MAKE INTENTIONAL DAILY CHOICES THAT ALIGN WITH WHO THEY WANT TO BECOME.

AS OUR BLACK BELT CANDIDATES STEP FORWARD TO RECEIVE THEIR RANK, THEY CARRY WITH THEM THE LESSONS, VALUES, AND STRENGTH CULTIVATED OVER YEARS OF HARD WORK—AND THE LOVE AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHO BELIEVED IN THEM.

THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF THEIR JOURNEY.

WITH DEEP GRATITUDE,

**-THE BOBBY LAWRENCE KARATE ORGANIZATION**

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