

Hello

I seeking for this information to be shared with East High Alumni for my son who is a current East High School student who has been selected for a great honor please see below. I would appreciate your help.

After competing at the 2017 TBA Classic - Muay Thai World Expo in June, my son, Joey Roberts who will be a junior this fall at East High School in Des Moines, Iowa was selected to join the United States Muaythai Federation (USMF) Youth Team and will compete at the International Federation of Muaythai Amateur (IFMA) Junior World Championships in Thailand, August 3-11, 2017. There are over 60 countries that will be competing in this event. This event is officially recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as well as the Government of Thailand. MUAYThai is a provisional Olympic sport currently with a meeting set in September 2017 to decide if it will be a fully recognized sport for the 2020 Olympic Games that will be held in Tokyo. Traveling along with Joey to corner his student, Pete Peterson will also be attending the IFMA Judges & Referee training course as well as the iGLA (extended knowledge of Muaythai) education system course. This will make Pete the only coach IFMA trained in the midwest.

This is a huge honor for Joey to be selected for the team as he is the first and only youth from the state of Iowa in history. This is also an incredible opportunity for Pete to have this chance to grow even more as a trainer and coach and bring this knowledge back to not only the United States but more specifically, the Midwest where Muaythai is just beginning its growth. KCCI aired a story about Joey and Pete on Sunday <http://www.kcci.com/article/iowa-teenager-selected-to-compete-in-muay-thai-competition/10281701> there will also be a story in the Des Moines Register this week, as well as a radio interview with Take Down Wrestling Radio with Scott Casebar on July 22.

Unfortunately, along with the experience comes the cost of the travel (\$1,200.00 per person), training while in Thailand for gym facility (This cost has yet to be given to us), lodging(\$1,300.00 per person) and other expenses. With the short notice of this invitation, we are finding the need for fundraising to make this dream a reality. We currently have in about a 10 day time frame raised about \$1,900.00 in donations from businesses and individuals. We are also selling tshirts and hoodies to raise money, with this we are putting all donors on the back of the tshirt. Donations of any size will be greatly appreciated, we are extremely thankful for all the support we are receiving.

Thank you for your time it is much appreciated.

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