

KI-DO KARATE RECEIVES AWARD — Ki-Do Karate of Highland received a honorary award for being in the top 200 Black Belt International Schools out of 900 worldwide. Pictured are, from left, assistant instructor Andrew Boostrom, black belt instructor Zach Rakers, master instructor David Daiber, assistant instructor Jeremy Kloss and assistant instructor Adam Henrichs.

KiDo Karate wins international award

Ki-Do Karate Inc. of Highland was recently honored for being in the top 200 Black Belt International Schools out of 900 worldwide.

Ki-Do Karate received its award at Black Belt School International's Convention in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., this month. The top 200 schools were recognized for outstanding commitment to their students through the excellent programs and services they provide.

Master instructor David Daiber and black belt instructor Zach Rakers accepted the award.

"We were very honored to be recognized by one of the largest martial arts associations for providing excellence in what we enjoy doing," Daiber said. Ki-Do Karate Inc. offers 10 programs to help students achieve black belt and beyond. Ki-Do Karate offers several children's programs for students as young as four years old. These programs were designed by child psychologists and top martial artists to help students develop respect, confidence, discipline and concentration as well as physical skills.

Ki-Do Karate also offers programs for teens and adults and special courses for students interested in developing leadership skills and/or becoming instructors.

Ki-Do Karate's mission statement is "To build a better community one black belt time."

"We feel that the more people in whom we instill the black belt life skills of respect, integrity, perseverance, modesty, self-discipline and confidence, the better our community will be," Daiber said. "If every one acted like a black belt, what a wonderful place the world would be, and we plan to start right here in our community."

"One thing we do that puts us above other schools is that we teach character development through fun and exciting classes. We have hundreds of fun activities to help instill the skills students need to achieve black belt, rather than practicing the same old drill over and over again. When learning is fun, students learn more."

For more information about the martial arts or to enroll in classes, contact Ki-Do Karate at 654-KICK (5425).