



Dave Roth, Kyoshi

- Founder & Owner, Florida Karate Academy, 1994-present
- BSBA, University of Florida, 1986
- 7th Dan Shorin-Ryu Karate
- 4th Dan Okinawan Kobudo
- 3rd Dan Wado-Ryu Karate
- 3rd Dan Hand-to-Hand Combat
- 3rd Dan Toyama-Ryu Battodo
- 2nd Dan Niseido Jujitsu
- Guro Garimot Arnis
- 1st Dan Judo



Trained extensively under the following instructors:

- Mike Sawyer, Wado-Ryu Karate
- Rick Riccardi, Niseido Jujitsu
- Dan Smith, Seibukan Shorin-Ryu Karate & Okinawan Kobudo
- Zenpo Shimabukuro, Seibukan Shorin-Ryu Karate
- Troy J. Price, Shuri-Te Bujitsu-Kai
- Hoch Hochheim, Hand-to-Hand Combat & Presas Arnis
- Abundio S. Baet, Garimot Arnis
- John Matthews, Toyama-Ryu Batto Do
- Sang Kim, Toyama-Ryu Batto Do

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Dave Roth, Kyoshi started training Wado-Ryu Karate in 1981 under Mike Sawyer, Achieved first Black Belt in 1984. Began teaching in 1984 under Mike Sawyer and discovered my passion for sharing the martial arts that I love and my talent for motivating young students. After graduating from UF in 1986, I moved to Boca Raton and began teaching karate at Florida Atlantic University. While winning three straight State Championship in Karate Competition, I also continued my Martial Arts training in Shorin-ryu Karate under Sensei Dan Smith and Niseido Jujitsu under Professor Rick Riccardi. In 1994, I moved back to my hometown of Vero Beach to establish Florida Karate Academy. Since then, I have travelled extensively to Okinawa, Europe, and Japan to train and compete in Karate and Kobudo. I also helped develop the AAU Karate Program in Florida into the largest Region in the USA.

Awards & Positions Held:

2003 AAU-USA National Coach of the Year 2007 AAU-USA President's Leadership Award AAU-USA National Team Coach AAU-USA Regional Director WUKF International Referee

Championships Won:

3x Florida FAME State Champion 10x AAU-USA National Champion 2019 WUKF World Championships - Bronze Medal 2022 WUKF World Championships - Silver Medal & Bronze Medal



