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Joaquin Moraga Student Goes For the Gold In Karate

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The Karate and Fitness Place USA will send an athlete to the World Championships for the second year in a row. Chris Wellbrook, an 8th-grader at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School, has

qualified for the team that will travel to Osaka, Japan in mid-March. Last year, Miramonte alum Nick Fleischman made trip.

Wellbrook earned the honor by placing in the top

three at the 2007 Amateur Athletic Union National Karate Championships after many hours of hard work and training.

Other Highlights:

Seven members of The Karate & Fitness Place USA brought back 13 medals from the West Coast Championships held in Yuba City, CA on February 17th.

The events were in Kata (Forms), Kumite (sparring) and Kobudo (weapons). Among the winners were: Jessica Wynblatt 3rd place kata, Orion Wynblatt 3rd place kata and kumite, Haze Mach 2nd place kata and kumite, Chris Wellbrook 1st kata, 2nd kobudo, 3rd kumite, John Krawkowski 2nd kata and kumite, Brandon Tokuyama 3rd kata, 2nd kumite, and Jodi Wynblatt 3rd kata.