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Local Karate athletes at Las Vegas International Karate Competition

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A total of 10 Karate & Fitness USA Team Members of Lafayette returned home from the USA Open Karate Championships held in Las Vegas on Dec. 15 - 19 with over 30 medals. Ten athletes competed in Kata (Forms) and Kumite (Sparring). The USA Open Karate Event is sanctioned by USA Karate which is a member of the United States Olympic Committee. Karate is an official Olympic sport and the sport continues to grow around the world for boys and girls.

Karate athletes from the Lamorinda area, from left: Andrew Cai, Miles Paras, Ryoma Durkee, Paroma Khan, Chloe Paras, Parsa Shayesteh, Sophia Hong, Alex Paras, Polly Ryzhenkova; not pictured: Rayan Sohrabian Photo provided

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