Jing Ying Athletes Win Championship

The Jing Ying Institute of Kung Fu & Tai Chi participated in the 2009 USA Wushu-KungFu Federation national championships in Falls Church, VA, on September 26. Despite fielding a team of only three competitors, Jing Ying Institute brought home gold medals in every event they entered.

Lane Greer, 17, a student at Anne Arundel Community College, won gold medals in Women's Advanced Tai Chi forms for her straight sword performance and in Women's Advanced Sparring. In addition, Andrew Serio, 30, won gold in Men's Beginner Sparring and Billy Greer, 50, won gold in the Men's Advanced Chen Style Tai Chi and in the Men's Advanced Sparring events.

In August, Jing Ying entered a group tai chi team in the 27th annual U.S. Capitol Classics in Crystal City, VA. Doing a choreographed routine with swords, empty hand forms, a live drummer and pre-recorded music, the 17 member team took first place and qualified to go to Florida for the Disney Invitational.

Other team members earning medals were:

Erin Higgins, first place in Women's Beginner Tai Chi; David Cuccia, first in Men's Beginner Tai Chi; Glenn Cocoros, second in Men's Advanced Tai Chi; Billy Greer, second in Men's Advanced Push Hands; and Maddie Raber, 6, first in Youth Beginners Forms.