

Master Craig Greca's Biography

Master Craig Greca began his study of martial arts in November 1985 at the age of 14 in a Community Education Tae Kwon Do Program in Saline, MI - a Tae Kwon Do School under Grand Master Kwang Choi. Our parents would not let us participate unless we paid for some of our own training. Craig progressed well through Tae Kwon Do, often participating in extra activities such as the demonstration team. In 1987, when Grand Master Choi introduced the world to Choi Kwang-Do, our instructors: Dave and Phil Kwiecinski also made the switch to Choi Kwang-Do. While change to a dynamic style from Tae Kwon Do was not easy, Master Craig developed his Choi Kwang-Do skills quickly and began to assist other students and instructors in class.

Upon reaching the rank of Brown Belt in 1988, Craig was introduced to the man who would become his instructor, mentor, and one of his best friends - Mr. Gene Duncan - a Black Belt Instructor, who had just returned to Michigan from a temporary job assignment in California. In a short time, Mr. Duncan went on to become Chief Instructor of the program in Saline while developing Master Craig into an effective and highly trained instructor. By 1990, Master Craig earned his first-degree black belt and was an integral part of the instructor team responsible for one of the most successful Choi Kwang-Do programs in the state. As one of Mr. Duncan's most dedicated instructors, Master Greca visited Choi Kwang-Do International Headquarters twice in 1990 to train directly under Grand Master Choi. In 1991, Master Craig became one of the youngest instructors, along with his brother Scott, to be certified as a Chief Instructor and Women's Self-Defense Instructor under the authority of Choi Kwang-Do International.

In 1992, Master Craig teamed up with his brother, Master Scott Greca, and took on operation of the Ann Arbor YMCA program while continuing to serve as one of Mr. Duncan's Head Instructors in Saline. Under their leadership, the Ann Arbor YMCA program thrived as membership grew tremendously from fifteen students to over eighty, despite the fact that there were five other martial art programs at the YMCA. Choi Kwang-Do became the largest martial art program at the Ann Arbor YMCA, a tribute to Master Greca's leadership. Master Craig tested for 2nd Degree Black Belt during 1992 with Master Scott. During the years between 1986-1994, Master Craig was involved with many seminars, special trainings, and demo teams in different capacities: Saline Demo Team, Michigan Demo Team, Georgia and International Demo Teams, Captain of Michigan Demo Team, Georgia and Michigan Seminars. Twice in his career he was offered schools in Georgia teaching for Grandmaster Choi.

In 1994, Master Craig decided to pursue his one of his lifetime dreams to work and act in the martial art film industry. So, he moved to Orlando, Florida to support and be a part of that growing film industry. During that time, he maintained and auditioned for roles, keeping up his martial art skills. He was selected for multiple roles including WMAC Masters, SeaQuest 2025, From Earth to the Moon, All Shook Up – where he choreographed, as well as performed fight routines.

Unfortunately, Mr. Duncan passed away due to cancer in November 1998. This had an effect on Master Craig and he continued to make his dream of running another Choi Kwang Do Studio in his mind. So, he moved to Arlington, Texas with his lifetime friend Paul Johnson, who was also a 2nd Degree Black Belt in Choi Kwang Do. They trained and tested for 3rd Degree Black Belt in 2000. They planned on starting a studio together until Master Greca got an offer in Santa Monica, California to try one more time in the Film and TV Industry. Shortly after getting settled in California, Master Greca's father was diagnosed with Cancer. He then left and went back to Michigan to be with his father, who died 9 months later. Craig moved away after his father's death back to California to continue living his dreams. However, Master Greca's dream changed after his father's death and he wanted to start a family instead. After using the time and coming to terms with his father's death, Master Craig then moved back to Michigan.

Since coming back to Michigan, Master Craig has run the daily operations of Greca Choi Kwang Do as a Program Director, then Chief Instructor/Owner, tested for 4th Degree Black Belt and became a Deputy Master and International Instructor in 2006. In 2010, Craig traveled to Seoul, Korea and tested for 5th Degree Master Instructor. Every exam that Master Craig Greca has taken in his life has been overseen by Grandmaster Kwang Jo Choi, our Founder.

With 30 years of martial arts experience, Master Craig Greca is currently the Co-Owner of the Greca Choi Kwang-Do School in Michigan for the past 13 years and is one of the most successful operations in the state. In his position as Chief Instructor, Master Greca oversees the complete operation of a school of 200 students and manages an instructor team of over 20 instructors along with his brother, Master Scott Greca. As one of the most Senior Instructor/Examiner in the State of Michigan, Master Greca certifies new examiners and instructors converting from other martial art styles to Choi Kwang-Do. Master Greca continues to develop students and instructors while he works on building operations for his current studio as well as establishing an Instructor Development Center for continuing education of Instructors.

Now that his children are now a little older, Master Craig Greca sets his sights on Cape Coral, Florida where he is starting several martial art programs. He hopes to open a commercial location very soon and hopes to continue the legacy of the Michigan Greca Choi Kwang Do Studio. When the dust settles, he is also planning on setting another goal to test for 6th Degree Black Belt.