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### Family Self Defense Center, in partnership with Novi Parks, continues to receive national recognition

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NOVI, Mich., June 29, 2016 - The accolades keep pouring in for the Family Self Defense Center "dojo" as it was recently named one of the "Top Five Isshinryu Schools in the Nation" for the 10th time.

The school also is proud to announce the induction of the school's founder and chief instructor, Master Z. Szelap, into the Isshinryu Hall of Fame. This is the most prestigious award that can be given to a master in the Isshinryu style. Masters inducted annually into the Hall of Fame come from all over the world, including Japan, India and China. Master Z. will be formally inducted at the National Awards Banquet to take place on July 22, in Gatlinburg Tenn.

Seven students and two instructors will also be honored at the same awards banquet as National Finalists for 2016 in their respective categories:

Outstanding Female Karate Student 12 and under: Shaelyn Carroll and Ameilia Chung

Outstanding Female Karate Student 13-17: Lizzy Arnold, Neha Gogineni and Ryan Swanson

Outstanding Male Karate Student 13-17: Ram Kiru and Abhay Vora

Top Jr. Female Competitor: Shaelyn Carroll

Top Female Instructors in the Country: Tanaz Naterwala and Master Chris Szelap

Top Isshinryu Dojo: Family Self Defense Center

The FSDC earned more national nominations for their students and instructors than any other Isshinryu School in the country. FSDC students and instructors traveling to Tennessee will also compete in the National Tournament held July 23, where many students have earned national titles in past years.

The Family Self Defense Center currently boasts more than 160 students, including 28 actively training and teaching black belts. FSDC offers classes through Novi Parks on Monday and Tuesday evenings in Isshinryu Karate, Samurai Sport Sword, as well as an Adults Only Martial Arts Class. More information can be found by visiting [karatebyfsdc.com](http://karatebyfsdc.com) or by calling 248-347-0414.