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BEST TEACHER

Mark Giordano



The "Best Of" Teacher for 2017 can add many other titles to his relationship with the young people he serves, including mentor, friend, and sometimes even surrogate father.

Black Belt Mark Giordano, the chief instructor at Steve DeMasco's Shaolin Studios, grew up training one-on-one under Grandmaster DeMasco from the marital arts studio in Connecticut. He then went on to train with Shaolin monks in China to achieve his 5th degree black belt.

"What I've seen in Mark over the years is a very loyal and disciplined individual," says DeMasco.

Giordano now leads kids from all walks of life down the right path through martial arts discipline. He has worked with youth who have suffered abuse

or have other major problems, been bullied, and who have ADHD.

Originally from Branford, CT, this 32-year-old resides in Bennington, NH and enjoys his work at the local family-friendly martial arts studio. Giordano enjoys watching these students come into their own as they come back year after year to work with him.

"We go beyond kicks and punches here," says Giordano. "We teach kids to be mentally strong."

He goes on to say that with martial arts, you don't have to be better than the other person, you just need to be better than what you were the day before.

For more details about Giordano and the youth programs at this local studio, call 603-354-7850 or visit www.sdsskungfu.com.

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