

# SAKURA KOKUMAI

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## PROFILE

I started karate at the age of 7 in Honolulu, Hawaii. I made the U.S. Junior National Team when I was 14 and have been representing the country ever since. When I was younger, I just loved being around people in the dojo and loved traveling to international events with my teammates. As I got older, I started to set bigger goals for myself as an athlete and fell in love with the sport all over again. To pursue my Olympic dream, I moved to California to stay with a host family, so I could be a full time athlete. I became the first American to qualify for the Olympics and also the only female athlete that represented Karate from the US at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Now I am focusing on sharing my experience and knowledge by giving seminars and speeches across the US and also around the world.

## RESULTS

- Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics Team USA Karate Athlete (5<sup>th</sup> place)
  - Member of USA Karate National Team since 2007
  - World Bronze Medalist
  - 2019 Pan American Games Gold Medalist
  - 8x Senior Pan American Champion
  - 8x USA National Champion (Senior)
  - World Combat Games Bronze Medalist
  - 4x Junior Pan American Champion
  - 4x USA National Champion (Junior)
  - Junior and Cadet World Championships Silver Medalist
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- Karate Kid Musical, Karate Consultant

## EDUCATION

Doshisha University (Kyoto) B.A. , Waseda University (Tokyo) M.A.

## SOCIALS

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