

Ambassador Mahinda Samarasinghe Meets Young Karate Medal Winner Manmitha Senadhi Jinasena



On 18 July 2025, Ambassador Mahinda Samarasinghe welcomed Manmitha Senadhi Jinasena, a young Sri Lankan Karate Champion, together with her parents, Rasitha Jinasena and Tharidi Fonseka, at the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington, D.C. Manmitha recently earned a Silver Medal in the Kata division (15-year age category) at the 2025 USA Karate National Championships, held on 10 July 2025 at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas. She represented the state of Maryland through Senshi Karate-Do.

During her visit, Manmitha shared her inspiring journey in karate, which began at the age of seven in Sri Lanka, and discussed her training, accomplishments, and her goal of winning a gold medal at next year's

national championship. Ambassador Samarasinghe congratulated her on her achievements and encouraged her to maintain her pursuit of excellence.

This marks Manmitha's second consecutive national medal, following her silver in the Under-14 Kata category at the 2024 USA Nationals in Louisiana. Earlier this year, she also won Gold in Kata and Silver in Kumite at the Mid-Atlantic Karate Championship in Virginia.

Manmitha is currently pursuing her high school education in Maryland and has won the Sri Lanka National Karate Championship and Colombo District tournaments multiple times International Schools inter-school events in Sri Lanka, and several international competitions.

The Embassy commends Manmitha's dedication, perseverance, and the pride she brings to Sri Lanka through her international achievements. We wish her continued success in her journey and extend our heartfelt congratulations to her, her family, and her coaches.



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