

# OLYMPIA

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## FENCING ACADEMY

### OLYMPIA FENCERS DOMINATE FROSTY FOIL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

ST. LOUIS, JANUARY 7, 2009... St. Louis-based Olympia Fencing Academy won nearly two-thirds of the gold, silver and bronze medals awarded at the Frosty Foil Tournament held at Missouri Baptist College on January 4. The tournament attracted more than 60 fencers from throughout the St. Louis area, as well as Springfield, Illinois and Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Fencers participated in three events: adult mixed foil (men and women age 13 and over); youth mixed foil (age 12 and under) and adult mixed saber. Medal winners from Olympia included:

- Mohamed Hossan: gold medal, youth mixed foil.
- Alexandre Amice: silver medal, youth mixed foil.
- Evan Wallace: silver medal, adult mixed foil.
- Ron Daugherty: bronze medal (tied), adult mixed foil.
- Adam Bartling: bronze medal (tied), adult mixed foil.
- Peter Kalinowski: bronze medal (tied), adult mixed saber.
- Tom Davis: bronze medal (tied), adult mixed saber.

Two more Olympia fencers also placed in the top 10 of their events: Todd Davis, ninth and Keith Camden, tenth—both in adult mixed foil. Olympia participants also included Julian Chun, John Dunagan, Allison Daugherty, Micah Mickles, Robert Clemens, Charles Halbeck and Nehal Hassan.

“St. Louis held its first-ever national tournament last November, attracting more than 2,000 competitors and raising the awareness of our sport throughout the region,” according to Paula Reed, a spokesperson for Olympia Fencing Academy. “The strong showing at the Frosty Foil is further evidence that fencing is gaining momentum in the St. Louis area, and all of us at Olympia are excited and proud to do our part.”

Sanctioned by the United States Fencing Association (USFA), Olympia Fencing Academy is the training facility for several nationally ranked fencers who regularly compete around the country, as well as for dozens of recreational fencers of all ages and skill levels who simply enjoy the strategy, athleticism and camaraderie of the sport. The Academy’s head coach, Hossam Hassan, has 27 years of fencing experience and holds nine certifications and degrees from the French Fencing Federation and International Olympic Committee. Olympia is St. Louis’ first, dedicated fencing facility, featuring over 6,500 square feet in the heart of the Central Corridor, at 8664 Olive Blvd. Olympia is also home for beginner to advanced fencing classes, birthday parties and other special events that combine fencing and fun for all ages. For more information, call 314-993-9700 or email [info@olympiafencing.com](mailto:info@olympiafencing.com).

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**About the USFA:** The United States Fencing Association is the national governing body for the sport in the U.S. The USFA is a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee and the international fencing federation, the Federation Internationale d’Escrime. The USFA’s mission is to 1) prepare and select athletes for the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships and World University Games; 2) develop programs for international success and 3) organize grassroots development of the sport in this country. For more information, visit [www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org).