

**OLYMPIA FENCER BRINGS HOME THE GOLD
FROM NORTH AMERICAN CUP FENCING TOURNAMENT**

A fencer from St. Louis based Olympia Fencing Academy, Peter Kalinowski, won the gold medal at a National fencing tournament in Atlanta, Georgia on February 27th. Peter was one of 78 sabre fencers from all corners of the country who competed in the Division III Men's Sabre event at the Atlanta based North American Cup.

"Peter turned in an exemplary performance," stated Olympia Head Coach-Hossam Hassan, "he defeated every fencer who faced him".

Other Olympia fencers who participated were Tom Davis, who competed along with Peter Kalinowski in Division III Men's Sabre, Adam Bartling, who fenced in the Division III Men's Foil event, Ron Daugherty, who also competed in the Division III Men's Foil event as well as the Division III Veteran's event and Evan Wallace, who fenced in the Division II Men's Foil event.

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.

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