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Press Release

VACAVILLE PAIR BRING HOME GOLD FROM STATE JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

On May 30th and May 31st, 2010 eight youth from the Vacaville Police Activities League – Makimoto Judo Club competed in the 2010 California State Judo Championships at the City College of San Francisco. Over 500 competitors from around the state attended. The format was double elimination, meaning if a player lost twice they were eliminated.

Hunter Costello, 10, and Cody Costello, 14, brought home gold medals in their respective age and weight classes. John Fife, 18, Michael Fife, 15, Brianna Sifuentes, 14, and Israel White, 9, took silver medals in their age and weight classes, while Ronnie Wise, 13, took a bronze medal. Samantha Sifuentes, 11, fought hard but did not place.

Michael, Brianna, Ronnie, Samantha, Hunter and Israel are all going to compete in the United States Junior Nationals tournament being held in Irvine, California July 2 through July 4, 2010.

The Vacaville Police Activities League Judo Club is coached by Officers Gordon and Lucy Makimoto of the Vacaville Police Department. For questions about the Vacaville PAL program, please contact Officer Gordon Makimoto at 449-5200 or Amanda Slade at 469-4004.

The Police Activities League program is one of the oldest citizen-building youth programs in the nation. It builds friendships between law enforcement and children within the community. By helping our youth we help the future of our community.

The Vacaville Police Activities League is a non-profit organization. One hundred percent of all contributions stay in the City of Vacaville.

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