

Slammin' Sami's silver earns trip to El Salvador

Whitby student second in Canada

WHITBY -- Sami Iannuzzi, of ICKF Karate School in Whitby, is getting some serious travel in this summer.

A successful debut at the

National Championships in Calgary has earned Iannuzzi a trip even farther away, as she is now in El Salvador for the Junior Pan American Karate Championships.

At her first National Championship in Calgary, Iannuzzi competed in the 14-15-year-old girls'

47 kilogram kumite division, where she took the silver medal. The excellent performance earned her a place on the Canadian National Junior Karate team that is competing in El Salvador.

Iannuzzi also picked up a bronze medal as part of the Ontario team kumite event.

The Canadian National Championship is made up of the top two competitors from each province in each category. Iannuzzi earned her spot at this year's Nationals by finishing first in Ontario.

"Sami's Canadian Championship silver medal performance

and earning a spot on the Canadian team is the product of many hours of hard work and dedication that Sami has put in," says her instructor and provincial coach, Ed Docherty.

Iannuzzi is 15 and a Grade 10 student at Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School.