



ETO FEB 2019 STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Eric Steven Crowson
Belt Rank: 1st Gup (Red with Black Stripe)
Age: 36

Tell us about your life away from ETO?

I graduated from the University of Florida (Go Gators!), and have been a pharmacist for over 10 years. Most of that time has been with an independent pharmacy in Chamblee that serves the Vietnamese and Hispanic community. I married my beautiful wife, Kim, almost 7 years ago and we enjoy traveling and spending time with our cat, Vincent. I also enjoy watching Gator sports, working out, golf, swimming, watching movies, and playing video games.

What started you on your ETO journey?

Years ago in Pensacola, FL, when I was twelve years old, I earned my black belt, but stopped practicing when I started playing golf. I was always interested in getting back into martial arts, so in September 2014 I finally did. I found ETO after an online search. After visiting the studio and participating in a few classes, I knew ETO would be a great fit for me.

Best ETO moment?

Besides being named ETO student of the month for the adult class, my best ETO moment was having my wife and parents watch me perform at the Battle of Kennesaw tournament in 2019. They got to watch me showcase multiple forms, spar, break boards, and even participate in some fun tug-of-war matches. Another moment that meant a lot to me was the class support when my grandfather passed away. ETO is like a second family where everyone cares for each other.

What are your hopes, goals or inspirations?

I hope to continue to serve my community as a pharmacist, and maybe someday become an entrepreneur. I want to live out my life as someone who makes a difference in other people's lives and makes a positive impact in the community.