



DC CHESS EVENTS

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Goodbye 2020

Hello 2021

2020-2021 DC Scholastic Chess Events

As the scholastic coordinator of the District of Columbia scholastic chess events, I would like to thank the Chess community for your continued support to advance Chess in the District of Columbia for students in the K- 12 grades.

Due to the pandemic our activities were pivoted to online events. With my community partner the US Chess Center, I was able to conduct a study group, mini tournament with lunch for high school students before the Denker in January and a Black History tournament with the K-5 event in early February 2020. There were two online K to 12 tournaments conducted in October and November 2020. All events were coed. Plaques and medals were mailed to winners placing first to 6th place in the online tournaments

The main activity of my position is to conduct chess tournaments to select students to represent Washington, DC in the annual National Tournament of Champions .The Denker high school category and Barber grades 6 to 8 events were held in person. The Rockefeller was conducted as a over the board event. The highest USCF rated girl resident in Washington, DC was invited to represent Washington, DC. The following students competed with success to win the privilege of representing the District of Columbia in their prospective categories. Results of the National Tournament of Champions in prospective categories can be found at the US Chess website at <https://new.uschess.org/denker>

The students who represented Washington, DC are as follows:

1. OLIVER ALEXANDER HEGGLI-NONAY / Denker Grades 12-9
2. BENJAMIN TYRRELL/ Barber Grade 6-8
3. LENOX SERRETTE / Rockefeller Grade K-5
4. Amanda Lossef/ The Haring All Girls Tournament (grades K-12)

The deadline to select 2021 nominees to the National Tournaments of Champions is June 1, 2021. Depending on the direction of the pandemic, I am considering a small over the board outdoor invitational at the park inviting the top ten USCF residents in each category to play over the board competition. I plan to wait until April to make a decision to conduct the event online or over the board.

With the help of Mr. Reggie Lockett of the DC Black Knights and a private donor in addition to the coordination of Chess Girls DC nonprofit organization we distributed over 400 chess sets across wards 6, 7, 8. during the COVID pandemic in an effort to reduce stress, eliminate idle mindedness, promote productive thinking and strengthen family bonds.

Best Regards,
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Each student received a Notation book at the Denker



Barber winners



Black History Month & Rockefeller Tournament



Chess sets gifted to Eastern High School Chess team



High School Chess event and luncheon.
Students taught notation



Each student received a Notation book



Each student received a Chess kids Life Magazine and chess board



Each student received a Notation book at Barber Event

Giftting Chess boards across the city during the pandemic in Wards 6, 7, and 8 to promote productive thinking and strengthen families during the COVID pandemic with the help of Mr. Reggie Luckett of the Black Knights

