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# DC SCHOLASTIC CHESS NEWS

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DC Scholastic Chess events is a community venture, bridging individuals, organizations and the community with activities to increase children playing chess and increase access to chess tournaments in Washington, DC . In an effort to improve Girls intellectual ability to challenge the world, Chess Girls DC nonprofit organization supports DC Scholastic events.

DC Scholastic Chess events is proud to report that the 2018- 2019 season started off July 18 with Councilman Grosso, Chairperson of the Education committee inviting the 2018 student representatives, Ayah Swan, Amanda Losseff, Zahir Muhammed and their families to his office to recognize their outstanding performance in Chess. October 2, 2018, Councilman Gray presented the Denker representative, Zahir Muhammed with a special resolution recognition award before the City Council.

The tournament season started October 12, 2018 with a collaboration between Chess Girls DC and the US Chess Center. A free Chess tournament at Emery Recreation Center for National Chess Day was sponsored by grant from Wards 3&4 Prevention organization. Special Thank You to Mr. David Mehler for his support and encouragement.

October 16, seventy girls converged from, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, West Virginia and around the region to participate in the 2nd annual Regional Girls Chess tournament at the Homewood Suites hotel. Through an annual collaboration with Capital Area Chess we hope to make our 3rd upcoming season a bigger success.

November's Turkey Bowl classic at the Thurgood Marshall center had a low turn out but fun was had by all. Thank you to Anand Dommalapati of Capital Area Chess for his support and encouragement. Special Thank you to Mr. Reginald Luckett who graciously set up & packed equipment for the tournament.

January 12, 2019, DC Scholastic Chess organized it's first MLK Day Classic Chess tournament at the Thurgood Marshall Center. Students received water bottles as gifts from IGM Maurice Ashley.

The Black history month chess tournament was conducted at the Thurgood Marshall Center in February. All students received Chess boards from IGM Ashely as a gift. First, second and third place winners received complimentary memberships to the Internet Chess Club in addition to trophies and medals. Special thank you to Dr. Allen Chauvenet who often tirelessly volunteers his day as tournament director support.

The citywide Barber- Denker Championship never disappoints. Thank you to Mr. Robert Teachey and Dr. Allen Chauvenet working as a team to make the event as smooth as possible. We could not have done it with out you.

- o 61 students participated
- o Zahir Muhammad successfully defended his title as the District of Columbia Denker High school representative.
- o There was a 5-minute tie break blitz between Jesse Webb and Adamson Steiner. Jesse Webb becoming the representative for the the K- 8 Barber representative.

Special Thank You to Jay Stallings for sponsoring the citywide tournament trophies and the ICC chess club for providing complimentary memberships to the winners of all the Spring events.

May 6, 2019 District of Columbia Girls tournament. Amanda Losseff defended her title as the reigning Girls champion. Amanda will also represent Washington, DC at Susan Polgar's SPICE camp at Webster University. Special Thank You to Mr. Andy Rea who filled in as tournament director at the last minute.

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Amanda, Jesse and Zahir will represent Washington, DC in Orlando, Florida at the 4-day Tournament of Champions. National Master David Bennett created a fundraiser to help eliminate some of the burden of travel for Zahir and Jesse who live in Ward 7.

We are especially grateful for Mr. David Bennett's time, talent and resources, he donated to the children in Washington, DC.

Special recognition is given to Mr. Paul Swaney who donated 25 chess sets. The chess sets were distributed to students in Ward 7&8 who participated in the Black History month tournament.

Ardent thanks to Mr. Marc Rotenberg for his encouragement and support.



*It has been a pleasure and a honor to serve as the USCF DC Scholastic Chess Coordinator for the 2018- 2019 season. I look forward to participating next season. For more information,*

*news and upcoming events go to*

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*Best Regards,*

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