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EMPOWERMENT WEEKEND GUEST SPEAKERS



Inspiration Friday with

IVETTE GARCIA MORALES

Womens International Master Ivette is a streamer and content creator from Mexico. She is the Spanish voice for Chess Kids. WIM Ivette wants to share and Inspire girls to play more online chess tournaments to keep their skills sharp during the worldwide pandemic. She will share skills that will help girls manuever online chess events confidently



Saturday Inspiration

CLAUDIA MUNOZ

Munoz found her love for math as a young lady who was intrigued by the beauty of numbers. At the age of 6, she learned to play chess and went on to become a national and international chess champion. Throughout her chess career, Munoz has represented the United States in eight countries at top tournaments that include the World Junior Chess Championship. She is ranked as a Woman Candidate Master with a United States Chess Federation (USCF) rating of 2050. (A USCF rating of 2200 is considered a Chess Master.) She is a member of the Texas Tech Chess team and president of the Knight Raiders Chess Club.



AASA DOMMALAPATI

I started playing chess at the age of 5 and it has been a part of my life ever since. I have participated at several International competitions since 2012 (World Youth events 2012 -2015 and Pan American & North American Youth events 2013 to 2019). I won my title as a WCM in 2013 at the Pan American Youth Championships and my conditional WFM title in 2018 at the North American Youth Championships. I have also won many bronze and silver medals at these events. I was the Virginia K-3 champion and K-5 champion. I am the president of the chess club at my school, and I love inspiring them to play chess. I also love teaching chess to kids, especially because it reminds me of myself when I was learning to play as a young kid. Other than chess, my interests include Indian classical dancing and learning new things in school.

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SANJANA VITTAL



At the age of ten, she qualified to represent the United States for the World Youth and has been selected every year since. Sanjana won her first title of WCM by winning the silver medal in the 2013 NAYCC in Toronto, Canada. She won the WFM title by winning gold for the USA in the 2015 Pan American Youth Chess Championships in Cali, Colombia. She also won silvers in the 2015 NAYCC and the 2017 North American Junior. She has two WIM norms. Last year, in Kingston, Canada, in the North American Youth Chess Championships, she won Gold for the USA, scoring a perfect 9-0. Sanjana was the runner up in the Under-18 section in the All-Girls National Chess Championship 2019 in Chicago. She also holds the USCF National Master title. In 2018, she was invited and played in the prestigious US Girls' Junior Chess Championship. Sanjana is the winner of the 2017 Susan Polgar World Open for Girls and she has been the New Jersey Girls state champion for three years in a row. She is also the current New Jersey High School Champion. She is currently the highest rated Woman and Girl in New Jersey.

AKSHITA GORTI



My interests in academics are mostly sciences, especially computer science. I hope to do well in my academics and get into a very good college, where I can try to major in computer science and engineering. I also love teaching chess to kids! I think its very important to give back to the community, and help other kids excel in chess too. have played in the 2019 U.S. Women's Championship. Played in the Under 16 Chess Olympiad which took place during mid-November 2018. Was the official girls representative for the World Junior Chess Championships which took place during September 2018. Participated in the 2018 U.S. Women's Championship. Won the 2017 U.S. Girls Junior Chess Championship. In 2017, I was a member of the All-American team. In 2017, I was a member of the All-American team. Achieved the Women's International Master title in 2016. Participated in the 2016 U.S. Women's Championship. Tied for first in the 2014 Girls Junior Chess Championship. Participated in the 2014 World Youth Chess Championships. 2013 Under 18 Girls North American

FIONA LAM



Fiona grew up in Maryland and started playing chess in her elementary school's chess club. She was a two-time National Girls 16 & Under Champion (2010, 2011) and a five-time Maryland Girls Champion (2008-2012). She represented the U.S. at the North American Youth Championship in 2010 where she took third place in Girls U16. She was a two-time Maryland representative at the Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls (SPNI), where she teamed up with the Virginia representative to win the SPNI Bughouse Championship in 2009. While in high school, she started and taught at a local elementary school chess program to encourage more students to play, and led her high school's chess team to win several tournaments. Fiona went on to study at MIT, where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa. Her favorite class at MIT was Game Theory! Today, Fiona works at an investment firm in DC, and outside of work can be found nerding out doing chess puzzles and following chess events (she even traveled to New York to watch the 2016 World Championship match in-person)!

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ALL GIRLS EMPOWERMENT WEEKEND

Virtual Awards & Sunday Finale with

ALICE DONG



Alice started playing chess in the second grade after joining her elementary school's chess club. From the age of 12 forward, she qualified as a participant on the USA Team for the World Youth Chess Championships, participating in 2010, 2012, and 2015. She was also a two-time champion of the Susan Polgar Girls Invitational and co-champion of the KCF All-Girls Championship. She graduated from Swarthmore college in 2019 and is currently an analyst at Tortoise Investment Management while continuing to run her chess camp for girls through Chess4Girls, Inc. Alice wants other girls to know what a confidence-booster the game can be.

Thank you

Our appreciation to the Team!

ANNA MILLER, CO-MISTRESS OF CEREMONY



Anna Miller, an inspirational speaker, is a teen on a mission to empower and inspire. She is passionate about motivating people around the world to do amazing things, take risks, and get involved—with a focus on accessibility, inclusion, and equity. Her greatest hits include speaking at WeDay in front of over 16,000 people about increasing gender and disability inclusion in tech, producing weekly inspirational videos for her Instagram channel @therealannamiller, and starring in an upcoming reality tv show about young people inspiring change and working for good. In 2019 she was featured in a CNN mini-documentary highlighting her participation in the World Junior Chess Championship for Players with Disabilities.

SARAH RAMSON, CO-MISTRESS OF CEREMONY



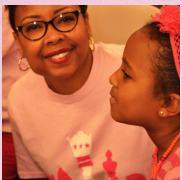
Sarah Ramson is a founding member of Chess Girls DC. She has been playing chess since 2014. Sarah plays the harp, loves ballet and plays golf. She recently earned the 2019 K-5 District of Columbia champion and the 2019, 10 year old champion at the All Girls Mid Atlantic regional in Washington, DC. Sarah believes your rating is not the most important aspect but that Chess is a platform to inspire girls to intellectually challenge the world. Her favorite thing about Chess Girls DC is the opportunity to meet with girl friends and talk about how to inspire other girls to be confident. To stay inspired check out iamsarahmari.com

JUDIT SZTARAY, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR



As general manager of youth outreach and events for the world-renowned Mechanic's Institute Chess Room. A former science researcher with a Ph.D. in chemistry and the 2017 recipient of the U.S. Chess Federation Organizer of the Year award, Judit grew up playing chess in her native Hungary, where she also honed her skills in Eastern European baking.

CHESS GIRLS DC NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION C/O ROBIN RAMSON



A native of Washington DC, Robin Ramson uses her unique talents, creativity and imagination to engage girls in the intellectual sport of Chess, bringing awareness to their full potential and exposing the best version of what is possible using the cognitive skills developed in Chess. Under Robin's 7 years of leadership, Chess Girls DC 501c3 Nonprofit Organization has developed into an organization for social change using Chess as a tool

See you in person in October 2021