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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 maneuver 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



Organizer, Chess Girls DC Nonprofit Organization

As the organizer of the 2019 Regional Chess Girls Tournament in Washington, DC we are so inspired by our guests. We look forward to seeing you in person next year. Chess Girls DC 501c3 Nonprofit Organization was launched in response to scientific evidence that self-confidence plays a tremendous role in a girl's approach to course work that requires higher level thinking skills and challenging circumstances.

We believe that chess can be used as tool to build confidence skills that will endure a life time.

Robin Ramson, Founder Chess Girls DC



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 of their full potential and exposing the best version of what is possible using the cognitive skills developed in Chess. Under Robin's leadership for 7 years Chess Girls DC 501c3 Nonprofit Organization has developed into an organization for social change using Chess as a tool. Chess Girls DC hosts environment focused tournaments, provides classes to teach chess and encourage girls to explore local and national tournaments using evidence based strategies to intellectually challenge their opponents.

*See you in person in
October 2021*