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UMBC chess team wins national championship

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The University of Maryland, Baltimore County chess team successfully defended its championship title over the weekend at the President's Cup, known to chess aficionados as the Final Four of College Chess.

In December, UMBC competed in the Pan-American Intercollegiate Chess Championship to qualify for the President's Cup. Although favored to win Pan-Am, as it had six times since 1996, UMBC took second place.

The top four U.S. college chess teams, decided by the Pan-Am results, competed Saturday for the President's Cup title in Lindsborg, Kan., home of the World Champion Anatoly Karpov International School of Chess. With a score of 10 points, UMBC defeated teams from the University of Texas at Dallas, Miami Dade College and Stanford University. *

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