



Chess Scholarships Awarded to Young Champions

April 13, 2009

The University of Texas at Dallas awarded three separate full-tuition-and-fees, four-year scholarships to the top performers at the [SuperNationals](#) chess competition held April 3-5 in Nashville.

Scholarship recipients are Robert Hess of New York City, winner of the K-12 high school section ; Ryan Moon of Duluth, Ga., winner of the K-9 junior high school section.; and Daniel Gurevich of Marietta, Ga., winner of the elementary section. Arts and Humanities professor Tim Redman, founder of the UT Dallas chess team, presented Gurevich with his scholarship.

More than 5,200 students participated in the SuperNationals, making it one of the largest chess tournaments ever held in the United States. For the contest, the three scholastic levels of play—elementary, junior high and high school—were combined into one event.

Each of the three [Academic Distinction Scholarships](#) has a cash value of about \$80,000 for non-Texas residents. The winners must meet the University's rigorous requirements at matriculation.

“As a graduating college senior, I am pleased to say that this scholarship has allowed me to fully pursue my academic goals while also enabling me to continue playing top-level chess,” said John Bartholomew, a senior business administration major and member of the University's chess team. He was awarded an Academic Distinction Scholarship at the 2001 SuperNationals, where he took first place in the K-9 junior high section.

“This tournament is a valuable contribution to creation of a better future for society,” said Curt Eley, vice president for enrollment management, who gave the opening address at the event. “It was heartwarming to see so many bright, focused, hard-working young minds engaged in clean, thoughtful fun.”

Media Contacts: Karah Hosek, UT Dallas, 972-883-4329, karah.hosek@utdallas.edu or the Office of Media Relations, UT Dallas, (972) 883-2155, newscenter@utdallas.edu



Chess legend Garry Kasparov addresses an audience at the SuperNationals tournament last week in Nashville, Tenn.