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**22nd Annual Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Chess Championship - August 6-11 - Oak Brook, IL**  
The Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Chess was named after the late grandmaster Arnold Denker who supported this tournament through many years. This years championship will be held at the Double Tree Oak Brook located in Oak Brook, IL. His son Mitchell Denker has vowed to continue the dream in the name of his father. High school players, representing their state will be competing for not only the prestigious title but also for a four-year college scholarship from the **University of Texas at Dallas (UTD)**, valued at \$40,000.

**(CROSSVILLE, TN)** Besides being an outstanding college, UTD has also been known to be highly competitive as far as chess is concerned. For information about the college, please contact The University of Texas at Dallas, 2601 North Floyd Road, Richardson, TX 75083-0688 or call at 972-883-2111. You can also visit them at their website at [www.utdallas.edu](http://www.utdallas.edu).

In addition to the college scholarship, through the generosity of GM Denker's son, Mitchell and the U.S. Chess Trust, scholarships totaling \$2,200 will be awarded between the top ten finishers. Additional details can be found at: <http://www.uschess.org/scholastic/denker.html>.

On Sunday, August 6 at 9 am a reception will be held to welcome those below who have accepted the challenge:

Alabama: Nathan H. Saint  
Alaska: Matthew Parshall  
Arizona: Vaishnav Aradhyula  
Arkansas: Christopher A. Adkins  
Northern California: Daniel W. Schwarz  
Southern California: Francis Chen  
Colorado: Tyler Hughes  
Connecticut: Christian Antonio  
Florida: Brian Goldstein  
Georgia: Javid M. Acell  
Hawaii: Robert M. Lau  
Idaho: Jesse B. Brent  
Illinois: Kayin Barclay  
Indiana: Matthew A. Fouts

Iowa: Ian S. Beachler  
Kansas: Maxx W. Coleman  
Kentucky: Erik Patchell  
Louisiana: R. J. Tagorda  
Maryland: Jared E. Defibaugh  
Massachusetts: Joshua Bakker  
Minnesota: Matthew Carlson  
Missouri: Kevin Guo  
Nebraska: John Rolf  
Nevada: Matthew Pedraza  
New Hampshire: Steven Abrahams  
New Jersey: Evan D. Ju  
New Mexico: Frank Chen  
New York: Gregory J. Kimmel  
North Carolina: Nelson M. Lopez II  
North Dakota: Luke Diekman  
Ohio: Jonathan L. Hilton  
Oklahoma: John Cope  
Oregon: Corbin Yu  
Pennsylvania: Daniel A. Yeager  
South Carolina: Rade Robert Musulin  
South Dakota: Nicholas J. Truelson  
Tennessee: Philip B. Hinchman  
Utah: Tony Chen  
Vermont: Oliver Chase  
Virginia: Edward J. Lu  
Washington: Ricky T. Selzler  
West Virginia: Jason Young  
Wisconsin: Jesse Blashe

Please contact Alan Kantor at (931) 787-1234 ext. 128 or e-mail: [clubs@uschess.org](mailto:clubs@uschess.org) for this event. Once we have received confirmations from the following states, all 50 states will be represented: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Rhode Island, Texas, Wyoming.

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