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### 3rd Annual Susan Polgar National Invitation for Girls Chess Championship - Aug. 6-11 - Oak Brook, IL

(CROSSVILLE, TN) The third annual GM Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls (under 19) will begin August 6 at the Double Tree Hotel in Oak Brook, IL. This is a culmination of a series of regional and state qualifying events over the past 12 months that involved over 3,000 vying to represent their respective states.

The young women chess competitors will be competing for the title and also for a full tuition and fees scholarship valued at \$40,000, to the University of Texas in Dallas (UTD), a prominent supporter of scholastic chess. For more information on UTD 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 UTD website.

This tournament is co-sponsored by The Susan Polgar Foundation and the U.S. Chess Trust. You can find information about The Susan Polgar Foundation by visiting <http://www.susanpolgarfoundation.org>. Also check out <http://www.uschess.org/org/patrons1.php> for information on the U.S. Chess Trust.

Several side activities for the Polgar attendees rounded out the week of fun and competition for the girls.

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

Alabama: Hannah M. Hellwig  
Alaska: Alison Parshall  
Arizona: Amanda Mateer  
Arkansas: Emi Stuart  
Northern California: Louiza Livschitz  
Colorado: Kaia Smith  
Connecticut: Alexandra Wiener  
Delaware: Alisa Spittle  
Florida: Eunice Rodriguez  
Georgia: Ananya Roy  
Hawaii: Marissa Al Wai  
Idaho: Erica D. Barkell  
Illinois: Cheryl Liu  
Indiana: Krista Selby

Iowa: Dhrooti V. Vyas  
Kansas: Blythe E. Buscher  
Kentucky: Connie Wu  
Louisiana: Jordana Williams  
Maine: Margaret Bryan  
Massachusetts: Jessica Wamala  
Michigan: Ashley Carter  
Minnesota: Callin McGrath  
Nebraska: Elizabeth Oliver  
Nevada: Sandra Hernandez  
New Jersey: Karsten A. McVay  
New Mexico: Anna Smoak  
New York: Elina Kats  
North Carolina: Laura L. Lee  
Ohio: Shizuyo Ichikawa  
Oklahoma: Rachel Farell  
Oregon: Taylor Bailey  
Pennsylvania: Emily J. Chu  
Rhode Island: Kathleen Coccio  
Southern California: Jessica Zhu  
Tennessee: Graham Gibson  
Texas: Courtney Jamison, Anjali Datta, Katherine Qiu, Evan Xiang, Victoria Zhang  
Utah: Alice Chen, Janice Chen  
Vermont: Tanya Avilova  
Virginia: Abby Marshall  
Wisconsin: Tracie Klauer

Please contact Mr. Paul Truong at (212) 748-9587 or e-mail [PaulTruong@aol.com](mailto:PaulTruong@aol.com) for this event. Once we have received confirmations from the following states, all 50 states will be represented:

District of Columbia, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming.

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