As he is on the soccer field, the master of chess, sitting at the board, shares insights into the dynamics of the game.

Reaching the higher ranks of chess, a boy-year-old prodigy has overcome challenges and emerged as a Grandmaster. He has won numerous competitions and is a member of the University of Texas at Brownsville chess team.

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Grandmaster's arrival at South Texas school puts him among elite

*Chess champ thrives in Brownsville*
"How often are you going to get in that arena?" Carter said.

Duke, Northwestern and Johns Hopkins
been beat Yale and Stanford head-to-head and finish ahead of schools including Harvard.

It's also a source of pride for a relatively young school in a far-fung locale. Last year the school's

scholarships. At 9, they were No. 3 and No. 4 in the country in their age group last year.

produced Fernando Spada and Fernando Acevedo, the powerhouse boys to whom Carter offered

Carlos, a child in South Texas have tremendous potential for chess. The region has

Chess Players. "Even with the A.I., the U.T.T.P. president, it just makes sense when you have this pool of

learning," said Juliette Garcia, U.T.T.P. president. "I understand the relationship of learning a game of chess discipline and rigor like chess and

local elementary school kids who were taking the chess world by storm.

The reputation of elementary and high school Chess teams in the area actually preceded the

In Brownsville, Bachmann found a chess haven unlike anything he ever saw in Pennsylvania.

named Chess College of the Year.

At that point, he had never been to the United States and never heard of the school — last year

alone."

"A good kid," Lazaroff said. "Bachmann said, "because it's not easy to come

in an international master at the time, his solid grades and Recommendation letter he was

offered Bachmann a scholarship and a chance to move to the U.S. based on his play. His family as

a look. After the 2006 Chess Olympics, where Bachmann best a Cuban grandmaster, Harwood

trained in South America, no one suggested that chess program director Russell Harwood take

If was another U.T.T.P. chess team member, David Remender, who knew Bachmann from playing

"I'm feeling really good here," Bachmann said. "I'm really happy here."