



US Chess Trust Chairman Harold Winston, right, presents a medallion to Denker Tournament of HS Champions participant Jacob Nathan.

Our Mission

To widen worlds, challenge minds and improve lives through chess.

Our Vision

One day, every American, from schoolkid to senior citizen, will have the opportunity to learn chess and enjoy its many mental and social benefits.

Our Work

USCT supports chess in the community, providing boards and sets throughout the USA, especially to programs aiding needy children, veterans, people with special needs, and the elderly. We provide significant scholarships and other educational support to a wide range of youngsters. We also provide stipends to the most promising young chess players in the USA, with the goal of their representing the USA at the highest levels of competitive chess.

We know that chess can widen worlds, challenge minds, and lead to better lives. Whatever their backgrounds and economic status, children taught chess do better in school and better in life. Chess helps develop valuable reading, research, decision-making and social skills. It improves students' ability to concentrate. Research and experience suggest that chess benefits the mental acuity of people of all ages.

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US Women's Champ WGM Jennifer Yu at her US Open simul, with a surprise opponent.



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2018 Samford Fellow
Jeffery Xiong,
18, reached the
2019 World Cup
Quarterfinals and
is now rated over
2700 FIDE!



Samford Fellowship Supports USA Talent!

The US Chess Trust also funds the Samford Fellowship, through the generosity of the late Frank P. Samford, Jr. Its goal is to give exceptionally promising American chess players an opportunity to develop their talents. The total value of the Fellowship has been increased several times over the years and is now \$42,000 annually. Four of the five-man 2018 US Olympiad team were Samford graduates.

1987 Joel Benjamin
1988 Maxim Dlugy
1989 Patrick Wolff
1990 Alex Fishbein
1991 Ilya Gurevich
1992 Alex Sherzer
1993 Ben Finegold
1994 Gata Kamsky
1995 Josh Waitzkin
1996 Tal Shaked
1997 Boris Kreiman
1998 Dean Ippolito
1999 Greg Shahade
2000 Michael Mulyar
2001 Eugene Perelshteyn
2002 Varuzhan Akobian
2003 Dmitry Schneider
2004 Rusudan Goletiani
2005 Hikaru Nakamura
2006 David Pruess
2007 Josh Friedel
2008 Vinay Bhat
2008 Irina Krush
2009 Ray Robson
2010 Robert Hess
2011 Alex Lenderman
2012 Timur Gareev
2012 Alejandro Ramirez
2013 Sam Shankland
2014 Daniel Naroditsky
2015 Samuel Sevian
2015 Kayden Troff
2016 Wesley So
2017-18 Jeffery Xiong
2018-19 Sam Sevian
2018-19 Awonder Llang
2019 Christopher Yoo

13-year-old IM
Christopher Yoo is a
2019 Samford Fellow.
At 9, he became the
youngest-ever US
national master.



At 14, GM Awonder Llang
became the 2nd youngest
American to qualify for the
title of grandmaster. A two-
time world champion in his
age categories, he's now 16
and a 2019 Samford Fellow.



GM Sam Sevian broke
American youngest age
records for qualifying
for Expert, National Mas-
ter, International Master
and Grandmaster. Now
18, he returns this year as
a Samford Fellow.



For the second year in a row, the US Chess Trust sponsored The World Junior Chess Championship for Players with Disabilities, organized and hosted by Trustee Beatriz Marinello, shown here leading a class with US Chess Trust Treasurer and National Master, Dr. Leroy Dubeck.



Above:
USA participants in the World Junior Chess
Championship for Players with Disabilities, l. to
r.: Pranav Shankar, Ana Miller, Payton Mueller.

Below: Chicago schoolkids enjoy their chess sets
from the US Chess Trust.

