



## Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation

The Chicago Public Schools, Department of Academic Competitions and Renaissance Knights, NFP has the privilege of taking 100 students to Washington D.C. for the US Chess National High School Chess Tournament. In addition to the academic components, students will be afforded the opportunity to participate in academic and cultural experiences. The majority of the students participating in the national tournament are from under-resourced communities and economically disadvantaged homes and are unable to fund the costs associated with the trip.

Academic Competitions (A/C) is a department in the Office of Teaching and Learning at the Chicago Public Schools. Academic Competitions reaches, engages, and impacts more than 75,000 students from diverse communities across the city. Our department consists of 13 academic, extra-curricular, after-school and in-school programs geared towards preparing students from all achievement levels for college, career, and beyond. We offer a multitude of in-school and after school programs for grades K–12.

Academic Competitions prides itself on being a pillar of academic excellence through our enrichment programs. Studies have shown that participating in academic competitions programs, such as chess, enhances students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills in a constructive setting. To that end, it is our goal to expose students to diverse opportunities and experiences through academia and scholarship. Often deemed 'the game of life, chess is an outlet to the negativity that plagues our communities. Chess requires patience, attention to detail, and builds confidence which are all traits that are applicable to everyday living.

We lean on the generosity of corporate partners to help optimize these opportunities for our future leaders. Your investment will help shape the minds of the next generation.

Attached is our presentation for your consideration. Within it you'll find an overview of our plans for the students and ways your financial contributions will assist us in providing our students with this dynamic opportunity.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss this further. For additional information or questions, please contact Sylvia Nelson Jordan at [snelson@cps.edu](mailto:snelson@cps.edu).

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sylvia Nelson Jordan".

Sylvia Nelson Jordan

# 2023 National High School (K-12) Chess Championship

March 29 - April 3, 2023  
Washington Hilton - Washington, D.C.



## ABOUT US

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All programs are:

- Offered at no cost to schools or students
- Inclusive to students of all academic achievement levels
- Held virtually and in-person with tournaments/competitions taking place during evenings and/or weekends



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## OVERVIEW

THE DEPARTMENT OF ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS WILL SEND APPROXIMATELY 100 STUDENTS TO A NATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IN APRIL 2023. HISTORICALLY, OUR SCHOOL TEAMS HAVE PLACED IN THE TOP TEN AT THE U.S. CHESS NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS.

IN ADDITION TO COMPETING IN THE TOURNAMENT, STUDENTS WILL BE EXPOSED TO CULTURAL EXPERIENCES, TOUR THE HISTORICAL COLLEGES OF THE CITY, AND PARTICIPATE IN A CHESS SCRIMMAGE WITH STUDENTS FROM THE BALTIMORE KIDS CHESS LEAGUE.



## STUDENT IMPACT

- CHESS TEACHES IMPULSE CONTROL AND ENCOURAGES RATIONAL THINKING
- CHESS PLAY IMPROVES STUDENTS' ACADEMIC, STRATEGIC, AND CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS
- COMPETING IN A TOURNAMENT IS MOTIVATIONAL AND INCREASES SELF-ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE
- STUDENTS ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL CHESS SKILLS AND STRATEGIES FROM PEERS AND COACHES
- STUDENTS WILL COMPETE AGAINST 2,000 OTHER PLAYERS FROM ALL 50 STATES AND U.S. TERRITORIES
- STUDENTS WILL ENGAGE WITH CHESS MASTERS AND ATTEND WORKSHOPS OUTSIDE OF TOURNAMENT PLAY
- STUDENTS' POSITIVE EXPERIENCE WILL PROMPT THEM TO PROMOTE THE CHESS PROGRAM TO THEIR PEERS
- STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE NATIONAL SITES, CULTURAL EVENTS AND EXCURSIONS OUTSIDE OF THE TOURNAMENT.

# 2022

## MEMPHIS NATIONALS



**19**  
**ELEMENTARY &**  
**HIGH SCHOOLS**

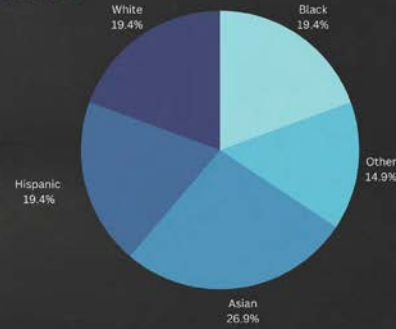


**90**  
**STUDENT**  
**PARTICIPANTS**

**FEMALES**



**MALES**



## WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR FUTURE LEADERS

	 "KING" PACKAGE -50K	 "QUEEN" PACKAGE -25K	 "ROOK" PACKAGE -15K	 "KNIGHT" PACKAGE -10K	 "PAWN" PACKAGE -5K
PREMIERE SPONSOR	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTED	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
POST-TRIP RECEPTION	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
CPS CHESS WEBSITE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CATEGORY EXCLUSIVITY	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
PROGRAM COMMUNICATIONS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
WEEKLY SOCIAL MEDIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ALL SIGNAGE/ BANNERS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
STUDENT EXPERIENCE VIDEO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## “KING” PACKAGE - \$50,000

- RECOGNIZED AS THE PREMIER SPONSOR
- RECOGNIZED IN ALL ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS COMMUNICATIONS
- LISTED AS PREMIERE SPONSOR ON CPS CHESS WEBSITE
- CATEGORY EXCLUSIVITY
- PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTED
- LOGO ADDED TO ALL SIGNAGE
- WEEKLY DEDICATED SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS
- POST-TRIP RECEPTION
- PARTNER LOGO ON T-SHIRTS
- COMPANY NAME/LOGO FEATURED IN STUDENT EXPERIENCE VIDEO



## “QUEEN” PACKAGE - \$25,000

- LISTED AS A PREMIERE SPONSOR ON CPS CHESS WEBSITE
- RECOGNIZED IN ALL ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS COMMUNICATIONS
- PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTED
- LOGO ADDED TO ALL SIGNAGE
- WEEKLY DEDICATED SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS
- POST-TRIP RECEPTION
- PARTNER LOGO ON T-SHIRTS
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## “ROOK” PACKAGE - \$15,000



- LISTED AS A SPONSOR ON CPS CHESS WEBSITE
- RECOGNIZED IN ALL ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS COMMUNICATIONS
- LOGO ADDED TO ALL SIGNAGE
- POST-TRIP RECEPTION
- PARTNER LOGO ON T-SHIRTS
- COMPANY NAME/LOGO FEATURED IN STUDENT EXPERIENCE VIDEO

## “KNIGHT” PACKAGE - \$10,000

- LISTED AS A SPONSOR ON CPS CHESS WEBSITE
- RECOGNIZED IN ALL ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS COMMUNICATIONS
- LOGO ADDED TO ALL SIGNAGE
- PARTNER LOGO ON T-SHIRTS
- SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP
- COMPANY NAME/LOGO FEATURED IN STUDENT EXPERIENCE VIDEO



## “PAWN” PACKAGE - \$5,000

- LISTED AS PREMIERE SPONSOR ON CPS CHESS WEBSITE
- LOGO ADDED TO ALL SIGNAGE
- PARTNER LOGO ON T-SHIRTS
- COMPANY NAME/LOGO FEATURED IN STUDENT EXPERIENCE VIDEO



## ITINERARY

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

Arrive in Washington, D.C.  
Chess exchange with Baltimore Kids Chess League

### THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Cultural Excursions  
Group Dinner

### FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Morning Cultural Excursion  
Chess Tournament

### SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Chess Tournament  
Group Activity  
College Tour

### SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Chess Tournament  
Award Ceremony  
Group Dinner

### MONDAY, APRIL 3

Depart Washington, D.C.





# YOUR INVESTMENT WILL:

## FUND THE STUDENTS'

- MEALS
- AIR TRANSPORTATION
- GROUND TRANSPORTATION
- HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
- CULTURAL/ACADEMIC EXPOSURE
- INCENTIVES

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE  
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY  
WHITE HOUSE TOUR & PRESIDENT'S PARK  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL  
NATIONAL AIR & SPACE MUSEUM  
INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM  
CAPITOL BUILDING TOUR  
LINCOLN MEMORIAL  
COLLEGE TOUR



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# THANK YOU!

