



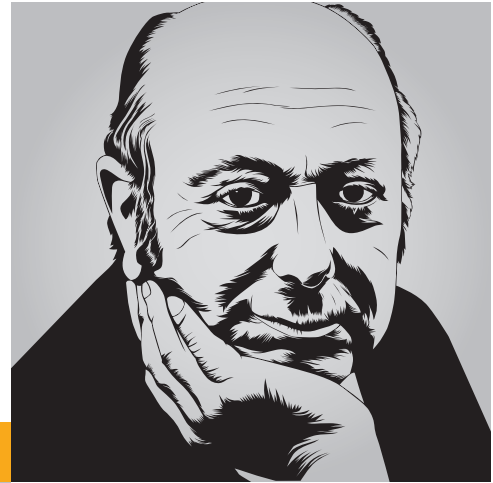
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US Chess thanks the U.S. Chess Trust for administering and supporting the GM Arnold Denker National Tournament of High School State Champions since its inception 40 years ago, and for its commitment to the event on site and in media releases.

US Chess expresses special thanks to Dwight Barber, the Ursula Foster Family, and Jon Haskel for their support.

2024 INVITATIONALS AWARDS

Opening Ceremony

July 27, 2024 | Monticello Ballroom | 3:00 p.m.

WELCOME REMARKS

Mike Nietman

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ROLL CALL OF STATES

John D. Rockefeller V & Ranae Bartlett

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Jeff Wiewel

GROUP PHOTOS

College/University Scholarships

The first-place finisher in each event will receive a \$5,000 college/university scholarship. Second- and third-place finishers will receive \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively. If there is a tie, then the scholarship will be awarded to the highest finisher, based on tiebreaks; the scholarship will not be split. A recipient may use the scholarship at any school of higher learning. To redeem the scholarship, a recipient must provide proof of enrollment in an institution of higher learning, prove standing as at least a half-time student, and claim the scholarship prior to the recipient's 26th birthday. See event websites for redemption information.

Internet Chess Club (ICC) Membership

Each participant who completes all six rounds (including the host state's alternate, if available for all six rounds) will receive a free, one-year ICC membership valued at \$70. If a participant is already a current ICC member, then they will receive a one-year membership extension.

Rockefeller 8 and Under Chess Award

A \$500 Rockefeller 8 and Under Chess Award will be presented to the highest finisher eight years old or younger as of the first day of the tournament. If there are fewer than two participants eight years old or younger, the award will go to the top finisher nine years old or younger. There must be at least two eligible players for the award to be given. If there is a tie, the award will go to the highest finisher based on tiebreaks. The award will not be split.

Barber 11 and Under Chess Award

A \$500 Barber 11 and Under Chess Award will be presented to the highest finisher 11 years old or younger as of the first day of the tournament. If there are fewer than two participants 11 years old or younger, the award will go to the top finisher 12 years old or younger. There must be at least two eligible players for the award to be given. If there is a tie, the award will go to the highest finisher based on tiebreaks. The award will not be split.

Ursula Foster Memorial Awards (Haring and Denker)

Two \$500 Ursula Foster Memorial Awards will be presented: one to the highest Haring finisher 12 years old or younger as of the first day of the tournament, and the other to the highest Denker finisher 15 years old or younger as of the first day of the tournament. If fewer than two participants are 12 years old or younger in the Haring, the award will go to the top finisher 13 years old or younger. If fewer than two participants are 15 years old or younger in the Denker, the award will go to the top finisher 16 years old or younger. There must be at least two eligible players for each award to be given. If there is a tie, each award will go to the highest finisher based on tiebreaks. Neither award will be split.

REDUCE WASTE

Please retain this program for the Closing Ceremony. A PDF is also available on all event websites.

State versus State Championship

The state whose representatives have the highest combined score will be recognized. Gift certificates for the U.S. Open Chess Store will be awarded to each player from the three highest-scoring states. In addition, gift certificates will be awarded to each player of the highest-scoring state whose players' average rating is Under 2100, Under 1900, or Under 1600. A total of \$400 in gift certificates per invitational (\$2,000 total) will be awarded. States must have at least three players from the five simultaneous national state champions invitationals to be eligible for team prizes. Each state's Irwin representative will be the state's honorary team captain.

Additional Prizes

CASH PRIZES

The top five finishers in each scholastic event will receive cash prizes of \$800 (first place), \$500 (second place), \$400 (third place), \$300 (fourth place), and \$200 (fifth place). Each player tied for fifth place will receive \$100. **Cash prizes will be sent in accordance with the U.S. Open prize distribution system** (see <https://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2024/usopen/> for details).

UPSET PRIZES & CLASS PRIZES

Gift Certificates to the U.S. Open Chess Store will be awarded for Best Game (\$100), Biggest Upset overall (\$50), and Biggest Upset in each round (\$50). The following class prize winners will each receive \$100 cash awards from Jon Haskel, in memory of Joanne Haskel: 1st place, U2000 (Denker); 1st place, U1800 (Barber); 1st place, U1600 (Haring); and 1st place, U1500 (Rockefeller).

Gift certificates must be picked up during the awards ceremony and may be redeemed with the U.S. Open Chess Store onsite or at www.uscfsales.com.

Weeramantry Blitz Awards

The top five finishers in each section (Championship: 2100+, 1800-2099, 1500-1799, 1200-1499, Under 1200) will receive gift certificates to the U.S. Open Chess Store in the amounts of \$240 (first place), \$200 (second place), \$160 (third place), \$120 (fourth place), and \$80 (fifth place). If there is a tie, then the prize will go to the highest finisher based on tiebreaks.

Irwin Awards

For information on Irwin prizes, awards, and gift certificates, visit <https://new.uschess.org/irwin> or scan the QR code at right.



MANY THANKS

TO OUR AWARDS PRESENTERS

Dewain Barber, Dylan Denker, Maureen Grimaud, Mike Nietman, John D. Rockefeller V, and FM Sunil Weeramantry

Closing Ceremony

July 30, 2024 | Monticello Ballroom | 4:30 p.m.

WELCOME REMARKS

Mike Nietman

AWARDS

ROUND SIX UPSET AWARDS

BIGGEST OVERALL UPSET AWARDS

BEST GAME AWARDS

DENKER PRIZES

Dylan Denker, Presenter

1st Place: Plaque & \$5,000 College Scholarship Presentation

2nd and 3rd Places: Plaque Presentation

4th and 5th Places: Awards Announcement

Ursula Foster Memorial Award

Joanne Haskel Memorial Under 2000 Award

HARING PRIZES

Maureen Grimaud, Presenter

1st Place: Plaque & \$5,000 College Scholarship Presentation

2nd and 3rd Places: Plaque Presentation

4th and 5th Places: Awards Announcement

Ursula Foster Memorial Award

Joanne Haskel Memorial Under 1600 Award

BARBER PRIZES

Dewain Barber, Presenter

1st Place: Plaque & \$5,000 College Scholarship Presentation

2nd and 3rd Places: Plaque Presentation

4th and 5th Places: Awards Announcement

Barber 11 and Under Award

Joanne Haskel Memorial Under 1800 Award

ROCKEFELLER PRIZES

John D. Rockefeller V, Presenter

1st Place: Plaque & \$5,000 College Scholarship Presentation

2nd and 3rd Places: Plaque Presentation

4th and 5th Places: Awards Announcement

Rockefeller 8 and Under Award

Joanne Haskel Memorial Under 1500 Award

STATE TEAM AWARDS PRESENTATION

CLOSING REMARKS

Mike Nietman

THE 2024 U.S. OPEN INVITATIONALS ROLL CALL

(confirmed participants as of July 16, 2024)

STATE	IRWIN	DENKER	HARING	BARBER	ROCKEFELLER
AK	Russ Ridlington	Liam Callahan			
AL	Thomas Denton	Xavier Bruni	Sarah Peter	Saikarunya Kesireddy	Arush Batchu
AR	Steve Elkins	Havish Kunchanapalli	Neeli Buchireddy	Aryan Buchireddy	Richard Hu
AZ	Robby Adamson	Sandeep Sethuraman	Aishwarya Ganapathy	Roshan Sethuraman	Sharvesh Arul
CA-N	Tim Taylor	Sricharan Pullela	Zlata Mokeeva	Jeffrey Wang	Young Cui
CA-S	Alaa-aadin Moussa	Alex Wang	Angela Liu	Bryan Xie	Glenn Zhang
CO	Brian Wall	Sullivan McConnell	Tanya Prabhu	Rocco DeGeest	Arie Feigin
CT	Mikhail Koganov	Maximilian Lu	Lilianna Gao	Jasmine Zhixin Su	Lacey Wang
DC	Oladapo Adu	Rowan E. Foley	Sydney Mack	Lenox Serrette	John Joseph Veysey
DE	Kenneth Milutin	Terry Luo	Nicole Yu	Andrew Jing	Kevin Wang
FL	Julio Morella	Antony Gospodinov	Grace Yang	Brejesh Chakrabarti	Vivan Mulay
GA	Alonzo Zapata	Alexander Rutten	Evelyn Qiao	Anmay Kumar Chaudhury	Kanishk Mahesh
HI	Cornelius Rubsamen	Mark Chen	Aurelia White	Ty Chen Dutoit	Apollo Van Brunt
IA	Jasmin Zulic	Niko Nixon	Irene Fei	Nehanraj Ramesh	Nadezhda Dabaeva
ID	Marcella Whitecloud	James Wei	Candice Liang	Linus Wannamaker	Ryan Wu
IL	Lawrence Cohen	Avi Kaplan	Rebecca Cortez	Anjaneya Rao	Aiden Li
IN	Jay Carr	Lucas Edwards	Laura Escobar	Michael Pu	Harvey Hanke
KS	Ken Sarner	John Drippe	Sophia Sun	Samuel Mehlhaff	Anaya Wadhwa
KY	Dale Rigby	Evan Sammons	Bijou Brown	Vijay Kannan	John Abraham
LA	James Eryk Hargrove	Matteo Runge	Hannah Ren	Austin Janusa	Leo Le-Tran
MA	Jonathan Yedidia	Eric Feng	Kelsey Liu	Dattasai Kilari	Kevin Zhao
MD	Lawrence Kaufman	Jordan Go	Angelina Verma	Architsai Ramnath	Andy Yue
ME	Ray Haines	Gabriel Eaton	Molly Tefft	Henry Shannon	Theodore K. Reichl
MI	Faris Gabbara	Ryan Wang	Grace Wang	Freyr Wang	Rocky Wang
MN	Tim Radermacher	Jordan Timm	Joshini Gandhi Sudhakar	Alan Xu	Ryan Zhou
MO	Douglas Eckert	Sudeep Vadderaju	Celina Zhou	Alex Zhang	Evan Jin
MS	David Mooney	Benson Schexnaydre	Kaleigh King	Will Hutchins	Patrick Tabor
MT	Richard Hobbs	Matteo Nero	Tirien Bodonyi-Kovacs	Eliel Bodonyi-Kovacs	David Wilson
NC	Maurice Dana	Vishnu Vanapalli	Asha Kumar	Andrew Wu	Advik Prasanna
ND	Todd Wolf	Bennett Ross	Anna Eberhart	Vincent Schaff	Sakindu Rupassara
NE	Scott Look	Dominic Zeisler	Mansi Adduri	Thomas Jessop	Gurugrahan Gurumoorthi
NH	Kevin Cotreau	Daniel McIntyre	Avni Nagaraj	Hrishikesh Vedula	Chirag Prasanna
NJ	Nikoloz Managadze	Haari Muthukumar	Anushka Ayyappan	Vihaan Saxena	Santhosh Ayyappan
NM	Tony Schroeder	Daiwik Devanand	Mysha Ahmad	Harshin Jagirapu	Leo Hill
NV	Tom Brownscombe	Evan Howard	Olivia Jaramillo	Akash Anumalasetty	Jarl Bitoon
NY	John Fedorowicz	Gus Huston	Megan Paragua	Michael Li	Lev Shangin
OH	Michael Sheaf	Anant Adury	Neghavarsha Mohankumar	Cole Braun	Evan Fan
OK	Mark Hulsey	Oscar Wang	Elizabeth Braddy	Lafayette Chen	Aayush Praveen
OR	Wilson Gibbins	Kai Lewis	Zoey Tang	Austin Tang	Sriram Badri
PA	Igor Khmelnitsky	Evan Park	Chloe Wang	Benjamin Lin	Ariv Debmisra
RI	Michael P. Carey	Levon He	Nina Yang	Ashot Hakobyan	Royce Zhang
SC	Alexander Matros	Charles Snyder	Ashika Nalamalpu	Aaron Wang	Tanay Sanghani
SD	Nels Truelson	William Ristau		Vincente Casanova	
TN	Ron Burnett	Hemachandra Rambha	Aadhya Gattu	Yi Sun	Saeed Hoja
TX	Scott Elliott	Sharvesh Deviprasath	Ellery Zhang	Eric Liu	Oscar Zhang
UT	Grant Hodson	Walden Lambert	Veda Vishal	Vyas Vishal	Jayden Jiang
VA	Daniel Miller	Aarush Vinod	Chance Nguyen	Kyle Zhuang	Emin Baim
VA-ALT	William Marcelino	Vaibhav Kalpaka	Lulu Huang	Matthew Guo Diao	Alexander Zheng Zhou
VT	Kira Storm	Elijah Cummings		Blake Bentley	Oisin Murphy
WA	Leonid Gavrysh	Carson Roesch	Selina Cheng	Stephen Willy	Ted Wang
WI	Bryan Lilly	Hersh Singh	Aradh Kaur	Jind Kaur	Ishaan Harsha
WV	Lewis Sanders	Tristan Johnston	Hester Wu	Aditya Jain	Hardy Gu
WY	Daniel Joelson		Aerial Hayes		