Championship Chess Team Wins Honors at Three Major Events

University School's championship chess team achieved high awards at three major competitions: the National High School Championship, National Elementary Championship and the Florida All-Stars Invitational Tournament.

University School tied for 10th place at the National High School Championship held in Nashville, Tenn. Special recognition goes to Danny Sepler who won his first six games and finished 3rd overall. His teammates were Nathan Barnavon, Jordan Greissman and Drew Stone.

Team newcomer Tyler Faina achieved a very respectable plus score in this national event which drew more than 1,100 players. The championship also marked Faina’s first tournament.

Boasting students from kindergarten through high school, USchool’s younger players travelled to Dallas, Texas where 1,841 competed in the National Elementary Championship. In the K-6 Section, our team of Cory Riegelhaupt, Isiah Shechtman and Joshua Feller tied for 15th place. Riegelhaupt also tied for 11th individually.

In the K-5 Section, the team of Nicolas Barron, Stewart Hughes, Amelia Meles and Vladimir Zeltsman was awarded a trophy for placing 23rd. Benjamin Barron and Robert Zeltsman also contributed to the team.