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Press Release

Students of Midwest Chess Academy competed in the KSCA Kansas Scholastic Chess Championships and walked away with a lot of awards.

On March 14, 2015, our students travelled to Wichita, KS to compete in the KSCA KS State Championships.

In the K-3 section the Heartland Elementary team from the Blue Valley School District excitingly earned first place tied with two other teams, needing tie-breaks to be the deciding factor. Their achievement was anchored by the following players.

Cole McMillen, 5/6 points, 3rd place

Sameeth Sheshappa, 4/6 points, 10th place

Caleb Deng, 4/6 points, 11th place

Rahul Kumar, 4/6 points, 24th place

Congratulations to this team. They've been striving for this accomplishment for a few years now and they've finally realized their goals. Next year they should be in contention in the K-5 section.

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Also of note were the following players in the K-3.

Veronika Vancsa, 5/6 points, 2nd place

Cael Province, 5/6 points, 4th place

Solomon Wu, 5/6 points, 6th place

Skyler Vince, 5/6 points, 7th place

Official results can be found here:

[K-3 Individual](#)

[K-3 Team](#)

We didn't have any full teams represent MCA in the K-5 section but we had some notable individual achievements. For the first time ever, we had two students finish as co-champions which is a remarkable feat just doing it with one player, but two students is special.

Josh Rubel, 6/6 points, 1st place, co-champion

Ethan Bui, 6/6 points, 1st place, co-champion

Trent Johnson, 5/6 points, 8th place

Shahank Aitha, 4.5/6 points, 9th place

Official results can be found here:

[K-5 Individual](#)

In the K-8 section we had a handful of students that did well in a very tough field.

Gavin Kirchmer, 5/6 points, 10th place

Ankith Sheshappa, 4.5/6 points, 17th place

Rajin Nagpal, 4.5/6 points, 18th place

Official results can be found here:

[K-8 Individual](#)

Last but not least on March 21st, we had a student compete in the KS All Girls state event that took place in Lawrence, KS. In a very exciting tournament, one of our players made it to board 1 in the last round. If she wins, she wins the title. Unfortunately, she fell just a little short and ceded to a very fine player and one of the best girls in

the nation. Big shout out to **Veronika Vancsa** placing in 7th overall. Out of the top 10 finishers, she was the youngest participant. I am sure she will win the title in the coming years.

Official Results for All Girls:

[Here](#)

As a recap we had 13 players finish in the top 10 at these two events. This once again proves and demonstrates our long-standing history of success on the tournament scene. Come be a part of our team and we will make you champions too!