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Press Release

This is a report on the various state championship events played by our students.

First, Kevin Yang finished 3rd place in the K-3 Championship division in the North Carolina State Championships that took place at Hilton University in Charlotte, Feb 23-25. This is the second 3rd place finish in as many years. His only loss was to the eventual champion.

<http://chessstream.com/2018-NC-K-12-Chess-Championship/PairingTable.aspx#htmls/K3/K3-standing-after-round7.html?v=23298453>

K3 Championship Standing After Round 7

No.	Name	ID	Exp.	St	Gr	Rate	Pts	Team	TBrk1	TBrk2	TBrk3	TBrk4	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd
1	Goldstein, Arav Micah	15497770	0919	NC		1634	6.5	DA	33.5	37.0	27.5	153.0	W70	W23	W19	W7	W3	W
2	Paimagam, Grisham	15599946	1218	NC		1574	6.5	BARR	31.5	35.5	27.5	151.0	W48	W36	W10	W15	W4	W
3	Yang, Kevin C	15911246	1218	NC		1462	6.0	GHOES	29.0	32.5	25.0	139.0	W77	W42	W29	W37	L1	W
4	Muddula, Aarnav	15830756	1118	NC		1179	6.0	WASMA	28.5	32.0	25.0	135.0	W60	W68	W47	W38	L2	W
5	Zhang, Vivian	15835486	1118	NC		1365	5.5	DDE	31.0	34.0	25.5	144.0	W55	W97	W13	W28	W6	I
6	Ramesh, Rahul	15760517	0618	NC		1551	5.5	WASMA	29.5	33.0	24.5	141.5	W71	W72	W12	W8	L5	W
7	Ammasani, Smayan	16103198	0918	NC		1090	5.5	POLOE	29.0	32.0	23.5	139.0	W53	W94	W17	L1	W37	W
8	Doan, Emilyn Chiu	15928816	0120	NC		1168	5.5	DA	29.0	32.0	23.5	138.0	W89	W20	W41	L6	W52	W
9	Kavale, Sourish Uday	16328330	0318	NC		1060	5.5	CEDRE	28.5	31.0	24.5	135.0	W117	W44	W30	W14	L27	W
10	Wang, Benjamin	16136073	1118	NC		994	5.5	MILLE	28.5	31.0	22.5	131.5	W59	W98	L2	W68	W45	W

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Then we had 23 students participate in the Kansas State Championships. MCA had 3 individual state champions.

K-12 Division

NM Jack Easton, collects his second state title with 5.5/6 points and clear first. Jack is also the Denker representative where he will compete with 50 other state title winners this Summer. Jack also coached his school team to a second place finish.



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K-8 Division

Cael Province, wins the state title on tie-breaks with 5.5/6 points. This too is Cael's second state title in as many years. He has also gained quite a bit of rating points. Cael is now the Barber representative where he will compete with other state's K-8 winners. Also pictured is his coach, Jason Wawrzazek.



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K-3 Division

It was probably inevitable that Henri van Zandweghe wins a state title. He has building his case for several years now. Many of his games were not even remotely close to being competitive which just highlights where Henri's skill is at right now.



Midwest Chess Academy also had a number of other students do well.

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Blitz

K-3

1st Place, Sky Moerlien

3rd Place, Carter Cline

K-8

1st Place, Sameeth Sheshappa

3rd Place, Steven Duan

5th Place, Ryland O'Hanlon

7th Place, Akerth Jain

11th Place, Cole McMillen

12th Place, James Perry

K-12

3rd Place, Ankith Sheshappa

Main tournament

K-3 Ch (89 players)

1st Place, Henri Van Zandweghe, 6/6

2nd Place, Aashay Joshi, 5/6

6th Place, Oliver Ohly(K), 5/6

K-5 Ch (117 players)

3rd Place, Sky Moerlien, 5.5/6

7th Place, Kilian McGaffin, 5/6

12th Place, Solomon Wu, 4/6

13th Place, Carter Cline, 4/6

14th Place, Owen Nielsen, 4/6

17th Place, Eugene Giam, 4/6

19th Place, Kyle Toal, 4/6

K-8 Ch (172 players)

1st Place, Cael Province, 5.5/6 (on tiebreaks)

2nd Place, Sameeth Sheshappa, 5.5/6 (on tiebreaks)

3rd Place, Veronika Vancsa, 5.5/6 (on tiebreaks)

8th Place, Steven Duan, 5/6

10th Place, Alexander Maret, 5/6

11th Place, Akerth Jain, 5/6

14th Place, Eddison Chen, 4.5/6

16th Place, Shashank Aitha, 4.5/6

26th Place, Ryland O'Hanlon, 4/6

28th Place, Cole McMillen, 4/6

46th Place, Rahul Kumar, 4/6

K-12 (126 players)

1st Place, Jack Easton, 5.5/6

17th Place, Ankith Sheshappa, 4/6

K-8 Team

3rd Place, Harmony Middle (on tiebreaks)

Honorable mention to Veronika Vancsa and Sameeth Sheshappa also tying for first but placed 3rd and 2nd respectively. Through no control of their own they have to settle for a lesser place, but no less a terrific achievement.