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Press Release

**Back at it again...our students continue to impress.
We have updates from a state competition and a
regional event.**

The KSCA championships took place on March 12, 2016 and we provided finishers in every section.

K-3

3rd Place, Henri Van Zandweghe, 5/6 points

4th Place, Solomon Wu, 5/6 points

5th Place, Carter Cline, 5/6 points

8th Place, Puwit Moerlien, 5/6 points

K-5

1st Place, Veronkia Vancsa, 6/6 points (state champion)

2nd Place, Cael Province, 5.5/6 points

4th Place, Rahul Kumar, 5/6 points

6th Place, Caleb Deng, 5/6 points

8th Place, Ethan Bui, 4.5/6 points

9th Place, Sameeth Sheshappa, 4.5/6 points

10th Place, Rohan Kumar, 4.5/6 points

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K-8

3rd Place, Gavin Kirchmer, 5.5/6 points (tied for 1st overall)

6th Place, Josh Rubel, 5/6 points

10th Place, Rajin Nagpal, 5/6 points

K-12

1st Place, Jack Easton, 5/6 points (state champion)



(Ethan Bui)



(Veronika Vancsa)

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(Jack Easton)

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Special shout out to the Heartland Elementary squad who were the state champs as a team in the K-5 section. This is the second time (back-to-back) state titles for this team. That is an amazing accomplishment. I am sure their coach Curtis Hartman feels a lot of pride taking care of that program. It is the standard by which we measure all others. I know that team worked hard all year long going from tournament to tournament. It just goes to prove that if you put in the effort, that effort will be returned to you in the form of results.



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Last but not least, we have Veronika Vancsa, fresh off her state title performing admirably at a regional event in St. Louis on March 20, 2016. Playing in the Under 1700 section she comes in tied for 2nd and 3rd place. She also was a part of a mixed doubles tandem that was also successful. All in all, she raked in \$850 in prize winnings. That is the most any student has won ever from Midwest Chess Academy (including me!). Congratulations to all of our students.

MID-AMERICA OPEN 2016 STANDINGS – UNDER 1700 SECTION

Final Standings

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Team	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	Prize	Amount
1	Nathan Lee Summerville	14821443	1645		MO	W28	W5	W4	W2	W6	5.0	1st	\$1400.00
2	Veronika Vancsa	14967123	1518	VANBOR	KS	W16	W20	W9	L1	W8	4.0	2nd-3rd	\$550.00
3	Jordan Colby	14491130	1508		IL	W12	W23	W17	L8	W9	4.0	2nd-3rd	\$550.00
4	Laurence Coker	12174160	1527		KS	W15	W25	L1	D10	W18	3.5	4th	\$100.00
5	Peter J Immer	12654519	1506		MO	W27	L1	W15	W17	D7	3.5	4th	\$100.00
6	Ronnie C Barnes	10246369	1609		TN	D14	D10	W25	W18	L1	3.0		
7	Nathan Chen	15213735	1546		IA	W11	L17	D20	W19	D5	3.0		
8	Charles David Kearns	12690338	1544		MO	L20	W16	W23	W3	L2	3.0		
9	Romallis T* St Cyr r/e	12499860	1541		KY	W22	W24	L2	W14	L3	3.0		
10	Doyle W Lobaugh	12437813	1500		TX	D13	D6	W24	D4	D11	3.0		

MID-AMERICA OPEN 2016 STANDINGS – MIXED DOUBLES TEAMS

Final Standings

	Code	Name	Score	Prize	Amount
1	VANBOR	Veronika Vancsa – Deres Boros (2014.5) Veronika Vancsa (1518) 4.0 GM Denes Boros (2511) 3.5	7.5	1st-2nd	\$600.00
2	BALROB	Stephanie Ballom – Michael Robertson (1896.5) Stephanie Ballom r/e (1896) 4.5 Michael Robertson (1897) 3.0	7.5	1st-2nd	\$600.00
3	CERSAL	Thalia Cervantges – Arshaq Saleem (2078.5) Thalia Cervantes (2002) 5.0 Arshaq Saleem (2155) 1.0	6.0	3rd	\$100.00

And to top it all off, she gains a whopping 116 rating points

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