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Press Release

Midwest Chess Academy had a number of students representing quality in all three National events in 2015.

The National Elementary Chess Championships took place May 8-10 at the enormous Opryland Convention Center in Nashville, TN.

At the National Junior High Championship which took place in Louisville, KY at the Galt House, April 24-26, we also had a young man play well enough for hardware.

Finally, that same student student who performed well at the National High School Championship that took place in Columbus, OH, April 10-12.

Here is a list of our top finishers:

[Elementary Nationals](#)

K-3 Under 800

Carter Cline came in 15th place with 5.5/7 points

Rahul Kumar came in 20th place with 5.5/7 points

Skyler Vince came in 28th place with 5/7 points

K-5 U900

Shashank Aitha came in 68th place but qualified for a tied for 35th place trophy

K-6 Under 1000

Josh Rubel finished in 16th place with 5.5/7 points

K-1 Championship

Lucas Scott finished in 50th place with 5/7 points but won hardware tied for 30th place trophy

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In the K-5 Under 900 section, the team from **Heartland Elementary** (Blue Valley) finished in 27th place despite having only 3 players. That is quite an accomplishment for **Cole Mcmillen**, **Rohan Kumar** and **Sameeth Sheshappa**. Members of that team also competed in the K-3 Blitz event and finished in 7th place, with **Sameeth Sheshappa** finishing in first for ratings 800-899. In that same blitz section, **Skyler Vince** from Clear Creek Elementary also finished 1st in the 600-699 rating division. Way to go team!

[Junior High Nationals](#)

K-8 Championship Division

Tied for 20th Place Trophy, **Jack Easton**, 5/7 points

By the way, at this event, Jack played a simul against GM Gareev and **drew** a marathon game! Tough to do folks. [Link](#)

[High School Nationals](#)

K-12 Championship Division

Tied for 30th Place Trophy, **Jack Easton**, 5/7 points

Plus....

At the [12th Annual Garry Kasparov Foundation All-Girls National Championships](#) taking place in Chicago, IL, April 17-19, we had **Veronika Vancsa** competing in the Under 10 division and she took home 4th place. [Standings Link](#)

Notes...

Andrew Parkerson of the Pembroke Hill School became nationally ranked for the May 2015 supplement and came in at #100 for 18 year-olds. Congratulations to him. [Link](#)

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