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TROPHIES PLUS SPONSORS THE 2006 ALL AMERICA CHESS TEAM

(Crossville, TN) The United States Chess Federation announced the 2006 All-American Team at the National K-12/Collegiate Championship held in Houston, Texas, December 2nd-4th. Each member of the 2006 Trophies Plus All America Team who attended the event was presented with a team jacket and plaque by Bill Hall, Executive Director of the USCF.

The All America Team was created in 1987 to honor the very best players under the age of 19. The team, one of the highest national honors attainable by a young chess player, is selected on the basis of age, rating, and activities during that year, similar to the selection process of "all conference" sports teams. This year's candidates were selected based on their age as of January 1, 2005 and their peak USCF supplement rating from the October 2004 supplement through the August 2005 supplement. The minimum rating limits are reviewed annually by the USCF staff and the USCF Scholastic Council.

For the second year in a row Trophies Plus of Templeton, Iowa, has sponsored the All America Team. In addition to providing trophies for national tournaments, owner Doyle Engelen of Trophies Plus has also provided service with after-tournament trophy shipping. We are proud to have Trophies Plus as a part of the excitement by sponsoring this year's All-American Team. You can visit Trophies Plus at their web site <http://www.trophiesplus.com> or call them at 800-397-9993.

We wish to congratulate all of the members of this year's All-American Team for receiving this prestigious award!

It is with great pleasure that we announce the 59 members of the
2006 Trophies Plus All America Team:

Age 18 (minimum peak rating 2400)

Joshua Friedel, NH

Joaquin B. Banawa, CA

John D. Bartholomew, MN

Age 17 (minimum peak rating 2350)

Hikaru Nakamura, NY

Lev Milman, NY

Dmytro Kedyk, NY

Garush Manukyan, CA

Igor Schneider, NY

Age 16 (minimum peak rating 2300)

Mackenzie S. Molner, NJ

Tatev Abrahamyan, CA

Age 15 (minimum peak rating 2250)

Alex Lenderman, NY

Salvijus Bercys, NY

Daniel J. Ludwig, FL

Alexander S. Barnett, MD

Joel Cholo B. Banawa, CA

Nicolas A. Yap, CA

Aleksandr Pelekhaty, NY

Corey B. Acor, FL

Age 14 (minimum peak rating 2200)

None

Age 13 (minimum peak rating 2150)

Robert L. Hess, NY

Evan D. Ju, NJ

Age 12 (minimum peak rating 2050)

Fabiano Caruana, FL

Marc Tyler Arnold, NY

Michael Thaler, NY

Jeffrey Haskel, FL

Kasun D. Waidyaratne, OH

Age 11 (minimum peak rating 1925)

Mark A. Heimann, PA

Alexander C. Heimann, PA

Michael Lee, WA

Christian T. Tanaka, CA

Alec Getz, NY

Yuan Ling Yuan, CA

Leitianyi Shi, VA

Richard Tuhim, NY

Ben Gershenov, NY

Victor Shen, NJ

Arnold Liao, TX

Age 10 (minimum peak rating 1800)

Ray S. Robson, FL
Parker Bi Guang Zhao, NY
Gregory Young, CA
Michael A. Yee, CA
Michael Yang, MN
Zachary A. Young, NY
Darek L. Johnson, MN
Andrey Oshukov, TX

Age 9 (minimum peak rating 1700)

Christopher Heung, FL * (not age 10)
Daniel A. Naroditsky, CA
Andrew C. Wang, MA
Justin D. Karp, NY
Alena Kuzniatsova, NY
Stuart S. Finney, RI
Ryan Joseph R. Moon, GA

Age 8 & under (minimum peak rating 1600)

Brian J. Luo, WI
Fernando L. Mendez, TX
Lucas Van Beuzekom, FL
Brennen Lee, AZ
Fernando Spada, TX
Aleksandr A. Ostrovskiy, NY
Sam A. Schmakel, IL
Eric R. Zhang, CA



The United States Chess Federation (USCF), founded in 1939, serves as the governing body for chess in the United States and is now headquartered in Crossville, Tennessee. USCF is devoted to extending the role of chess in American society. It promotes the study and knowledge of the game of chess, for its own sake as an art and enjoyment, and as a means for the improvement of society. The USCF is a not-for-profit membership organization with almost 90,000 members.

For additional information on the USCF see: <http://www.uschess.org>.