

College Chess  
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The year of 2023/24 continued with the mindset of growth by maintaining the uptick seen in recent years.

### **2023 U.S. Collegiate Online Rapid and Blitz Championships**

On October 29th & November 5th, *Chess.com* organized the 2022 U.S. Collegiate Online Rapid and Blitz Championships. Thank you to Chief Arbiter Dr. Judit Sztaray.

For the rapid portion, we had co-champions with the University of Missouri and University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley. Individually, there was a three way tie for the Open champion between GM Aram Hakobyan (Webster), GM Grigoriy Oparin (Mizzou), and Mikhail Antipov (Mizzou) with a score of 7.5/9. The Women's champion was split between WGM Gulrukhbegim Tokhirjonova (Mizzou) and IM Anna Sargsyan (Webster) with scores of 6/9.

In the blitz tournament, Webster University rose to the top. The individual Open champion was split between GM Andrew Hong (Brown) and GM Benjamin Gledura (Webster) with scores of 10/12. The Women's champion was also split between IM Anna Sargsyan (Webster) and FM Thalia Cevantes (St. Louis) with scores of 8/12.

Rapid Standings

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mA8SXoyJH9ft7jJNo5o746X3cLgRToMPDUEOyuEGY/edit?usp=sharing>

Blitz Standings

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NZJrYw0hXBiOBFzT2Edc9GtLOlidvLJNOnlwWalPzxk/edit?usp=sharing>

### **2024 Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Championship**

The 2024 Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Championship was held in McAllen, Texas, from January 4-7, 2024, and was organized by the South Texas Chess Federation. Making the trek down to southern Texas were 81 teams from 45 universities.

The chief organizer, Richard Newman, created a welcoming environment in South Texas and showed that we can have professional level amenities in terms of anti-cheating measures. Thank you to the South Texas Chess Federation and Arbiter Dr. Judit Sztaray.

The four qualifying universities from this edition of the Pan Am included the University of Missouri, University of Texas at Dallas, Webster University, and University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley.

Division two winner was Georgia Tech.

Division three winner was Washington University in St. Louis.

Division four winner was The University of Southern California.

Division five winner was The University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign's C team.

The Top Women's team was awarded to Saint Louis University Team B.

The Top International team was won by the University of Toronto.

The Best Mixed Doubles was won by Webster University's Team B.

The Top Small College was University of Connecticut.

The Biggest Team Upset was University of Toronto

Full Standings & Awards

<https://southtxchess.org/2024panams>

### 2024 President's Cup: The Final Four of College Chess

The Final Four was held April 2-3 2022, in St. Louis, Missouri, and was hosted by Webster University. Webster University won the event.

Rank	Team	1	2	3	4	Points
1	Mizzou	*	2½	2½	3½	8,5
2	Webster	1½	*	3	3½	8
3	UTRGV	1½	1	*	2	4,5
4	UT Dallas	½	½	2	*	3

<https://chess-results.com/tnr905076.aspx>

During the 2024/25 academic year the Collegiate Chess Committee will be working towards promoting more over the board collegiate tournaments, having over 100+ participating teams at the 2025 Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Championships, and clearing up eligibility rules.