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***CCO Organizes Second Girls' Championship
at Farmington Library***

On January 21, 2017, 35 girls from 15 towns, including New York and Providence, and 22 schools competed in the 2017 Connecticut State Girls' Scholastic Chess Championships. For the second year in a row, the tournament was hosted at the Farmington Main Library.

This is the second year of the Girls only Championship in Connecticut. The 35 players was a new event record.

The event was co-sponsored by the Connecticut Chess Organization, the Farmington Libraries, allClubs Chess, and the New Britain Chess Club.

The placement winners were:

Individual Prizes/Awards:

(Certificates of participation were distributed to all players)

Elementary

1st Place – Charlotte Peterson, PS 33 (New York)

2nd Place – Ann Song, East Farms (Farmington)

3rd Place – Simone Morden, PS 33 (New York)

Top Kindergartener – Alexandra Phung, TAG Young Scholars (New York)

Top 1st Grader – Natalie Conn, Hurlbutt (Weston)

Middle

1st Place – Beatrice Low, Greenwich Academy

2nd Place – Suma Dendi, Betances STEM Magnet (Hartford)

3rd Place – Vaishnavi Vaijaeepay, Blackstone Valley Prep (Cumberland, RI)

High

1st Place – Sree Dasari, La Salle Academy (Providence, RI)

2nd Place – Anjaniece Wilson, Amistad (New Haven)

3rd Place – Samantha Aiyathurai, Simsbury

Team Prizes/Awards:

Overall

1st Place – PS 33 (New York)

2nd Place – TAG Young Scholars (New York)

3rd Place – Norfeldt Elementary (West Hartford)

Beatrice Low of Greenwich Academy is the Girls' Overall Champion and Candidate for the Girls' National Nominations Candidates' Tournament. This is Beatrice's second consecutive year as Girls' Champion.

Norfeldt Elementary (West Hartford) is the Connecticut Girls' Team Champion. This is the first ever State title and placement for the West Hartford school.

Congratulations to all!

Competition was directed by Norman Burtness, CSCA Board Member and President of the New Britain Chess Club, assisted by Samuel Lumelsky, King Philip Middle School.

The tournament was organized as a non-profit fundraiser for scholastic chess programs by the Connecticut Chess Organization and raised about \$100 for Connecticut chess programs.

CCO's next event is the 2017 Connecticut Scholastic K-12 Chess Championships on February 12, 2017 at CREC Two Rivers Magnet Middle School in East Hartford, Connecticut.

Other upcoming CCO tournaments include:

March 19 – Hartmayer Memorial (Leg 4 of NNGP) at University of Connecticut

April 2 & 9 – CCO G/60 Championships at Kingswood Oxford and Amistad High

April 30 – CT State Scholastic Quick Championships at University of New Haven

April 30 – CT National Nominations Candidates Tournament at Univ. of New Haven