

SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY CHESS TEAM FINISHES 11TH IN NATION

Amarasinghe Ties for Top Honors

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., April 21, 2010 – Saint Thomas Academy announced today that its chess team finished the nationwide Open Class tournament in 11th place out of 37 teams. The team's total points were 17 out of a possible 24. It's been 28 years since the Academy's team has made an appearance at the national tournament.

The team consisted of:

P. Amarasinghe '12

A. Bute '10

M. Dahl '12

M. Johnson '11

T. Mulvey '10

D. Patrick '11

D.Sosa '12

"The team did very well considering only two of them had ever competed at this level before," said John Geroux III, moderator of the team.

The event was held over three days in Columbus, Ohio, and consisted of seven rounds of play with a time control of two hours per player, for a possible 28 hours of high-level chess play. Hunter College Campus School, New York, won the tournament with 21 points out of a possible 24.

Individually, Dahl finished 32nd, winning five out of seven games, and Amarasinghe won six out of seven to tie for top honors with eight others.

The team also fielded a 4-person Blitz team, where 12 games of speed chess are played in a two-hour span. The cadets placed 9th in the country. Team members for this included Dahl, Amarasinghe, Bute and Sosa. Individually in the Blitz competition, Dahl placed 8th in the country and Amarasinghe followed in 14th.

ABOUT SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY

Founded in 1885, Saint Thomas Academy is an all-male, college preparatory, Catholic, military/leadership school committed to preparing young men to succeed in college and in life. Nationally accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS), the academy challenges young men to excel academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally in and out of the classroom.

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