



All the Right Moves

Award Recipient Integrates Chess into Curriculums

Jerry Nash, National Education Consultant to the United States Chess Federation, has worked more than 15 years, explaining the importance of chess in the classroom. With numerous presentations at conferences and his work consulting organizations across the U.S., Nash is shining a bright light on the game he loves and how rich of a resource chess can be for academic success. Because of his hard work, he will receive the 2015 UT Dallas Chess Educator of the Year Award on February 24, 2015.

The awards ceremony is an integral part of ChessFest, an annual celebration of chess organized by UT Dallas' [Eugene McDermott Library](#) and the renowned [UT Dallas Chess Program](#).

In addition to receiving the award, Nash will

deliver a speech titled *The Case for Chess*, in which he shares ideas on expanding the game into the education community and using it to improve literacy, math and critical thinking skills.

In 1996, Nash helped start the scholastic program in Lake Charles, Louisiana and later became the Scholastic Director at the United States Chess Federation in 2005. He also currently works as a consultant with the Alabama State Department of Education to implement a chess-in-schools initiative.

The event is open to the public and will be held in McDermott Library. The reception begins at 6:15p.m. in the McDermott Suite. The awards ceremony lasts from 7- 8p.m. A light buffet will be provided. To attend, please RSVP to james.stallings@utdallas.edu.



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“Blindfold Chess” to be held in McDermott Library

UT Dallas Grandmasters George Margvelashvili and David Berczes are putting their skills to the test in a game of blindfolded chess on Feb. 25. The players will take on opponents while sitting with their backs to the board. The event takes place in the Eugene McDermott Library lobby from noon to 2p.m. This free event will feature new orange and green chess pieces instead of the previous black and white pieces.

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