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Profile

I am a dedicated and enthusiastic chess instructor, organizer, and competitor. As an instructor, I have been teaching in schools and privately for over 10 years. I have achieved local, regional, and national level successes in tournaments for my students and the schools they have represented.

As an organizer, I served as President of the multiple times national champion University of Texas at Dallas Chess Club. I also managed and played for the Dallas Destiny in the United States Chess League in 2005 and 2006. Finally, I have managed multiple chess clubs in SC, TX, and NY, and I have directed both adult and scholastic tournaments.

As a competitor, I have achieved the ranking of National Master – a ranking awarded to less than the top 1% of active chess players. I have twice won the South Carolina High School Championship, and in 2006, I won the Dallas Chess Club Championship. I have also won many other local tournaments around the country.

Teaching Experience

Instructor – Excelsior Academy (2002 – 2003)

- Tutored twenty to thirty students of both elementary and middle school ages weekly for the academic year of 2002 and 2003.
- Organized the Excelsior Academy chess team which competed victoriously in the South Caroline State Elementary Championships.

Instructor – Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet School (2004 – 2007)

- Solely responsible for Tuesday and Thursday before school programs with twenty to thirty elementary school students.

Instructor – University of Texas at Dallas Chess Camps (Summer 2007)

- Taught in the prestigious UT Dallas Chess Camps, providing challenging small group instruction to many promising junior players.

Private Instructor (2002 – Present)

Competitive Achievements

Received the **National Master** title from the US Chess Federation for achieving an ELO rating of 2200 in US Chess Federation tournament play.

South Carolina State **High School Champion** (2002 and 2003)

South Carolina representative in the Denker Tournament for High School Champions (2002 and 2003)

Dallas Chess Club Champion (2006)

Southwest Collegiate Champion (2004)

Twice member of 1st place finishing teams at the US Amateur Team East (2004 and 2006)

Honors and Awards

Steven Grubbs Memorial Scholarship

- Received the Steven Grubbs Scholarship in 2007 in recognition of efforts to further and improve chess in the Dallas community.

Additional Credentials

US Chess Federation Certified Local Tournament Director (2011 – Present)

- Directed many regional tournaments including both scholastic and adult tournaments with up to 80 players.

President of the University of Texas at Dallas Chess Club (2006 – 2007)

- Organized various events for the multiple time national champion chess club and team at the University of Texas at Dallas.
- Increased club attendance by more than 50% during my tenure

Team Manager – United States Chess League (2006 season)

- Managed the Dallas Destiny in the US Chess League in the 2006 season

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