



Cleveland Alphas hosts chess tournament at Tri-C

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Last month, The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Delta Alpha Lambda Chapter presented the third annual Cleveland Scholastic Open at Cuyahoga Community College Metro Campus.

According to Tony Dunlap Sr., committee co-chair, approximately 160 children participated.

"We were fortunate to have participating in this year's tournament two outstanding young African American chess masters from the state of New York: James Black Jr. and Joshua Colas," said Dunlap.

Colas was featured on the front page of Oct. 22, 2014 edition of the Call and Post.

Colas and Black achieved chess master status at the age of 12, making them the youngest African American players to ever achieve that rank. While both young men took turns holding that title, Colas was the first of the two to be recognized. Now, at the age of 16 and 15, these young men are outstanding students in the classroom and accomplished in scholastic chess. Their accomplishments have taken them to other countries throughout the world representing the United States in chess competition.

Kevin Fite brought 40 Black children from Detroit, via chartered bus, to compete in the tournament. "He [Dunlap] reached out to me. He wanted more African American children to be



Members of Delta Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity working the score table.

involved," said Fite.

This was their first time participating in the Cleveland Scholastic Chess Tournament.

When asked how he gets so many Black children to play chess, Fite explained that he used to be a math teacher. He started a chess club and had two students signed up but the interest increased when two of popular students joined.

"They played to win," said Fite, whose team went on to win national championships.

Fite also hosts a tournament called, "The Detroit Thinkers" the same weekend as the Cleveland Scholastic Open. "We

missed it to come here," he said.

"I am very thank to Mr. Kevin Fite and the families from his Detroit city chess club for supporting our event," said Dunlap. "Scholastic chess isn't an activity that African Americans normal participate in, so it was refreshing to see more than of half of the students in this year's tournament were African American."

The composition of the African American students came from Detroit as well as local schools including Heritage Middle School, Warrensville Heights Middle school, HBCU Preparatory and Cleveland



Alicia Harper, a 3rd grader from Roxbury Elementary in Solon, Ohio, participated in the Cleveland Scholastic Open hosted by the Delta Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., at Cuyahoga Community College. (Photos by Rhonda Crowder)

Metropolitan School District.

Jaleel Dabbs, 13, started playing at age seven. He won his first game in the Cleveland Scholastic Open 15-4 but lost the second. "I surrendered," said the seventh grader from Cleveland's Heritage Academy.

Dabbs lost to Timothy Turner, at student from Miles Park School in

Cleveland who developed an interest in chess from his dad. Both boys are unrated players.

Grateful for a successful event, Dunlap thanked the host venue.

"Cuyahoga Community College is a very progressive thinking institution when it comes to providing opportunities to our community. Serving as the host of the Cleveland Scholastic

Chess Tournament is only one small service. They have provided several chess training and teaching opportunities to youth and adults over the last three years. They are truly living up to their mission to promote individual development and improve the overall quality of life in a multicultural community."

HBCU Prep announces National School Lunch program

HBCU Preparatory School announced its 2014-2015 program year policy for (free and reduced-price meals for students served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast, After School Care Snack or Special Milk Program. Each school office and the

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dents. All students regardless of income will receive a free lunch.

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