

## Destynn Keuchel becomes State Elementary Chess Champion!

Destynn Keuchel, a sixth grade student at Hawken School, was among 233 students from all corners of Ohio competing in the State Elementary Chess Championship tournament held in Cleveland on Saturday March 19, 2016.

In the toughest section of the tournament, K-6 Championship section, Destynn was the only student among 47 players who entered the last round with a perfect score. He won all his five games, and was announced to be the clear State Elementary Champion. Destynn will be receiving a \$100 Scholarship from the Ohio Scholastic Chess Association for being the Ohio Elementary Champion.

In addition, Destynn and his classmate, Hansen Song, competed as a team among nine schools. Despite being one of the smallest teams, they tied for first, and even though they came in second place after tie-breaks, they were announced to be the State Elementary Co-Champions. Destynn and Hansen were also State Runner Up in Grade Level Chess Championship in November.

Destynn is a recipient of many trophies and cash prizes in local, state and national chess tournaments. Destynn tied for eighth place in Super Nationals K-9 U1250 while in third grade. He is a two-time State Grade Level Runner Up, and has been State Runner Up in both K-3 and K-6 Elementary Championships in previous years. Destynn was the captain of the four-time Grade Level State Team Champion while in grades 1-4.

Destynn has been teaching chess since age of nine. Currently, together with his brothers, he teaches chess at Hawken Lower School's after school Chess Club.

To see the results, please go to:

<http://www.ohioscholasticchess.org/2016elementaryresults.htm>