UT Brownsville / Texas Southmost College at a glance:
The University of Texas at Brownsville, in collaboration with Texas Southmost College, serves more than 17,000 students in the Brownsville metropolitan area and broader South Texas region. We have been a member of the University of Texas System since 1991 and offer a wide range of courses from Associate and Baccalaureate degrees to graduate classes and continuing education.

At UTB/TSC, we are committed to expanding knowledge through enhancing student success in all that we do through excellence and innovation in academics and research while providing accessible and affordable education and an open admissions policy. UTB/TSC is unique as a community university offering the combined resources of a community college and an accredited university. You can earn a one-year certificate or an associate degree and transition seamlessly into a bachelor's degree and move on later to one of our graduate programs.

The University’s proximity to Mexico generates a multicultural educational environment that highlights unity, heritage and tradition. UTB/TSC is also a proud member of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, an organization that recognizes excellence in Hispanic higher education in the U.S. and around the world.

The UTB/TSC Final 4 Team – Average Rating USCF 2610

**Board 1:** GM Timur Gareyev (USCF 2675, FIDE 2613)
- Uzbekistan
- Senior, Business; UTB Scholastic Excellence award
- Enjoys sports and reading
- 2010 National Open Champion

**Board 2:** GM Mauricio Flores (USCF 2640, FIDE 2502)
- Chile
- Math & Physics major, 4.0 GPA, UTB/TSC Scholastic Excellence award
- Enjoys playing the guitar
- GM at 18; US Class Champion 2010, Masters Section

**Board 3:** GM Axel Bachmann (USCF 2600, FIDE 2530)
- Junior, Business
- Enjoys sports, music, travel, and hanging out with friends and family
- 2nd GM in the history of Paraguay

**Board 4:** IM Max Cornejo (USCF 2526, FIDE: 2405)
- Peru
- Senior, International Business
- Enjoys soccer
- International Master in January, 2010

**Alternate:** SM Faik “the Gentle Giant” Aleskerov (USCF 2464, FIDE 2322)
GM Susan Polgar, Coach & Director
FM Paul Truong, Assistant Coach

Texas Tech University at a glance:
Texas Tech University prides itself on being a major comprehensive research university that retains the sense of a smaller liberal arts institution. Although enrollment is over 30,000, Texas Tech students boast of one-on-one interaction with top faculty and an environment that stresses student accomplishment above all else. We're large enough to provide the best in facilities and academics, but small enough to focus on YOU. We are committed to enhancing the cultural and economic development of the state, nation, and world. Read our full mission statement.

Texas Tech students come from every county in Texas, all 50 states and more than 90 foreign countries. Tech offers 150 undergraduate degree programs through 11 academic colleges, a graduate school and a school of law. We offer more than 100 master’s degree programs and over 50 doctoral degree programs.

The Texas Tech Final 4 Team – Average Rating USCF 2549

**Board 1:** GM Anatoly "the Rocket" Bykhovsky (USCF 2655, FIDE 2517)
- Israel
- Freshman, Finance
- Enjoys soccer and working out
- 3x Israeli National Youth Champion, 2010 SPICE Cup “B group” Champion

**Board 2:** GM Davorin “the Goran” Kuljasevic (USCF 2570, FIDE 2528)
- Croatia
- Graduate Student, Finance
- Enjoys soccer and working out.
- 5x Croatian Youth Champion, 2x PanAm Champion

**Board 3:** IM Istvan "Steve the Magnificent" Sipos (USCF 2450, FIDE 2407)
- Hungary
- Junior, Geography
- Enjoys soccer, music, pool
- 3x National Team Ch, 2x National Youth Ch

**Board 4:** GM Andre "the Shiny" Diamant (USCF 2519, FIDE 2520)
- Brazil
- Freshman, Economics
- 8x Brazilian Junior Champion, PanAm under 12 Champion
- Enjoys soccer and ping pong

Alternate: SM Faik “the Gentle Giant” Aleskerov (USCF 2464, FIDE 2322)
GM Susan Polgar, Coach & Director
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**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

Friday, April 1, 2010  
- Pre-dinner Mixer: 6:30 PM, Embassy Suites Ballroom  
- Banquet Dinner (private): 7:30 PM, Embassy Suites  
- Draw for Seeds and Round 3 Colors  
- Players and Coaches Meeting after dinner

Saturday, April 2, 2010  
- Opening Ceremony: 9:50 AM  
- Round 1: 10 AM  
- Round 2: 5 PM  
- Booz Allen's "One Dulles" Building, Rooms 2205 & 2206  
- Skittles in Rooms 2237 and 2238

Sunday, April 3, 2010  
- Round 3: 9 AM  
- Skittles in Rooms 2237 and 2238  
- Awards Ceremony: 15 minutes after end of Round 3  
- Booz Allen's "One Dulles" Building, Rooms 2205 & 2206

**TOURNAMENT RULES**

The teams competing for the President’s Cup are the top four USA colleges from the 2010 Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship, held Dec 27-30 in Milwaukee, WI. The Final 4 tournament is a team round-robin scored by total individual points. Each team has four players and up to two alternates. United States Chess Federation rules apply. Each player must satisfy the eligibility requirements established by the USCF College Chess Committee (CCC).

In the event of a tie, the title is not shared. The following tie-break systems will be applied in order:  
1. Total team match wins  
2. Head-to-head outcome determines winner  
3. Armageddon (five- to six-minute "shootout") on one board: White must win with six minutes, and Black must win or draw with five minutes. The winner of a coin toss chooses the color. The clock will be set with a delay of two seconds per move.

Time Control: Game-90, plus a 30 second increment each move. Each player has 90 minutes to make all of his/her moves and accumulates an extra 30 seconds per move.

**TOURNAMENT STAFF**

Chief TD & Organizer: Mike Hoffpaur, Associate National Tournament Director, Norfolk, Virginia  
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Chess Journalist: FM Macon Shibut, Editor, Virginia Chess Federation Newsletter

**UT Dallas at a glance:**

UT Dallas is a young, dynamic research institution on the cutting edge of science, technology, medicine, business and the arts. Born at the dawn of the information age, UT Dallas helped pioneer new fields in science and technology and created sought-after degree programs that did not exist a generation ago. These include geospatial information science, cognitive sciences, emerging media and communications, nanotechnology and materials science, among others. It is host to seven schools, offers an array of interdisciplinary degree programs and features a student population as diverse as its areas of study.

The University has a unique heritage born of its pioneering spirit. Located in the center of one of the most dynamic economic and demographic regions of the nation, UT Dallas owes its existence to others.

**The UT Dallas Final 4 Team - Average Rating USCF 2574**

**Board 1:** GM Alejandro Ramirez (USCF 2657, FIDE 2594)  
- Costa Rica  
- Graduate Student, Arts & Technology  
- Enjoys reading

**Board 2:** GM Cristian Chirila (USCF 2541, FIDE 2513)  
- Romania  
- Freshman, International Political Economy  
- Enjoys soccer

**Board 3:** IM Marko Zivanic (USCF 2570, FIDE 2497)  
- Serbia  
- Doctoral student, Computer Science  
- Enjoys soccer

**Board 4:** GM-elect Julio Sadorza (USCF 2526, FIDE 2475)  
- Philippines  
- Sophomore, Applied Mathematics  
- Enjoys table tennis, soccer, basketball, and reading

**Alternate 1:** IM Salvijus Bercys (USCF 2558, FIDE 2469)  
**Alternate 2:** IM Puchen Wang (USCF 2534, FIDE 2464)  

**Dr. Alan T. Sherman, Director**  
GM Sam Palatnik, Associate Director  
Igor Epshteyn, Coach

**UMBC at a glance:**

UMBC is a dynamic public research university integrating teaching, research and service to benefit the citizens of Maryland. As an Honors University, the campus offers academically talented students a strong academic program that prepares them for graduate and professional study, entry into the workforce, and community service and leadership. UMBC emphasizes science, engineering, information technology, human services and public policy at the graduate level. UMBC contributes to the economic development of the State and the region through entrepreneurial initiatives, workforce training, K-16 partnerships, and technology commercialization in collaboration with public agencies and the corporate community. UMBC is dedicated to cultural and ethnic diversity, social responsibility and lifelong learning. UMBC combines the emphasis on teaching found at the best liberal arts colleges with the innovation of a research university.

The UMBC Retrievers are the defending national champions.

**The UMBC Final 4 Team - Average Rating USCF 2592**

**Board 1:** GM Sergey "The Stealth" Erenburg (USCF 2656, FIDE 2616)  
- Israel  
- Majoring in Mathematics and Financial Economics  
- Enjoys soccer and other sports  
- 1st, 2008 Atlantic Open; 1st, 2004 Israeli Chmps.

**Board 2:** GM Leonid "Chief" Kritz (USCF 2672, FIDE 2624)  
- Germany  
- World Champion under 16 years. Spain, 1999.  
- Participant in 2004 FIDE World Championship in Libya

**Board 3:** GM Giorgi Margvelashvili (USCF 2544, FIDE 2531)  
- Republic of Georgia  
- Enjoys Soccer  
- 8th Place, World Junior Championship, 2009  
- 1st Place, European Championship Under 14, 2004

**Board 4:** IM Sasha "Plaplan" Kaplan (USCF 2497, FIDE 2443)  
- Israel  
- Enjoys music, soccer and tennis  
- Israeli Junior champion under 20, 2007  
- Israeli Army champion, 2008

**Alternate 1:** WGM Sabina "Sunshine" Foisor (USCF 2402, FIDE 2350)  
**Alternate 2:** Ricky Selzler (USCF 2258, FIDE 2233)  
**Dr. Alan T. Sherman, Director**  
GM Sam Palatnik, Associate Director  
Igor Epshteyn, Coach