

## Seven CalChess Players Qualify for 2009 World Youth Chess Championships



Yian Liou

The United States Chess Federation has announced that the following players from Northern California have qualified to participate in the 2009 World Youth Chess Championship to be held in Antalya, Turkey from November 11 – 23. The top players by rating in each age category are considered the official representatives by FIDE, the World Chess Federation, but all players compete in the event as part of the US delegation.

**BOYS UNDER 18**  
SAMUEL SHANKLAND

**BOYS UNDER 14**  
DANIEL NARODITSKY  
GREGORY YOUNG

**BOYS UNDER 12**  
YIAN LIOU

**BOYS UNDER 10**  
SAMUEL SEVIAN

**BOYS UNDER 8**  
TANUJ VASUDEVA

**GIRLS UNDER 8**  
ALISHA CHAWLA

Yian Liou also just came in 1st place in the CalChess State Scholastic Championships for the High School Division. Yian is only 6th grader!!!

Tanuj Vasudeva tied for 1st in the 4-5 Varsity Section in the CalChess State Scholastic Championships. He is only in 2nd grade!!! Incredibly, this is his 4th STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE! He was also chosen to represent USA in the PAN-AM this year by being the number #1 ranked kid (7-and under) in the country in the Feb. list.

Alisha Chawla came in second in the recently held - Kasparov All Girls National tournament in Dallas. Alisha competed in the 8 and under category. She won 5 out of 6 games. 160 top girls from all over country competed in the tournament.