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CLEVELAND - The Chess team from Horizon Science Academy Cleveland High School competed in the Cincinnati Queen City Chess Tournament on March 16 and 17. Over 700 students participated in this tournament. **Horizon Science Academy student Jonathan Clinton won first place with a perfect score of 5 - 0**; Jason Clinton won a trophy for his 9th place finish; and Willie Russell won a trophy in another division for 7th place. **Horizon's team finished in 2nd place overall.** One of the largest scholastic chess tournaments in the Midwest, the annual Queen City Classic Chess Tournament, is designed to increase chess participation among all children by popularizing the game of chess.



The chess team at HSA is one of over two dozen enrichment programs offered by the school to promote the intellectual development of our students. The benefits of studying chess are many; students learning and playing chess develop critical thinking skills and build self-esteem, while teaching and empowering children to succeed.

Of the 500 students currently enrolled at Horizon Science Academy, 79% come from disadvantaged households, about 80% are African-American, 14% are white, and 6% are of Hispanic origin. For the past four years, 100% of the seniors have been accepted into college. Horizon Science Academy was awarded the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2009 by United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. HSA has been named an Ohio School of Promise by the Ohio Department of Education four years in a row.

Horizon Science Academy is a tuition-free college prep school located in Cleveland. It is managed by Concept Schools, a successful nonprofit charter management organization that operates 27 schools throughout the Midwest. For more information, or to arrange a tour, please call 216-432-3660.