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Medina Parrilla wins All-Girls!!

Tops the field... wins \$65,000 scholarship!



Parrilla (Bronx, NY) has won the All-Girls tournament sponsored by the Kasparov Chess Foundation. Parrilla, one of the country's top scholastic players, receives scholarship from Jim Stallings. Photo by F. Leon Wilson. [Story!](#)

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Medina Parrilla wins All-Girls title!

Apr 27th, 2008 by Daaim Shabazz



News just in from **Rodney Thomas**... **Medina Parrilla** wins the All-Girls invitational sponsored by the *Kasparov Chess Foundation*. Parrilla won the under-18 section and by virtue of her victory, she wins a scholarship to University of Texas at Dallas. Parrilla beat top-seed **Courtney Jamison** to take top honors. (See results [here](#).)

According to Thomas, **Jim Stallings** presented her the scholarship which is valued at over \$65,000 for an out-of-state student. Several players of African descent have done well including a win by [Stephanie Ballom](#) in 2004. Ballom is now at Texas Tech.

About 200 players registered and competed in six age groups (under-18, under-16, under-14, under-12, under-10, under-8). Parrilla, a Bronx native, has been one of the top-rated girls for the past five years and has anchored the DeWitt Clinton High School team. Last weekend she competed in the National High School championships in Atlanta, Georgia. This win should put her close to 2000 USCF rating and she would be the third Black female to accomplish this since [Baraka Shabazz](#) and [Colette McGruder](#).

Photo by Elizabeth Vicary.