

## **ELLEN WANG – SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT TEXT**

WIM Ellen Wang is the newly appointed Co-Editor-in-Chief of Chess Connections (<https://chessconnections.org/>), a student-run free online quarterly chess magazine working to connect youth players around the world and to build an inclusive chess community with greater diversity. Prior to this position starting in June 2023, Ellen was Managing Editor and Designer of the magazine for two years since its debut in 2021. In addition to her deep involvement in the solicitation, editing and designing process of articles, she has been endeavoring to recruit new staff writers and designers, and to ensure the timely publication of the magazine. Ellen's greatest contribution is her deep commitment to increasing the representation of girl players in the chess world by amplifying their voices through the magazine. Her dedicated effort has brought many top girl players on board, including interviews with WGM Jennifer Yu, IM Annie Wang, WGM Thalia Cervantes, WFM Sophie Morris-Suzuki, and IM/WGM Alice Lee (upcoming), as well as submissions by WIM Evelyn Zhu, WIM Zoey Tang, Megan Paragua, Alice Chovanec and Laurel Aronian. Ellen regards this award a special recognition of her dedication to closing the gender gap in chess and an inspiration to many more girl players to engage in chess journalism to get their voices heard.