

Chess is a game.

But anyone who loves it knows that it is much more.

Talk to a chess player, a chess parent, a coach, or a TD. Ask them what chess has meant in their lives.

And then listen.

That's what Natasha Roberts did when she visited the 2023 National High School Championship in our nation's capital.

Natasha had the idea to seek out stories from folks who may lack FIDE titles, but — and perhaps for that reason — for whom chess has been all the more important. She sat, listened, and recorded. She asked to take their pictures.

And then she went through the hours of interviews to find some of the most stunning, most human stories you could care to read.

The “Faces of US Chess” projects reveals the universality of chess, its power to help heal, to foster growth, to inculcate hope. With each weekly installment in this limited series, it reminds us that family comes in all shapes and sizes, and that the chess family includes a rainbow of faces and histories.

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