

## HARYLAND DISTRICT NEWS

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## **Maryland AAU High School Sullivan Finalist Jumps to Success**

Mason Rogers had quite a year for himself. He graduated from high school, got accepted into Stanford, had an internship at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab and won a \$2,500 scholarship from the AAU High School Sullivan Award. His latest achievement, earning the High School Sullivan Award Scholarship, was a perfect way to prove that all of his hard work in not only his academics, but also his athletic career, has paid off.

As a student, Rogers holds a 4.1+ GPA, earned the Harvard Book Award for Outstanding High School Juniors and the Parker Award for Outstanding High School Athlete. He is a National Merit Scholar, AP National Scholar and Cason Scholar. He plans on competing in Jump Rope throughout college, as well as play other recreational and intramural sports. Congratulations to Mason and good luck on all of your future endeavors from everyone here at the AAU!





## **Micaa Thomas Wins Junior Olympic Championship**

Micaa Thomas, the 2013 AAU National Champion, won the Veritas World Junior AAU Junior Olympic Games Golf Championship for sixteen year old girls. With 287 golfers from 18 countries the July 19 thru July 26 tournament is the largest junior golf tournament in the world. Each year the tournament offers 26 divisions for boys and girls and crowns a champion in each division. Angel Stadium was the site of the opening ceremony followed by tournament play at Tustin, California's Tustin Ranch Golf Club, a 4-star recipient of Golf Digest Magazine's "Places to Play". Micaa scored a 77, 81, and 74 during the three day event. We are extremely proud of you!

## **Columbia Ravens Triumph at Nationals**

The Columbia Ravens 7th grade boys' team is the 2014 National Division III East Coast Classic Champions. The tournament was held in Hampton, Virginia July 13th-16th. The Ravens finished with a 6-2 record including pool play, taking 1st place in the championship game against Ohio's DOBO Nation (63-52). The Ravens received an automatic berth to compete in Division III by qualifying in the AAU Maryland State Championship held in May 2014.

The Ravens were one of five Maryland teams to compete in the East Coast National Tournament that hosted fifty-seven 7th grade boys teams from around the nation including teams from Connecticut,



Kentucky, Indiana, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

The Columbia Ravens consisted of the following players: Ethan Chappell, Connor Marshall, Dayne Koontz, John Marshall, Brandon Dix, Kahlil Glover, Dubem Nnake, Carter Truby, Ojiefoh Okojie, Andrew McInerney, and Brandon Prox. The team was coached by Assistant Coach Doug Prox, Assistant Head Coach Bernie Koontz, and Head Coach Dan Paugh with additional support from Team Mom Stacey Dix. Congratulations Ravens! (Written by Dan Paugh)