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Summer NABC in Minneapolis

We had around 40 junior players attend the Summer NABC in Minneapolis!

D21 Youth had a very impressive tournament, capturing the first and second place in the Youth NABC Pairs Championship Title, UC Berkeley winning the Collegiate Teams Championship (after placing 2nd last year), and Eddy Qi of San Francisco winning the Youth Sportsmanship Award.

Thanks to the generous contributions of SiVY donors, Center for Bridge Education (CBE) donors, and District 21, we were able to provide travel stipends to those who applied. Thank you to all the coaches and parents who mentored and chaperoned younger players during the tournament.

Participants

Under 21 (most are also receiving stipends from D21):

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| • Arthur Hung | • Ethan Wu | • Keith Lin |
| • Beatrice Hung | • Flora Ding | • Kevin Wei |
| • Brandon Ge ² | • Ivan Stukalov | • Kurt Hoisie |
| • Brian Zhang ² | • Jayson Lee | • Larry Wei |
| • Cindy Zhong ¹ | • Joseph Hoagland | • Liya Li |
| • Demian Li | • Kaitlyn Kuang | • Michael Hoagland |
| • Eddy Qi | • Kate Lee | • Mihai Constantin ¹ |
| • Emily Yu ¹ | • Kayden Ge ² | • Samuel Kuang |

Collegiate Players:

- UC Berkeley: Zhenling Wang, Mihir Singhal, Weichen Tang
- UC Davis: Rory Xiao (NPC), Maxwell Burns, Aniket Mondal, Keari Bjorgum, Haoqing Chen
- Washington University in St. Louis³: Nathan Chow, Andrew Eidelhoch
- Amherst³: Hank Hsu, Michael Zheng
- Brown University³: Helen Chow
- San Diego State³: Kai Eckert
- Georgia Tech³: Justin Turcotte

¹First time NABC participants

²More advanced U21 players eligible to play YNABC but only played more advanced events

³These players live in D21 but attend school elsewhere, recently graduated, or attend remotely

Results in Premier National Events (Overalls)

Youth NABC:

- Sportsmanship Award: Eddy Qi
- Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs
 - 1st Place: Kevin Wei
 - 2nd Place: Samuel Kuang
 - 4th Place: Jayson Lee & Kate Lee
 - 11th Place: Kyle Lin & Keith Lin
 - *Qualified for Final: Kaitlyn Kuang, Larry Wei, Flora Ding*
- Youth Swiss Teams
 - 2nd Place: Jayson Lee & Kate Lee
 - 3rd Place: Kevin Wei, Michael Hoagland, Joseph Hoagland
 - 5th Place: Samuel Kuang
 - 6th Place: Beatrice Hung, Ethan Wu
 - 8th Place: Kaitlyn Kuang, Larry Wei, Flora Ding

Collegiates:

- Collegiate Bridgebowl Championship
 - 1st Place: UC Berkeley (Zhenling Wang, Mihir Singhal, Weichen Tang, Ethan Xie)
- Collegiate Pairs:
 - 6th: Mihir Singhal (UC Berkeley)
 - 7th: Nathan Chow & Andrew Eidelhoch (WashU)

Junior Players in “Adult” NABC Events:

- Brian Zhang & Kayden Ge had an amazing tournament! They beat Zia Mahmood to make it to the Round of 32 in the Spingold. Then, they also placed 23rd in the Roth Open Swiss.
- Weilong Shen and Vasisht Ganesh, Under 26 players and frequent SIVY volunteers, won the 0-3000 Mini-Spingold!



D21 Under 26 players Weilong Shen and Vasisht Ganesh won the 0-3000 Mini-Spingold!



UC Berkeley took home 1st Place in the Collegiate Bridge Bowl (improving upon their 2nd Place finish in 2025)

Sportsmanship Award



Eddy Qi was voted by his peers, winning a \$1K scholarship

Baron Barclay National Youth Pairs



Winners of the Baron Barclay National Youth Pairs: Arjun Chaunal and Kevin Wei



Second in the Baron Barclay National Youth Pairs: Kaining Sheng and Samuel Kuang

Youth Teams Championship



Second in the ACBL Educational Foundation National Youth Swiss Teams: Zinnia Meyer, Nathan Kasperkiewicz, Katie Lee and Jayson Lee



Third place went to Kevin Wei, Arjun Chaunal (Seattle), Michael Hoagland, Joseph Hoagland



On Friday evening, SiVY hosted an annual Youth NABC dinner for all D21 players and their partners / teammates. Due to air quality concerns, several parent volunteers helped order pizza and stake out a spot in the Sheraton Lobby. After dinner, many youth participated in “Crazy Bridge”—a fun tournament with twists on the classic rules of bridge hosted by Adam Kaplan for ages 35 & under.

World Youth Transnational Championships in Hefei, China

The 2026 World Youth Transnational Championships were held in Hefei, China, from August 3-8, 2026. Over 30 players from the US participated, and 8 players were from D21. Brian Zhang of Dublin, CA, won three major awards - 1st in the Pairs, 2nd in the Teams, and the Sportsmanship Award!

Under 16:

- Demian Li
- Jeremy Zhang
- Kevin Wei
- Larry Wei
- Liya Li

Under 26:

- Brian Zhang
- Michael Xu
- Rory Xiao

You can find all tournament results [here](#). You can find team USA results [here](#).



Brian with his Chinese teammates winning the Silver Medal in the Under 26 Team event. Brian's dad Qiang served as the NPC of the team.



Brian with his 2nd medal, the Under 26 Pairs Gold Medal



The Sportsmanship Award - players could only vote for players from other countries



Kevin Wei (D21) (back left) about to start a round.



Jeremy Zhang (D21) and Larry Wei (D21) play against each other (right 2 players)



Demian Li (D21) (front left; his partner and opp. on the right are also Team USA)