

Olympian Fencing Club Victory

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Saint Mary's Hall ninth grade student Farrah Lee-Elabd won two Gold medals for both Individual and Team events in the Youth 14 Women's Epee category and Eisenhower's seventh grade Brandon Benavides won seventh place Finalist medal in the Youth 12 Men's Epee category at the 2013 North American Cup fencing competition in Richmond, VA.

More than 1,500 athletes participated in this national competition held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center from April 12-15. Although the majority of the athletes were from the US, competitors from other countries such as Canada, Chile, Russia, China and Bulgaria also participated. On Sunday, April 14, Farrah won the Gold medal competing against 80 Youth 14 female fencers in the Individual Epee category, and on Monday, April 15, Farrah won a second Gold medal in the Team category. Brandon got his seventh place Finalist medal competing against 75 Youth 12 men fencers.

Farrah and Brandon belong to the Olympian Fencing Club in San Antonio, Texas and trains with some of the best fencers in the country. They are coached by Velizar Iliev, a US Olympian and three-time World Champion.



Ninth grader Farrah Lee-Elabd (right) and Coach Velizar Iliev.



Seventh grader Brandon Benavides.