

Eighth Grader to compete in international fencing tournament



Straight A student. Student body president. Convert to Catholicism. You can add to those attributes about Lello Negera '12: tournament fencer.

Interviewed by the likes of [The Washington Post](#) and WAMU FM 88.5 during the last two years, Lello Negera has made quite a splash during her years at St. Augustine Catholic School. From February 3-5, she will compete at the Capitol Clash SYC and Cadet 2012 tournament at the Gaylord National Resort and Conference Center in National Harbor, Md., sponsored by the National Fencing Foundation of Washington, D.C.

Although Lello just took up fencing through the St. Augustine School Fencing Club in November 2011, she has quickly learned to fence well. "He told me I was a natural," the diminutive eighth grader said of her Coach George King of the St. Augustine School Fencing Club. Lello said that fencing is a much different kind of competition from basketball and cheerleading.

Lello is one of a handful of students from the District of Columbia to participate in the international event, and she will compete in the Y-14 Women's Saber and Y-14 Women's Foil.

One can follow the tournament results at <http://live.nffdc.org/>.