

NJTL Connections

2022 NEWSLETTER - SUMMER ISSUE

2022 NJTL Leadership Camp in Orlando, FL

USTA Southern provided 21 youth ages 12-16 from 12 different NJTL Chapters a very special opportunity this summer: a 4-day Leadership Camp at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Florida. Here are some of the daily highlights:

Day 1

- Registration
- University of Central Florida Campus Tour
- Team Building

Day 2

- USTA National Campus Tour
- Intro to Padel & Pickleball
- Team Drills & Team Competition

Day 3

- Mini-Leadership Conference Guests:
 - Jackie Materasso, USTA Foundation
 - Jermaine Jenkins, USTA National Coach
 - Sean Buck, US Navy Vice Admiral
 - Daron Sellars & Eric Thomas, NBPAF
- Intro to Wheelchair Tennis
- Fun Spot Kissimmee

Day 4

- Essay Contest Writing Tips
- PTR Assistant Coach Training



UCF Tour



Team Competition Winners



Sportsmanship Winners



PTR Training



Second Annual NJTL Juneteenth Heritage Quiz Bowl

Congratulations to the NJTL Chapters that competed in the 2nd Annual Juneteenth Heritage Quiz Bowl. Michael Sales and Hallelujah Givhan from South Atlanta CTA NJTL of Team GA were crowned 2022 Champions. Selma Hammer and Simsim Hegazzi of Team Louisiana's A's and Aces placed 2nd while Mykelti Mortey & Layla Carter of Team Alabama's James Lewis Education & Tennis Foundation placed 3rd. The winning duo, Team GA, received the victory trophy cup and \$50 gift cards. The virtual academic challenge featured 3 rounds of general questions worth 10 points and bonus questions worth 15 points. This single elimination tournament featured questions on Black History & Freedom Day.



Class of 2022 High School and College Graduates



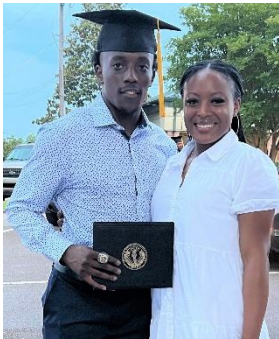
Aaliyah Young
Golden Triangle Tennis



Abeni Perkins
James Lewis Education &
Tennis Foundation



Mercedes Mattix
Golden Triangle Tennis



R.L. Mattix, Jr.
Golden Triangle Tennis



Sedani Nagodawithana
James Lewis Education &
Tennis Foundation



Anushka Arora
James Lewis Education &
Tennis Foundation



Ty'lon Miller
DD&J Jr. Tennis
Foundation



Taylor Craig
James Lewis Education &
Tennis Foundation



Jamiya Ivory
James Lewis Education &
Tennis Foundation



LaToria Johnson
Golden Triangle Tennis



Alaysia Lemon
St. George Sports Youth
League



Sophia Wright & Sophia Kyemba
Youth Development
Association



Scholarship Winners



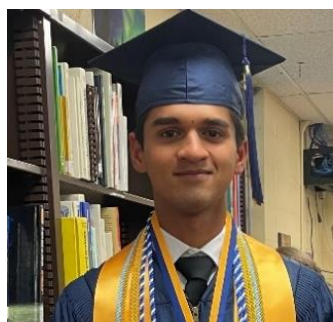
Gabrielle Blanks
Atlanta, GA



Anne Guglielmo
Baton Rouge, LA



Jamiya Ivory
Gardendale, AL



Rahul Kumar
Greenville, MS



Lindsey Lunn
Greenville, MS



Nicole Neal
Smithfield, NC



Rachel Phillips
Wartrace, TN



Hailey Rider
Mountain City, TN



Ezekiel Salama
Shelbyville, Kentucky



Aniya Sims
Irmo, South Carolina



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Chapters Graduate from 3-Year Blueprint for Success Program



Congratulations to the 2022 Graduates!

Front left to right: Shelby Ryne, Rockingham County Tennis Association; Madison NC; Barbara Jones, St. George Youth Sports League; St. George SC; Peggie Henderson, Family Biz Builder; Tunica MS; Judy Pearce, Columbus Regional Tennis Association (CORTA); Columbus GA; Vanita Phinisey, Golden Triangle Tennis; Columbus MS
Back (left to right): Rudy Lewis, James Lewis Education & Tennis Foundation; Birmingham AL; Birlette Jelks, Greenville CTA/NJTL; Greenville MS; Al Garrett, Youth Development Association; Madison AL; Sam Kennedy, South Atlanta Community Tennis Association; Atlanta GA



National Black Professional Athletes Foundation

In the past year and a half, the National Black Professional Athletes Foundation hosted nine Social Justice Zoom calls with selected NJTL Chapters focused on improving communications with law enforcement. Recently, NBPAF partnered with USTA Southern to present their “Dollars and Sense” financial literacy program during the NJTL Leadership Camp in Orlando, FL.

Presenter, Eric Thomas, engaged the youth ages 12-16 in three primary interactive group exercises focused on Saving, Budgeting, and Goals. This was an opportunity to influence the minds of the next generation of changemakers to make wiser decisions with their finances and the importance of making crucial lifestyle decisions.

NBPAF CEO, Daron Sellars, states, "The entire conference was nothing short of amazing! USTA Southern were excellent hosts for my team, as we had a fun time interacting with the youth. The opportunity to contribute to NJTL's youth-based initiatives was an honor, and one that we cherish greatly. I am looking forward to further building our relationship with Cee Jai and the rest of her team at USTA Southern, to accomplish great things in the future."

At the end of the session, Sellars announced that he and NBPAF would donate \$3000 to the USTA Southern NJTL program. Thank you so much Mr. Sellars and NBPAF for this generous donation!



USTA Foundation Awards Nearly \$3 million to NJTL Chapters in latest round of grants

A total of 155 National Junior Tennis & Learning chapters (NJTL) in 41 states and the District of Columbia will benefit from nearly \$3 million in the latest round of grants awarded by the USTA Foundation. Of the 155 awarded, 33 were from the Southern section. The recipients are listed by state:

Alabama

Birmingham Area Tennis Association
James Lewis Education & Tennis Foundation
Youth Development Association

Arkansas

Boys & Girls Club of Central Arkansas
Love All Serve All

Georgia

Above the Net
Agape Youth & Family Center
Atlanta Youth Tennis & Education Foundation
Columbus Regional Tennis Association
MACH Academy
Macon Area Tennis Association
Sandy Springs Tennis Association
South Atlanta CTA NJTL

Louisiana

A's and Aces
Excite All-Stars
NW Louisiana CTA

Mississippi

Ace to Deuce CTA
Family Biz Builder
Friends of Battlefield Park Foundation
Golden Triangle Tennis
Greenville CTA/NJTL
Jackson Community Tennis Project
Operation REACH

North Carolina

Edmonds Tennis & Education Foundation
Greensboro Tennis Program
Kimberley Park Tennis Association
Lenny Simpson Tennis & Education
Foundation
Pat's Tennis Foundation
United Tennis Organization

South Carolina

DD&J Junior Tennis Foundation
Ron James Youth Tennis
Sumter Tennis Club
Third Serve Foundation



NJTL Spotlight

Atlanta Youth Tennis & Education Foundation, GA



Edmonds Tennis & Education Foundation, NC



Family Biz Builder, MS



James Lewis Education & Tennis Foundation, AL



Margaret Allen MS, TN



Northwest Louisiana CTA, LA



Rockingham County Tennis Association, NC



South Atlanta CTA, GA



Youth Development Association, AL



NJTL Scenes from the Atlanta Open



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Welcome New 2022 Southern NJTL Chapters

Above the Net (GA)
Ace 2 Deuce (MS)
ACSquared Tennis (GA)
Edmonds Tennis & Education Foundation (NC)
Friends of Battlefield Park (MS)
Get a Grip Tennis Association (GA)
Love All Serve All (AR)
Pat's Tennis Aces Foundation (NC)
Third Serve Foundation (SC)
United Tennis Organization (NC)

2022 USTA Foundation Scholarship Winners:

Dwight F. Davis College Scholarship \$10,000:

Lindsey Lunn - Greenville CTA (MS)
Ezekiel Salama - Rising Stars Kentucky (KY)

Donald Tisdell Lawson College Scholarship \$10,000:

Carrington Blakely - Coach Wink's NJTL (GA)
Rahul Kumar - Greenville CTA (MS)
Neiman Sneed - MACH Academy (GA)
James 'Taft' Harrell - Rockingham County Tennis (NC)

Nora McNeely Hurley College Scholarship \$10,000:

Avery Harris - South Atlanta CTA (GA)



Save the Date!

HBCU YOUTH COMBINE

DATE: September 17, 2022
TIME: 8:00am - 5:00pm
WHO: High School Juniors & Seniors
FEE: \$15
WHERE: South Fulton Tennis Center
5645 Mason Road
College Park, GA 30349

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: September 2, 2022
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE: 16 Boys & 16 Girls

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- o Arise Athletes College Planning Session
- o Fitness Testing Drills
- o Coaches Sessions
- o Doubles Matches
- o Singles Matches

Register now at: [2022 HBCU Youth Combine Registration \(jotform.com\)](https://2022HBCUYouthCombineRegistration.jotform.com)

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