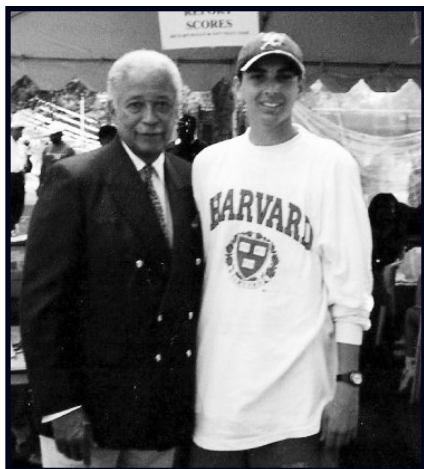


New York Junior
Tennis League

ALUMNI YEARBOOK

1970 - 2010



**Special Tribute To
New York Junior
Tennis League
Alumni**

Celebrating 40 Years In 2010

Since the inception of New York Junior Tennis League in 1970, the League has expanded to become the largest tennis and educational-themed community organization in the United States. The Alumni Yearbook features 40 NYJTL alumni - their photographs, memories and stories of how NYJTL touched their lives.

Kunj Majudar

Alumni Speech from the 24th Annual Civic Leadership Awards Luncheon

I am one member of the recently formed New York Junior Tennis League Alumni Association. Our group represents the thousands and thousands of New Yorkers who have benefited from taking part in their youth in New York Junior Tennis League programs.

All of us grew up in different parts of the city and have gone on to pursue different careers and lives. Nonetheless, the League helped all of us navigate the challenges of growing up in New York City. The League provided unique experiences not only in learning to play tennis but also in gaining the attitudes, values, and self-discipline we needed to complete high school, go on to college, and start careers and families.

We are here today to thank the New York Junior Tennis League for playing such an important role in our lives in the past. We also are here today because we want to support the League to nurture the next generation of city young people. They are just starting to benefit from the many programs run by the New York Junior Tennis League that were so important to us when we were their age.

Some of our group got up at 5 AM to play indoors in the winter in the early morning program from 6 to 8.

Some of us first started to play tennis in PE classes taught in school by a PE teacher who was trained by the League in the USTA Schools Curriculum. We started with tennis ball and racquets the League provided free. We played in school yards and after-school on one of the more than 1,000 courts the League installed throughout the city.

Some of us played on middle school tennis teams and were able to take part in the Mayor's Cup Tournament held each spring at the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows. The Mayor's Cup is the country's largest scholastic tournament and engages more than 600 participants each June.

Some only played tennis one or two summers at a New York Junior Tennis League program but came away with powerful memories of that experience and of going up to Westchester County at the end of the summer to take part in the tennis jamboree.

Some of us got really good at tennis because of the League's programs. We made it on to the NYJTL team and traveled outside the city to ETA tournaments. As a result, we gained ETA and USTA rankings that helped us get on to college teams and to win scholarships to help pay for college.

Many of us benefited from the League's educational counseling programs that showed us what was necessary to apply for applying to college and getting financial aid. Without that help, we might not ever had the chance to earn a degree and go on to the careers we have now.

Mayor David Dinkins, who is one of the earliest supporters of the New York Junior Tennis League, believes our city represents a "glorious mosaic" unlike any other place in the country. Those of us who have taken part in the League's programs know what he is talking about. As young people we played tennis and, as a result, had the chance to make new friends and go to new neighborhoods to compete where we learned about the great variety of people who make up our city.

The New York Junior Tennis League taught members of our group much more than how to hit a ball over a net. When Arthur Ashe helped found the League in 1970, he did so because he believed that "through tennis, lives can be changed and spirits reclaimed." We stand before you today to tell you Arthur Ashe was correct. That is what happened with us, each in our own unique way.

We are grateful for those experiences. We hope you will help make those experiences available to the next generation of city young people by continuing to support the programs of the New York Junior Tennis League.

NYJTL Top 10 List

Top 10 Fantastic Facts About New York Junior Tennis League

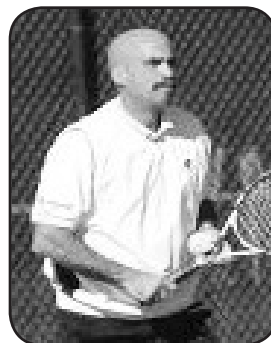
1. In 2009, NYJTL's Advanced Training Program trained 120 talented city youngsters to compete in USTA-sanctioned tournaments including sectional and national competitions. Former Tournament Team participants include Phil Williamson, played the US Open; Jan Mollin, played Wimbledon juniors; Agnes Wiski, NCAA Women's Doubles Champion; Levar Harper-Griffin, quarter finalist Australian Open juniors; and Kunj Majumdar, won NCAA Doubles with James Blake at Harvard and competed on the ATP tour; and Kyle Kliegerman, Princeton alum with a win over top ten player Gilles Simon and now serves on the NYJTL Board of Directors.
2. Now in its 21st year, the Mayor's Cup All-Scholastic Championships of NYC is the largest high school/ middle-school team and individual tennis tournament in the nation with more than 600 public, private, and parochial school players competing for the title.
3. Each summer Goldman-Sachs Community Team Works program volunteers assist NYJTL in conducting the nation's largest summer tennis program for special education children providing free lessons and special borough-wide culminating events.
4. 1,400 children read 6,400 books in NYJTL's Summer Reading Club program.
5. NYJTL's Arthur Ashe Educational Guidance Program helped 98% of the 642 participants gain admission to either their first or second choice high schools.
6. From 1994 GHI, now Emblem Health and NYJTL have been bringing a pro USTA/ITF tournament to a public park in the middle of the South Bronx, which culminates NYJTL's summer activities. Many players compete in the Main Draw of the US Open.
7. NYJTL's "Aces" tennis themed after-school programs operate every school day plus provide services during 20 school Holidays, offering QuickStart Tennis, Homework Help, Nutrition, Dance, Chess, and Debate classes.
8. Every Saturday and Sunday in the winter, 600 youngsters get up at 5 am on weekends to participate in NYJTL's Early Morning Winter Program.
9. Since 1984, NYJTL has trained 4,800 physical education teachers to teach tennis during the school day.
10. NYJTL collects approximately 60,000 used tennis balls every year to distribute to more than 300 NYC public schools which participate in the Schoolyard Tennis Program.

1970 - 1979

JOE ARIAS

Favorite Memory: Hosting USTA Recreational Coaches Workshops (RCW) for more than 300 New York City physical education teachers participating in NYJTL's Schoolyard Tennis Program. Training NYJTL Community Tennis Program Site Directors and Coaches as well as providing a QuickStart Tennis training to Aces Clubs After-School Program coaches.

Bio: Joe is the President of Arias Tennis Corp. (www.ariatennis.com), Executive Director of Suffolk County Junior Tennis League, Director of Tennis and Head Tennis Professional at Port Jefferson Country Club, and a USTA High Performance Coach certified tennis professional Pro 1. Joe's tennis awards include: USTA/Eastern Section Volunteer of the Year 1997, USTA Long Island Region Community Special Service Award 2001, USTA/Eastern Section Clinician Award 2002, USTA Eastern Section NJTL Chapter of the Year 2004, USPTA Industry Excellence Award 2006, Youth Enrichment Services (YES) Community Tennis Award 2008, Town of Islip Citation for Community Service 2008, USTA Eastern Section Member Organization of the Year 2008.



DAVID DIJON

Favorite Memory: Our team from Highland Park in Brooklyn had just sliced, aced, smashed and hacked its way to become the New York City representative at the first National Junior Tennis League Championships, being held at "The Jungle" in Harlem in August of 1969. With our "home field advantage," and being from big, bad New York City, we were confident. As I was about to go on the court with this boy, one of his teammates warned me, in a polite tone and a Southern drawl, "Don't let the size fool'ya." He was right. I was defeated soundly, as was our team. We were humbled, but it reinforced the important lesson of not underestimating your opponent. It has served me well in tennis and in life.

Bio: David received a BA from Columbia College in 1974, an MA from City College of New York in 1977, and an MD from George Washington University in 1982. Resume includes Director of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Flushing Hospital Medical Center, the Director of Pediatric AIDS Special Care Clinic at Richmond University Medical Center, and the Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. David is married to Felicia Dijon and has two children, Christopher and Alexandra.



RAY HABIB

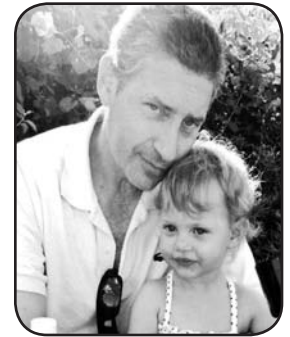
Favorite Memory: My first favorite memory is knocking on doors in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, telling people we were starting a tennis program in Gravesend Park. I was lucky enough to help build a great team and meet wonderful people. My second favorite memory is taking our kids to Highland Park for the City Championships. Most of our kids never played in a tournament before and to see how well they competed was a priceless memory.

Bio: Ray is the President of the Knickerbocker Field Club (www.knickerbockerfieldclub.com). The "Knick" is a private tennis club in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn. Founded in 1889, the Knickerbocker is the oldest tennis club in Brooklyn. Ray also taught Health and Physical Education for ten years at Bishop Ford High School.



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JOHN & MARIT MOLIN

Favorite Memory: "It was the summer of 1971 and I qualified for the NYJTL 'Caravan' by beating my best friend and rival, Tom Jones, at Crotona Park. Skip and Sarah Hartman and Jim Feester took a group of us to a series of ELTA tournament in upstate New York. This was my first experience traveling and playing tournaments. I had a ball. It was an experience that I will never forget and it motivated me to pursue tennis in the juniors, collegiate and professional circuit."



Bio: John is the Managing Partner for Frontier Equities, a private investment company. He is married to Marit Molin with a daughter Maya Molin (pictured).

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MARK MUSIAL

Favorite Memory: "My favorite memories are so many that it will make you cry: Ray Habib playing on Friday afternoon in Flushing Meadows City Park, Eric Werner talking about the 'pyramid' and taking notes; Mr. Planter Peanuts at the Highland Park Championships, playing tournaments at Forest Hills and the Central Park Championships and each of the children laying down to see underneath the wind screens to see the matches. Billie Jean King would sit in the stands with the players."

Bio: Mark is an optometrist for Precision Vision in Glendale, NY (www.eyeglasses.com).

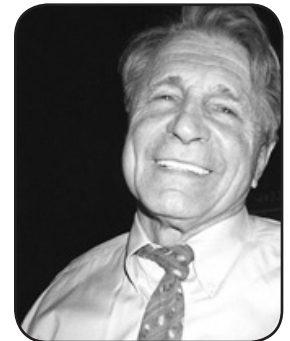
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PAT MUSIAL

Favorite Memory: "Pat gave out paychecks each week and would love to roll her eyes when people would complain about the pay. Eric Werner would also rent out bread trucks in order to bring portable tennis courts to children but no one knew how to drive stick. We would have driving lessons in the back area and then play tennis all across the city. Arthur Ashe held a clinic that was the highlight of the season."

Bio: Pat currently works for the Department of Education and was a bonds trader at Paine Webber. Pat is married to Mark Musial.

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ERICH & PAT WERNER

Favorite Memory: My favorite memories were training young participants to become coaches, and then site directors, and then watching them go out into the world achieve great things. I remember that Tommy Rivera bet me \$5 he could beat me in a game of tennis and that by beating him, other players were motivated to compete. I also met my future wife, Pat, through the New York Junior Tennis League.



Bio: Erich is an actor featured in film, television, commercials, print, hosting and more. He previously worked for the NYC Parks & Recreation, as Recreation Director for Highland Park Sports Division, NYJTL Site Director, and as the Executive director for other New York City tennis facilities and programs.

1980 - 1989

DARLENE DEARY

Favorite Memory: The Early Morning Winter Tennis Program is where I met so many of the friends that I still keep in touch with today. In 2009, I was able to help NYJTL reach out to more than 40 Alumni that are attending the Civic Leadership Awards Luncheon.

Bio: Darlene's career in finance spans 20 years, during which she has served as the Chief Financial Officer for two public companies, Senior Vice President of a community bank, and currently works for JPMorgan Chase on its investment team.



BEN DIEP

Favorite Memory: Through the Arthur Ashe Educational Guidance Program I received a four-year scholarship to Suffield Academy in Connecticut, a small and prestigious prep school whose dedicated staff made a huge impact on my life. Arthur's belief in the youth of New York opened a door to the future for many who might otherwise have never received such opportunities.

Bio: Ben is the owner of Color Space Imaging LLC. Clients range from struggling local artists to those that are internationally renowned. Ben resides with his wife and two children in Westchester.



HOWARD & ROBERT GOLDSMITH

Favorite Memory: The Goldsmith brothers favorite memory is participating in the Schoolyard Tennis Program as well as the Mayor's Cup All-Scholastic Championships. Howard received the Brian Watkins Awards from New York Junior Tennis League.

Bio: Both reside in New York. Howard Goldsmith is a pediatric dentist in New York City.



GEORGE LINO

Favorite Memory: My most memorable time was going to meet Arthur Ashe and Irving Johnson. We all went as a group from Hoe Avenue, when it was a striving tennis location. Both stadium and Hoe avenue went as one group representing the Bronx. How I miss Eli Rivera, Steve (hey) and Alfonso Rivera. I still play tennis to this day, thanks to NYJTL for making my youth memorable.



GINA MAJMUDAR

Favorite Memory: The NYJTL team tennis experience was one of my most enjoyable of all my years of involvement with tennis. I still remain friends and speak with teammates to this day.

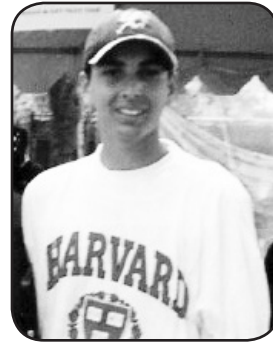
Bio: Gina graduated from Columbia University with an MBA in Finance and Management and from Harvard University with a BS in Environmental Engineering. She currently is the Vice President of Harris Williams and Company.



KUNJ MAJMUDAR

Favorite Memory: I have a number of fond memories over the years of my participation with NYJTL including visiting the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, RI for the first time through an NYJTL program. I was selected to play on the NYJTL team that competed on the grass courts at the Hall of Fame.

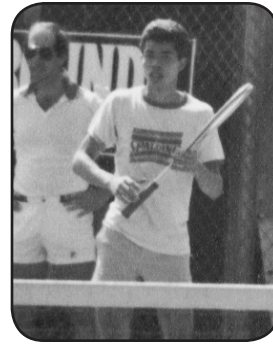
Bio: Kunj graduated from Harvard University with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. His professional roles include Vice President of Harvard Management Company, analyst for Sowood Capital. Kunj competed on the ATP Tour and traveled the world playing tennis.



JOSE RODRIGUEZ

Favorite Memory: I grew up in a family of little means, so tennis was not in the stars for me, but the NYJTL provided free tennis lessons. During one particular winter I took advantage of the opportunity and it was that decision that ultimately proved invaluable to my tennis development.

Bio: Jose returned to tennis when he was hired as the USTA Eastern Tennis Service Representative for the Metro Region and uses his experience to bridge the gap between tennis and the large NYC Latino community.



KAM SANTOS

Favorite Memory: It really was an honor to attend the fundraising events, selected as a youth representative for NYJTL, visiting Gracie Mansion, meeting the mayor and talking with donors about our programs. I also distinctly remember the ceremony at the Grand Hyatt for the unveiling of the new USTA logo.

Bio: Kam is the Director of Communications for the non-profit organization Cross-Cultural Solutions, inspiring people to volunteer abroad, learn about global issues, and experience other cultures through service. Kam has a 2 year old son named Omar (pictured).



MARLO TABLANTE

Favorite Memory: Through NYJTL, I was able to play a game I love, but also meet friends of a lifetime. I participated in the Early Morning Winter Program, my local Youth Tennis Center, and the Mayor's Cup All-Scholastic Tennis Tournament.

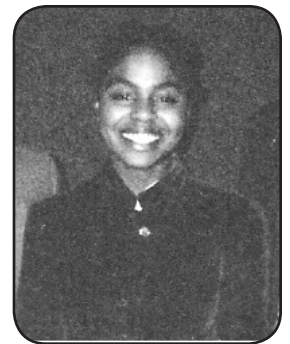
Bio: Marlo Tablante works in the Office of Corporate Engagement at Goldman Sachs and oversees the firm's Corporate Giving, manages the Public Service Program, works as a Program Officer to manage 10,000 Women domestic partnerships, and works closely on the Donor Advised Fund, Goldman Sachs Gives.



GEOVANNA THOMPSON

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory is of my mother waking me up on Saturday at 5am, it was freezing cold and dark outside. I loved Saturday's everything was so dark and silent and still, except for the unmistakable grunts coming from the tennis bubble, kids just as hungry as I was, up at 5am, playing tennis.

Bio: Gina graduated from Middlebury college with a BA in film/video in 1998 and is currently completing her first feature film.



1990 - 1999

EDWIN ACOSTA-DIAZ, ESQ.

Favorite Memory: Thanks to the League I was able to enroll at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, where I played as their number one tennis player. I finished a BS in Legal Studies at John Jay and then went on to become an attorney.

Bio: Edwin received his high school diploma from Bayard Rustin for the Humanities High School, a Bachelor of Science from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a Juris Doctor Degree from the City University of New York School of Law.



JODY ANGLIN

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory is meeting Steve Schott at PS 121 because he was the driving force for me becoming involved with NYJTL programs. People like Steve, Goden Kent, Jim O'Neill and Skip Hartman helped me become a nationally-ranked player and also to compete in the GHI Bronx Tennis Classic.

Bio: Jody works for Cephalon as an Oncology Account Specialist. She lives in North Carolina and still plays tennis.



DAVID BRIDGLALL

Favorite Memory: I was introduced to Marva Phillips, the Educational Director, who spoke about A Better Chance, an educational program where minority students are placed in public, private and day schools. I took advantage of this opportunity to receive a better education in Connecticut at Glastonbury High School. Without the NYJTL I would not be a classroom teacher. I would not have met John Odom, Jorge Torres, and Vishnu Mahabir.

Bio: David is a NYS Certified Special Education Teacher.



MARK CLEMENTE

Favorite Memory: I played on the NYJTL Tournament Team, was ranked in the top 30 in men's singles nationally, top five in the Eastern Section and went on to play varsity intercollegiate tennis at Columbia University and received the Phil Milstein Scholarship.

Bio: Mark received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Columbia University and currently works for Mo'Motion.org. He generates press and is responsible for managing marketing and promotions for tournaments and events.



AJ DAVIS

Favorite Memory: My experiences with NYJTL have been the best in my life. I met many people and made many friends. Playing in the Mayor's Cup was a great experience. Steve Schott was the best coach anyone could have. He started me in tennis and showed me a whole new world of tennis.

Bio: AJ is an operations manager for American Signature furniture and lives with his wife and two children.



SETH LITT

Favorite Memory: I played at the Harlem Junior Tennis Center with Karin Buchholtz and Dante Brown. I've always thought that this year was the most influential and formative of my entire life. I credit that learning and the seriousness with which the entire staff demanded I treat every moment that I was there with helping me to be where I am today.

Bio: Seth is the Principal of I.S. 217, The Rafael Hernandez School of the Performing Arts, a public middle school in the Hunts Point section of the South Bronx.



JILL MARKOWITZ

Favorite Memory: Every summer Skip Hartman would invite a few of the tournament team members to stay with him and his family while competing in a local tennis tournament in Hudson, NY. This was the first time I remember feeling a sense of camaraderie and belonging. NYJTL paved the way for me to play tennis in college.

Bio: Jill graduated from Rutgers University in May 2006 with a degree in Exercise Science/Sport Studies. She is now now the Youth Sports Office Manager at Asphalt Green.



AMAURY PIANTINI

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory was when Veren Govendasami won our first doubles tournament together, and of course there were many more tournaments after.

Bio: Amaury founded a snowboard company with two friends and is currently a representative for Laurus Snow. He previously managed events for Filo Production, Inc.



NABILE TASLIMANT

Favorite Memory: My goal, the first day I was introduced to the NYJTL, was to stay long enough to get a free t-shirt that the coaches gave away to new kids. I was nine years old, trying to find something to do on a summer morning. NYJTL taught me to use my tennis as a ticket to the board room instead of the mail room.

Bio: Nabile is currently currently a young apparel executive involved in operating, incubating and or trading small to mid size apparel brands.



JASON WEINTRAUB

Favorite Memory: I competed at the Mayor's Cup All-Scholastic Tennis Championship as well as played on the Empire State Games team.

Bio: Jason graduated from Stuyvesant High School in 1993, and then received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from MIT in 1997. He has been working as a financial software developer for Bloomberg LP in New York for the last two years.



2000 - 2010

JONATHAN CHAN

Favorite Memory: NYJTL played an important role in my development as a competitive junior player. I have fond memories training at Forest Hills over the summer with a great group of coaches and players. NYJTL also furthered my educational endeavors by providing me with a college scholarship while I attended Columbia. I participated in numerous NYJTL programs and events including the Tournament Team, Mayor's Cup All-Scholastic Tennis Championships and received college scholarships with help from the League.

Bio: Jonathan is currently an investment banker for Peter J. Solomon Company.



IMRAN CHOUDHURY

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory is traveling to the Albany tournaments as a team with the Advanced Training Program. I enjoyed competing at the Mayor's Cup All-Scholastic Tennis Championships with Beacon High School.

Bio: Imran currently attends Stonybrook College. In January of 2010, he will transfer to Michigan State where he will play on the Men's Varsity Tennis Team. Imran is majoring in biology.



ANNICRIS GARCIA

Favorite Memory: My experiences on the tournament team really changed the course of my life and brought me where I am today. With the help of the supportive staff of NYJTL, I was recruited to play for Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus under Wayne Martin as head coach and earned my B.S. in Biology. In my summers during college I worked as an NYJTL coach.

Bio: Annicris is entering her first year of dentistry school in Manila, Philippines at Centro Escolar University.



ARIELLE GRIFFIN

Favorite Memory: The highlights of my experiences were with the Advanced Training Program. The training and resources they provided enabled me to defeat a 12th seed at the Easter Bowl in 2008 and most recently compete at Nationals in Florida.

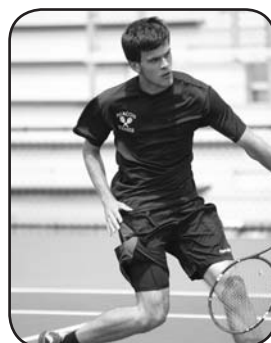
Bio: Arielle plans to attend UCLA and play Division I tennis. Her hero is Dinara Safina because of Safina's mental and physical game. Arielle's mother, Venette James, travels to tournaments with her daughter and always carries photographs of Arielle.



MILO HAUK

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory is competing in the Mayor's Cup for many years with Beacon High School. In 2008, I was runner-up for the men's singles division.

Bio: Milo currently attends St. John's University and plays on the Men's Varsity Tennis Team.



ANGELICA JORDAN

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory was receiving the Marian Javits Foundation scholarship. I have been blessed to be involved with NYJTL for six years. Tennis opened the door for opportunities for me to express my beliefs and goals.

Bio: Angelica will be attending the Northeastern University College of Criminal Justice in the spring of 2010.



DUSTIN LEE

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory was the one time I went to Cunningham and the people who reserved the court didn't show up. We were able to play for five additional hours for free. Great tennis, great day.

Bio: Dustin is a graduate of JHS 194Q. He is a college bound senior at the Bronx HS of Science and will attend the The US Naval Academy. He worked for the Kevin Kim Campagin and volunteered for John Liu, Hilary Clinton, Worldvision and the Korean Community Services.

MOHAMMED ROBEL

Favorite Memory: I have been with NYJTL since 2000, at the age of ten. I learned tennis after school, every single day, a sport I have grown to truly love. NYJTL has instilled within me a sense of determination, sportsmanship, and most importantly, a true work ethic.

Bio: Mohammed has gone on to obtain certifications in both airframe and powerplant, which has allowed him to become a certified aircraft technician. He is also USTA PTR certified and teaches at NYJTL's Community Tennis Program at IS 204 Queens.



YADIRA RAMOS HERBERT

Favorite Memory: I was fortunate to have coaches who saw potential in me and aided me when I was applying to college, even helping me work on my very first resume and writing letters of recommendations for different internship programs. NYJTL also afforded me my first real job coaching in the summer tennis programs.

Bio: Yadira graduated from St. Francis College , cum laude, with a B.A. in History and obtained her J.D. from the State University of Buffalo Law School .



JOANNA ROTH

Favorite Memory: Waking up at 4:30am on a freezing winter morning was actually one of the best experiences of my life. It helped build my character and taught me how to be persistent and reach for my dreams. The following year, I was invited to join the Tournament Team and I was delighted to see that all my hard work paid off. More importantly, I also became part of a team of young, hard workers who were all passionate about tennis. I think it was this community that motivated me to work harder and pursue my dreams.

Bio: Joanna graduated from Princeton University in 2007 with a degree in History and played on the Varsity Tennis Team. She currently interns at Green Coast Capital.



ARE YOU AN NYJTL ALUMNI?

Celebrate With NYJTL In 2010

NYJTL invites Alumni to get involved:

1. Volunteer at a Community Tennis Program
2. Mentor an Aces Clubs After-School participant
3. Read to children at Summer Reading Clubs
4. Assist at Schoolyard Tennis Program Workshops
5. Tutor with Arthur Ashe Educational Guidance
6. Coach Advanced Training Program players
7. Attend NYJTL Special Events and Fundraisers
8. Rebuild tennis courts and facilities
9. Give tennis equipment and clothing
10. Donate to help support NYC youth

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