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WELCOME

Dear NYJTL Family and Friends,

Welcome to this very special occasion for New York Junior Tennis & Learning, and thank you for celebrating with us.

One of the key ingredients for the success of young people is access to opportunity. For the past 50 years, NYJTL has created opportunities for underserved New York City youth to learn and grow. As Arthur Ashe said:

“OUR IDEA IS TO USE TENNIS TO GAIN THE ATTENTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE SO THAT WE CAN TEACH THEM ABOUT MATTERS MORE IMPORTANT THAN TENNIS.”

WELCOME

Implementing this idea through a combination of tennis, education, character development, and life skills programming, NYJTL has improved the lives and prospects of tens of thousands of New York City children. Our programs serve diverse communities across all five boroughs, and we have become a leading provider of these services in the city.

NYJTL provides a variety of programs that are essential for the healthy development of young people in New York City.

- Our Community Tennis Program provides free access to tennis and instruction to approximately 10,000 children annually at 100 sites

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located in schoolyards, gyms, parks, community centers, and playgrounds throughout the year.

- Our ACES Afterschool Program provides academic enrichment, homework help and character development to over 3,000 students annually in over 30 NYC schools. Last summer, our ACES sites also participated in the first Summer Rising, a NYC Department of Education initiative to provide quality academic programming to all students.



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- Our School Time Tennis Program trains physical education teachers to teach the fundamentals of tennis in school and exposes approximately 75,000 NYC children to tennis.
- Our flagship home at the Cary Leeds Center for Tennis & Learning has become integrated into the fabric of the south Bronx. This first-class facility provides athletic, academic and other resources to serve the families of the poorest congressional district in the nation.
- Our Scholar Athlete Program, launching in the fall, will create a pathway to college and, we envision, a lifetime of success for talented youth who otherwise would not have this opportunity.

This year provides a unique inflection point for us as we

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celebrate our first 50 years and embark on our next 50. The challenges generally encountered by our staff and students were often exacerbated by the pandemic and reminded us of the urgency of our work. As the needs of our communities increased, we adapted our programming and expanded our efforts to provide support and quality resources to participants in our programs, thereby helping families we serve to overcome great hardships. The inspiring resourcefulness, resilience and empathy demonstrated by our staff while enduring personal difficulties helped our city rebound and has given us great confidence in our capacity as an organization.

WELCOME

Tonight, we honor James Blake and Tory Kiam for their dedication to tennis, NYJTL and the youth of New York City. Their contributions, like yours, remind us why we do this work. When we speak to the children and families of our programs, we are filled with hope and excitement. We thank you for your generosity, which ensures that NYJTL will continue to improve lives for the next 50 years and beyond.

Sincerely,

Bob Horne

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OUR MISSION

The mission of New York Junior Tennis & Learning is to develop the character of young people through tennis and education for a lifetime of success on and off the court.

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NYJTL LEADERSHIP AWARD

The NYJTL Leadership Award was established in 1986 to recognize individuals who have provided inspirational leadership to the youth of New York City. The recipients have shown outstanding support of the NYJTL mission to develop the character of young people through tennis and education for a lifetime of success on and off the court.



HONOREE



JAMES BLAKE,
a former
world top-five
professional
tennis player,

inspired many during an impressive tennis career that featured 10 singles titles, a Davis Cup Championship, and a New York Times Best Seller for his memoir, *Breaking Back*. James currently serves as a sports analyst as well as a host/correspondent for the Tennis Channel. James covers several grand slam tournaments for CNN annually and was a commentator on NBC's Summer Olympics tennis coverage last year. In addition, he is the tournament director for the Miami Open. His doubles partner while at Harvard was NYJTL Board Member Kunj Majmudar.

HONOREE



TORY KIAM is a life-long New Yorker and tennis player. Since 1993, Tory has

been a member of New York Junior Tennis & Learning's Board of Directors, where he has held several leadership roles including Board Chair and Co-Chair of the Cary Leeds Center for Tennis & Learning capital campaign, and he currently serves as a Board Vice-Chair and member of the Executive Committee. In connection with NYJTL's 40th anniversary, Tory received "The Changing Lives Award" from Mayor David Dinkins.

Tory was introduced to tennis at an early age by his father, Victor Kiam. Tory and his father played together in the father-son tennis

HONOREE

division and were Eastern and New England champions. From 1987-1992, they staged the Remington International Family Tennis Championships, attracting thousands of father-son and mother-daughter teams from 15 countries to compete in national and international competitions. For many years, Tory trained at the Stadium Tennis Center in the Bronx which was run by Skip Hartman, one of the founders of NYJTL. Tory became a nationally ranked junior player and was a member of league championship tennis teams both at the Trinity School (where he was captain) and at Harvard. At Trinity, he had the privilege of having John McEnroe as a teammate and doubles partner.

HONOREE

Since 1996, Tory has been president of Kiam Ventures LLC and Kiam Equities Corporation. From 2001-2014, Tory was the CEO and President of lia sophia, which at its peak was the largest direct seller of fashion jewelry in the world. Tory is currently a member of the board of directors of the Forum IV Merger Corporation and the board of advisors of the Northcreek Mezzanine funds.

Tory serves on the board of governors of the International Tennis Hall of Fame and has been a member of the board of trustees of the Trinity School since 1999 where he has been chairman and co-chair of the capital campaign, and now serves as an emeritus trustee.

NYJTL SERVICE AWARD

The NYJTL Service Award recognizes a person who has dedicated their life to serving others, particularly in the realm of tennis and education.



RECIPIENT

YOLETTE CHARLES has led the ACES Afterschool Program at NYJTL for more than a decade. Now, she is the Director of School-based Operations & Compliance for the program where she oversees more than 30 sites that provide a safe and nurturing environment for children during the critical after school hours.

Yolette works closely with sites across all five boroughs to give support to and promote resiliency amongst families from underserved communities, as a leader of the ACES Afterschool Program.

RECIPIENT

ALBERTO LUNA has served as a CTP coach for more than 25 years at sites including The Bronx International Youth Tennis Center, Crotona Park, and The Williamsbridge Oval. Alberto enjoys developing under-resourced children into great tennis players and responsible, confident individuals. He particularly enjoys working with young children to create the strong foundational skills needed to become excellent tennis players.

Alberto believes that tennis provides a safe and nurturing environment, teaches discipline and how to be a team player, and gives youth and their families hope for a better future.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES



MARY CARILLO

is an American sportscaster and former professional

tennis player. She is an analyst for Tennis on NBC and a reporter for NBC Olympic broadcasts. Mary played on the women's professional tennis circuit from 1977 to 1980 and achieved a world ranking of No. 33 in the Women's Tennis Association Rankings in 1980. Mary won the 1977 French Open mixed-doubles title with fellow New Yorker John McEnroe and was a quarterfinalist at the 1977 US Open.

SPECIAL GUEST



BLAIR HENLEY is a host and writer working primarily in the world of professional tennis.

She has served as an emcee and digital host at some of the sport's most prestigious events, interviewing up-and-coming players as well as the biggest names in the game. She is a regular contributor for *Tennis Magazine* and has also written for espnW.com and the ATP and WTA tours. Following her collegiate career at Rice University, she worked as a tennis coach for all ages and levels before beginning her career in sports media.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE



ONEUP DUO is a nu-disco duo of husbands, Jerome Bell-Bastien and

Adam Bell-Bastien. Based in Detroit, OneUp Duo originally formed in New York City in 2018, where they were immersed in the city's dance music culture, performing in nightclubs, theaters, and exclusive private events before their run on NBC's *The Voice*. OneUp Duo has traveled extensively across America: headlining Pride Festivals, performing the National Anthem for the Nets, Knicks, and Yankees, and lighting up stages as lead singers for 'The Disco Nights,' NYC's premiere disco experience.

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A LOOK BACK



1970s

In 1969, Arthur Ashe, Charlie Pasarell, and Sheridan Snyder had a vision to bring tennis to underserved youth. Lewis "Skip" Hartman, with the help of Arthur Ashe, Gene Scott, Bill Shelton, and Erich Werner, founded New York Junior Tennis League, now known as New York Junior Tennis & Learning (NYJTL), in 1971.

A LOOK BACK



1980s

A partnership with the New York City Board of Education propelled NYJTL forward by combining programs that promoted academic excellence and tennis instruction. This partnership resulted in the installation of 1,000 courts in 400 schoolyards.

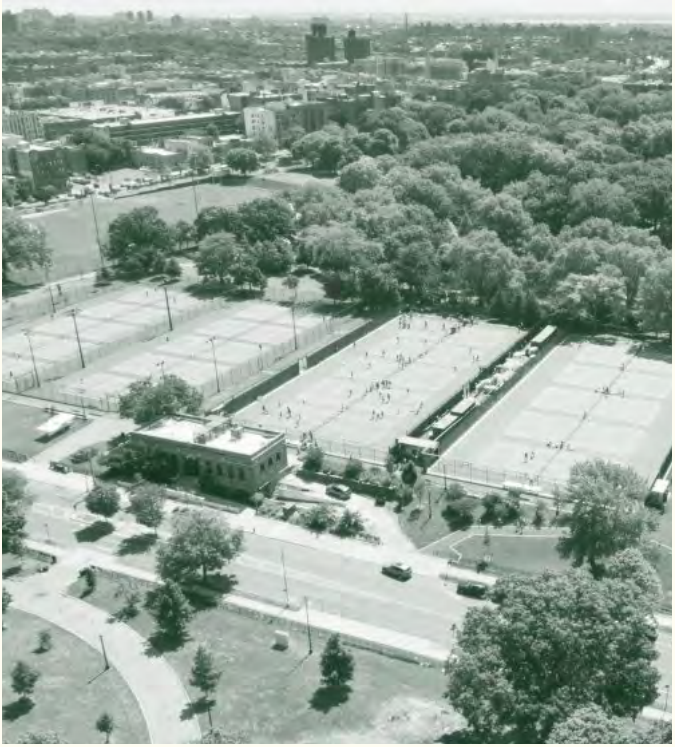
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1990s

NYJTL relocated its Hoe Avenue Youth Tennis Center to Soundview, Bronx and renamed it the Bronx International Youth Tennis Center with four indoor and outdoor courts and a clubhouse facility.

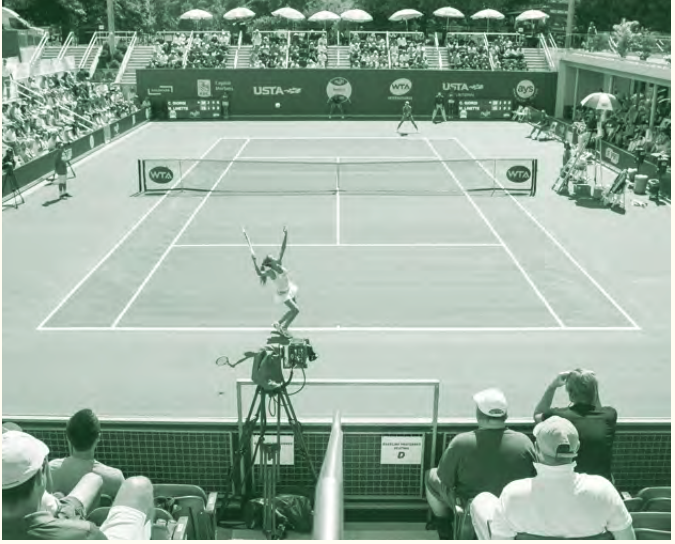
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2000s

After a decade of envisioning a first-class flagship home, NYJTL began its capital campaign, and in 2015 the \$26.5 million Cary Leeds Center for Tennis & Learning completed construction in Crotona Park in the South Bronx.

A LOOK BACK



2010s

The NYJTL Bronx Open brought professional tennis to the local Bronx community. This was the only WTA tournament during the week prior to the US Open and featured a 48-player draw plus a 16-team doubles draw.

2020s

NYJTL's inaugural college pathway program, the Scholar Athlete Program, will commence in the fall of 2022 for select NYJTL participants.

OUR PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY TENNIS PROGRAM

- Free tennis instruction supervised by trained coaches
- Utilizes more than 100 school and public parks sites across all five boroughs, including District 75 (special needs children)
- All equipment is provided free of charge

ACES AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER RISING PROGRAMS

- 30+ locations in New York City
- Offered daily during critical afterschool hours as well as during the summer break
- Programs offered include academic enrichment and support, healthy living and character building modules, and tennis instruction

OUR PROGRAMS

SCHOOL TIME TENNIS PROGRAM

- NYJTL's certified coaches train physical education teachers how to teach the fundamentals of tennis in schools during physical education classes
- Teachers are provided with equipment, lesson plans, and receive 6.5 CTLE hours

INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM*

- Designed for high performing NYJTL student-athletes
- Bridges the gap between recreational community programs and advanced training programs
- Free for participants and includes concentrated tennis instruction, fitness coaching, character building, and healthy living guidance

*predecessor to the Scholar Athlete Program

CARY LEEDS CENTER

NYJTL and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation formed a public/private partnership to build the Cary Leeds Center for Tennis & Learning, a multi-purpose tennis, recreation, and education facility in Crotona Park, which is located in the Bronx in one of the most under-resourced congressional districts in the United States.

The 12,000-square foot Cary Leeds Center features access to 20 tennis courts and two stadium courts with seating for more than 800 spectators. NYJTL's flagship location provides 6,000 hours of free court time to the local community as well as free tennis instruction and life skills programming to hundreds of NYC youth annually.

CELEBRATE OUR FUTURE



A LOOK FORWARD

SCHOLAR ATHLETE PROGRAM

For 50 years NYJTL has focused on providing access to tennis for NYC youth with limited resources. Tennis has often been transformative in the lives of the children we serve; however, our existing programs are not enough to provide a reliable path to a college education and increased prosperity. To achieve this, NYJTL will launch the Scholar Athlete Program (“SAP”) in Fall 2022.

Scholar Athletes will generally come from low-income families in under-resourced communities with poorly performing schools and minimal after-school activities. The SAP will provide students in grades 3-12 with academic resources and support and top-flight tennis

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instruction, with the goal of 100% high school and college graduation rates as the foundation for socioeconomic mobility.

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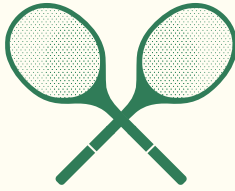
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