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WHO WE ARE

StreetSquash was founded in 1999 as a comprehensive, multi-year youth enrichment program featuring academic tutoring; social work counseling; community service; college and career awareness, preparation, and support; leadership development; mentoring; and squash instruction for young people ages 11–24 living in Harlem. By engaging students in a broad range of experiences and maintaining the highest standards, StreetSquash helps all participants realize their full academic, athletic, and personal potential.

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As I reflect on my first full year as Executive Director of StreetSquash, I am filled with immense gratitude for our community's unwavering support and our team's tireless dedication.

The data in the annual report speaks for itself, but the numbers only tell part of our story. Beyond the charts and metrics are the lives we touch, the moments we share, and the transformations that happen in ways no data could ever capture.

Our daily work goes far beyond research-based techniques and programs. It's rooted in something deeper—a sense of belonging, emotional security, and the knowledge that our space is an extension of home. The SL Green StreetSquash Center is where trust is built, milestones are celebrated, and challenges are overcome together.

It's why, when students are matched with tutors, that partnership continues throughout the entire school year—not only to support academic growth, but to nurture meaningful relationships that extend far beyond the classroom.

It's why our students choose to navigate the college process—exploring options, completing applications, and celebrating acceptances—within these walls. They could easily do this at home or with school counselors, but they choose to do it at StreetSquash instead.

It's what makes Family Squash Nights so special. It's more than just introducing a new sport—it's about sharing an experience that strengthens family ties. Watching our students bring their parents, siblings, and even extended relatives onto the court, we see firsthand how squash becomes a bridge, connecting generations through shared joy, teamwork, and support. These moments remind us that the bonds formed here go far beyond the game.

It's why our social work team goes the extra mile, staying late to provide a listening ear or helping hand when personal challenges arise. Whether it's navigating struggles at school or at home, our staff are always here—because we believe that no problem is too small, and no student should face it alone.

The program goes beyond academics and athletics to ensure our students become well-rounded individuals. We equip them with essential soft skills such as effective communication, time management, leadership, and critical thinking—tools that foster stronger relationships with peers, academic leaders, and later, professional colleagues.

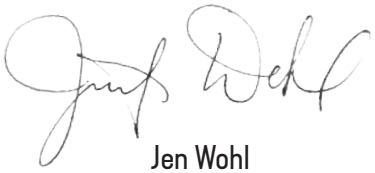
These stories are what truly define our work. They're the moments that remind us why we do what we do, and they're what inspire us to continue creating a place where every participant feels seen, valued, and celebrated.

On behalf of everyone at StreetSquash, I extend my deepest gratitude to our:

- **Supporters:** Your generous contributions make our work possible.
- **Volunteers:** Your time and talent are invaluable to our mission.
- **Partners:** Your collaboration strengthens our impact within the community.
- **Staff:** Your dedication and compassion inspire us every day.
- **Board:** Your leadership, passion and generosity are at the heart of what we do.

We are confident that by working together, we can build a brighter future for the children and families that participate in our program and create a more just and equitable community for all.

Sincerely,

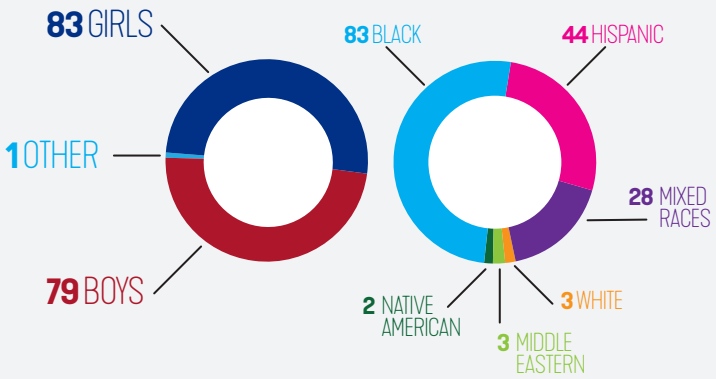


Jen Wohl

Executive Director

FROM SEPTEMBER 2023 THROUGH JUNE 2024 STREETSQUASH SERVED:

163 MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



87 ALUMNI



141 DURING 2024 SUMMER PROGRAMMING, STREETSQUASH SERVED: 141 STUDENTS

ACADEMICS

Participants are recruited to StreetSquash beginning in fifth grade, and commit to at least three days of programming each week through high school graduation. The Academic Program enhances their educational experiences and includes grade-level workshops, personalized tutoring, essay writing support, and test preparation. StreetSquash works closely with students to develop effective study skills and consistent work habits, and collaborates with participants' educational institutions to ensure student progress. For our 8th graders, we provide individualized guidance through the high school application process, helping each student find the school that best aligns with their goals, strengths, and needs.

BY THE NUMBERS

100% OF STUDENTS ASSESSED FOR TUTORING NEEDS

502 HOURS OF TUTORING ADMINISTERED





PARTNER SCHOOLS

A partner school is any school attended by StreetSquash participants during the day. StreetSquash collaborates closely with these schools to gain a comprehensive understanding of students' educational experiences, proactively address any challenges they may face, and ensure timely access to academic records when students do not submit them directly. This partnership strengthens our ability to support participants both academically and personally.

BELOW IS A LIST OF OUR PARTNER SCHOOLS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR:

- New York French American Charter School
- Mott Hall II
- Thurgood Marshall Academy

CASAS

The College Access, Success & Alumni Support (CASAS) program is a core component of the after-school program. Beginning in high school, StreetSquash staff provide intensive support and guidance throughout the college admissions process along with career exploration and readiness. Staff guide students through college visits, test preparation, college applications and college selection, so that participants can attend a college that fits their educational and personal needs. CASAS staff also facilitate professional-led workshops, career assessments, and hands-on job and internship placements. Once participants are accepted into college, The CASAS team turns their attention to helping participants persist in their postsecondary education. Our team works with high school graduates to prepare them for the expectations and realities of college life before arriving on campus. After students matriculate, CASAS staff make periodic visits to each student. During these visits and throughout the year, our staff support college students in building relationships with professors, advisors, deans, and squash coaches, and connect students to professional opportunities through career panels, mock interviews, and resume workshops.

The StreetSquash Class of 2024 included a total of seven students; in aggregate, they were accepted into a total of 28 colleges. After careful consideration, these students elected to attend the following schools: Medgar Evers College, Borough of Manhattan Community College, Union College, St. Lawrence University, Pace University, and the University of Virginia

Of the students who are engaged in the Alumni program, 60% of fourth-year postsecondary students graduated in the spring of 2024, and the remaining 40% are on track to graduate in spring 2025.

100%
OF SENIORS GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL

100%
OF SENIORS MATRICULATED TO A POST-SECONDARY PROGRAM

$500,000
PLUS AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS

STREETSQUASH COLLEGE FAIR



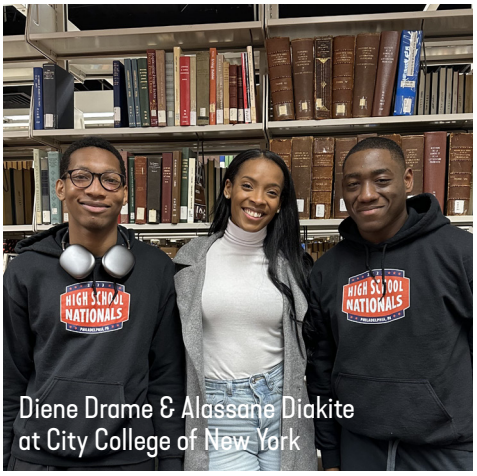
The University of Maryland was one of 21 institutions that participated in our college fair.

HBCU PANEL



Students gained inspiration and insight into higher education opportunities during an engaging panel on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

COLLEGE CHECK-INS



Diene Drame & Alassane Diakite at City College of New York


David Johnson at City College of New York



Avalon Garcia at Fashion Institute of Technology



Justin Whittick at Gettysburg College



Gael Garcia at Fordham


Christian Jacobs at Borough of Manhattan Community College



Samaiya Clay at Manhattan College


Dontay Washington at Medgar Evers College



Mohamed Diakite at John Jay

SQUASH

StreetSquash students learn to play squash at our SL Green StreetSquash Center in Harlem under the guidance of experienced coaches who have competed at the highest levels. All participants begin in the recreational program, learning to play squash, and developing a love for the game alongside discipline, fitness, and a sense of achievement. Structured practice and competition foster teamwork, perseverance, and goal-setting—essential skills for both squash and life. By the time program participants reach high school, many move into our performance squash track and compete in regularly scheduled matches and tournaments, with a growing number of graduates playing squash at the collegiate level with the College Squash Association.

BY THE NUMBERS

2023-24 TOURNAMENTS

41
NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO COMPETED IN TOURNAMENT PLAY

24
NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO COMPETED IN A BRONZE TOURNAMENT



11
NUMBER OF PLAYERS WITH FIRST PLACE FINISHES IN TOURNAMENTS



8
NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO COMPETED IN A SILVER TOURNAMENT

3
NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO COMPETED IN A GOLD TOURNAMENT



STREETSQUASH CLOSES THE NASDAQ



In honor of squash becoming an official Olympic sport, StreetSquash was invited to join U.S. Squash to ring the closing bell at Nasdaq.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHTS



MATTHEW DAYLE

- Joined StreetSquash: **2018**
- Graduated high school: **2024**
- US Silver Nationals: **1st place**
- SEA Team and Individual Nationals: **1st place**
- Became first SEA Student to Compete at a Junior Championship Tournament (JCT)
- Trained with the US Junior National Squash Team
- Enrolled in a post-graduate year at The Kent School (2024-25)
- Will attend the **University of Virginia** beginning in Fall 2025 and play on the squash team

KHISSAIYIA SPENCER

- Joined StreetSquash: **2018**
- Graduated High School: **2024**
- Recipient of 2024 William T. Ketcham Jr. - **Honorable Mention Award**
- Jumped 56 spots in Junior Rankings to become a **top 100 player in the nation**
- Squash FiDi Silver Tournament: **1st Place**
- Nicol Junior Bronze Tournament: **1st Place**
- Open Squash Adult 4.5 Tournament: **1st Place**
- Attending **St. Lawrence University** and Playing on their squash team in Fall 2024.



SOCIAL WORK

STUDENT SUPPORT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

The Social Work program supports the physical and emotional well-being and personal growth of StreetSquash participants. Five key pillars serve as the foundation of the program: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. In addition to group workshops on topics such as mental toughness, resilience, and mindfulness, students receive individual counseling, school support, health education, crisis support, and conflict prevention.

The Social Work team also works with participant caregivers to develop the inner strengths, life skills, and network of resources they need to lead strong families. Through the Parenting Journey program, StreetSquash staff work with caregivers using strengths-based, trauma-informed approaches to increase confidence and resilience, and establish the framework for a strong family dynamic in which all members of the family can thrive.



Caregivers with their students following the completion of the Parenting Journey program.

STRONG LEADERS FOR A STRONG COMMUNITY

StreetSquash provides participants with meaningful volunteer experiences and leadership development opportunities to deepen their connections to the community and strengthen the pipeline of leaders for a prosperous Harlem. Every student has the opportunity to participate in up to three service projects each year. High school participants can choose to serve as peer mentors to middle school participants and volunteers on the squash court. The Student Leadership Committee empowers participants, who have been nominated by their peers, to direct certain aspects of StreetSquash programming, plan activities for participants, and organize volunteer events in the community.

A group of students participated in a community service project at the Van Cortlandt Park Educational Garden and Compost Site.





A group of StreetSquash students participated in a community cleanup event led by Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement (HCCI).



Student Leadership Committee on a Leadership Retreat



Over a month-long period from November into December, before the winter break, StreetSquash students engaged in a community service initiative by collecting toy donations.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT

SUMMER DISCOVERY & SUMMER QUEST

StreetSquash operates year-round, ensuring participants keep their minds and bodies engaged through meaningful academic and social enrichment, and squash opportunities during the summer months.

StreetSquash's free six-week Summer Discovery program offers rising 5th through 9th graders in Harlem an exciting and enriching summer experience. Participants play squash, receive swim instruction, engage in academic enrichment activities, and take part in college and career exploration. The program also provides cultural experiences and field trips throughout New York City, creating a well-rounded and fun summer adventure.

Summer Quest exposes high school students to a broad range of experiences beyond Harlem through on-campus academic programs at leading educational institutions, participation in elite squash programs at colleges and private schools, and travel opportunities across the country and around the world.

BY THE NUMBERS

SIX WEEKS
LENGTH OF PROGRAMMING

141
NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED





SUMMER DISCOVERY STUDENTS:

- Learned about healthy eating habits and farming in partnership with Harlem Grown
- Collaborated on a mural inside our facility that encouraged our campers to reflect on what matters most to them and what causes they feel passionate about;
- Gained valuable swim instruction at The Dwight School.
- Enjoyed field trips to Little Island, Bolero Bowl, the Spyscape Museum, and Rye Playland.



SUMMER QUEST STUDENTS ATTENDED PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS AT PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING:

- Columbia University
- Harvard University
- Temple University
- University of Michigan

VOLUNTEERISM

The Young Leadership Committee, composed of dedicated young professionals, plays a vital role in supporting StreetSquash and the children it serves. The Committee is focused on several key objectives: fundraising, where they aim to raise money through individual and corporate donors identified with the help of StreetSquash staff; organizing squash and special events to further benefit the organization; and contributing to program development by supporting existing initiatives and collaborating with staff to create new programs. Additionally, the Committee works to develop internship and summer opportunities for StreetSquash students and alumni.

The Young Leadership Committee is crucial for StreetSquash, as it not only brings in fresh perspectives and energy but also ensures a strong pipeline of future leaders and supporters who are deeply committed to the organization's mission.



THE POLSKY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND



George Polsky, the founder and longtime Executive Director of StreetSquash, retired at the end of 2023 after nearly 25 years of dedicated leadership. As a parting gift, he chose to support the financial well-being of all StreetSquash participants pursuing post-secondary opportunities by establishing the Polsky Family Scholarship Fund. This endowment will provide college scholarships to current and future StreetSquash participants, expanding access to higher education. Additionally, it will assist past participants in easing the burden of student loans, reinforcing our commitment to their long-term success.

FUNDRAISERS



The YLC Soiree was brought back for the first time since the pandemic bringing in more than $20,000 for StreetSquash



The 5th Annual Tee off for StreetSquash Raised $66,000



The StreetSquash Cup brought in over $3 million with half going to daily operations, and half endowing The Polsky Scholarship Fund



The StreetSquash Junior Cup Raised Nearly $105,000

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New York Squash

Parenting Journey

Partnership for After-School Education

Squash and Education Alliance

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