

MACH ACADEMY, INC. 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



“Changing lives since 1992”

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Masters Week Camp (Spring Break): Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Summer Camp Sessions (June and July) Weekly, Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Through an agreement with the City of Augusta and Augusta Recreation and Parks Department, MACH Academy, Inc. has successfully managed and operated the Fleming Tennis Center for more than sixteen years and the Diamond Lakes Tennis Center for one successful year. Follow us on Facebook: @machacademyinc1992; Twitter: @machacademyinc

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Mission & Vision Statement

MACH Academy, Inc., established in April of 1992, is a non-profit 501(c) 3 community organization that provides year-round classes and camps at the Fleming Tennis Center and Diamond Lakes Tennis Center in Augusta, Georgia and satellite locations throughout the Central Savannah River Area.



Mission

The mission of MACH Academy, Inc. is to provide Life Skills and Community Development through Education, Technology, Home Ownership, and Recreational experiences. The focus demographics are inner city, disadvantaged youth, and low and moderate-income families. The organization is inclusive of all individuals and families regardless of age, race, gender, disability or financial income.

Our mission is connected to the late Arthur Ashe's vision to use tennis and education sessions as tools to promote character and to offer opportunities for young people to become successful adults. We provide tuition assistance and program scholarships to ensure inclusion of all participants needing financial support. MACH Academy, Inc. uses a professional staff, qualified board members, and trained volunteers. MACH Academy, Inc.'s leadership team facilitates programs and services that lead to the development and expansion of additional resources, outreach opportunities, partnership establishments, collaborations, and other working relationships that assist in the advancement of the organization's goals. We seek opportunities to help strengthen and improve the organization's internal and external communication by using modern and improved technology which helps to generate new ideas and increase public participation and networking opportunities.

Vision

The vision of MACH Academy, Inc. is to inspire participants to become academic achievers, champion athletes, and responsible citizens.

Our Goals and Objectives are to:

- Provide opportunities for healthy social, emotional, and educational development
- Support Home Ownership for low and moderate-income families
- Facilitate Community Development
- Encourage peer and family participation
- Provide recreational and educational opportunities that will serve as an alternative to violence, substance abuse, and teenage pregnancy
- Provide hands-on Life Skills Development through Mentoring, Academics, Computer Literacy, STEM and Healthy Recreational activities for participants ages 3 through 18

Benchmark: Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies

Tagline: "Changing lives since 1992"

Contract Staff & Board of Directors

Contract Staff

Michael Harden – President/CEO
 Betty Jones – Executive Director
 Jacqueline Wilkins – Contract Program Assistant
 Helen Thomas-Pope – Contract Marketing/Fund Development Coordinator
 Brenda Ortiz – Contract Program Assistant
 Mark O’Neal – Contract Tennis Instructor
 Jordan Harrell – Contract Tennis Instructor
 Arthur A. Andrade – Contract Tennis Instructor
 Patrick Souza de Lima – Contract Tennis Instructor
 Montae Pinkney – Contract Tennis Instructor

Board of Directors

Michael Harden – President/CEO
 Henry Taylor – Vice President
 Donald Moody – Secretary
 Deirdre Skolfield – Treasurer
 Judge David Watkins – Advisory Member
 Dr. William Strong – Advisory Member
 Tiara Allen Boyd – School Advisory Member
 Tammy Simpkins – Parent Advisory Member

Volunteers

Deirdre Skolfield – Volunteer CODING, Book Club Coordinator
 Donell Jenkins – Volunteer CODING, STEM Instructor
 Phil Burris – Volunteer Academic Instructor
 Garrison Hunter – Volunteer Tennis Instructor
 Jeannie Joseph – Volunteer Math Instructor
 Lilyana Hunter – Volunteer Wells Fargo Hands on Banking Instructor

Rashad Braddy – MACH Academy, Inc. added a temporary new member to its administrative team. Rashad Braddy, a senior at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, GA, has been an intern here since August. He volunteers his time to gather and sort data in order for us to provide statistics on the work MACH Academy, Inc. does. The experience gained from working here at MACH Academy, Inc. will go towards satisfying requirements for his degree. Rashad will graduate on December 12th with a BA degree in Business Management. Being a native of Augusta and a graduate of Cross Creek High School, we were hoping he just might return to his hometown after graduation. Instead, he plans to move to Atlanta, GA to pursue a career in Supply Chain Management and to build his investment portfolio. We know he will be very successful, no matter where his career takes him.



Collaborative Partners and Projects

1. *Wells Fargo Hands on Online Banking Project* - Summer Camp Sessions to encourage participants to take charge and strengthen their present and future financial earning.
2. Through an agreement with the *City of Augusta and Augusta Recreation and Parks Department*, MACH Academy, Inc. completed its sixteenth successful year as operator and manager of the Fleming Tennis Center and one successful year as manager and operator of the Diamond Lakes Tennis center.
3. Volunteers from the *Senior Citizens Council Foster Grandparent Program* provided hands-on academic support for programs and services during our Masters Week and Summer Camp sessions.
4. Summer Campers partnered with the *Golden Harvest Food Bank* to collect and donate food items during our annual summer camp sessions food drive to help feed the hungry.
5. Donell Jenkins, retired US Department of Energy Engineer, provided eight weeks of hands-on STEM sessions for summer camp participants.

Parent/Guardian Support Sessions:

We promote and encourage participants to succeed by conducting monthly parent/guardian support and empowerment sessions which are facilitated through on-going communication and relationship building activities. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to participate in volunteer opportunities and learning workshops that help support programs and services as well as individual participant success.

Lilyana Hunter conducts Wells Fargo Hands on Banking sessions during summer camp



Jeanne Joseph volunteers to teach Math Challenge sessions for participants



Academic Support is provided through educational assistance which includes tutoring, homework assistance, and skill-building opportunities in the following areas: reading and writing activities to encourage participants to become confident readers through a variety of fun learning literacy activities; stimulating Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) related activities to encourage and increase interest and skill levels to help ensure success in STEM careers; enrichment-disguised learning activities to encourage and support positive character and life skills development and college planning/career exploration activities to encourage students to begin thinking about what career path would best suit their interests and abilities. Academic Support is also provided through chess activities and reading sessions throughout the year, by high school students, college students and former MACH Academy, Inc. program participants, along with community members who serve as positive role models/mentors. Transportation assistance is provided to ensure the inclusion of target populations.



Technology and Computer learning sessions are infused into all program offerings to allow participants to experience multimedia applications involving Internet exploration, PowerPoint Presentation Development, music, video, etc. Sessions are designed and implemented to help bridge the digital divide by providing access to computer-based technology. The lessons are provided for participants, ages 6 through 18 and are aligned with national and state educational standards. Participants also use computers to research potential careers and to take virtual tours of colleges and universities across the country.



College Planning and Career Exploration sessions are provided year-round to encourage and help keep participants on track for academic and future career success. Students are challenged to:

- Reflect on choices for future careers.
- Visualize themselves at their future place of employment.
- Share facts about their future career choice including:
 - Career Title
 - Duties
 - Education Requirements
 - Salary
 - Other Career Information

Richmond County Technical Magnet School student, Mr. Ricky Perry, Jr. gives advice to campers



Participants visit NC A & T University



Community member gives campers insight on his career field



2018 High School Graduate

Successful Students are our greatest achievement

Participants are encouraged to play tennis to help pave the way for college tennis scholarships. Each year, one or more participants receive full college tennis scholarships to colleges across the USA. With the rising cost of tuition, the average cost for two semesters can range between \$20,000 - \$50,000. Student loan debt is the second-highest consumer debt category for families, behind mortgage debt. Tennis scholarship recipients currently attending college are Rachel Harden-Florida A & M, Jazmine Lawson-Alabama A & M, Kariah Kelly & Ty'Neicia Smith-Ft. Valley State University.

2018 High School Graduate, Erin Sneed. Erin is academically gifted and excels in math, science, literature and fine arts. Erin believes that obstacles can be overcome with proper planning and hard work. She is a graduate of the Davidson's Fine Arts Magnet School, Augusta GA and currently enrolled at the University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA pursuing a major in nursing.



Spotlight Event of the Year: 2018 America Tennis Association (ATA) National Tournament. Our President & CEO, Michael Harden, along with 16 Junior participants, parents, and others attended the American Tennis Association (ATA) National Tournament, in Orlando, Florida.

*10's: Aleynah Thomas won the Girls 10's Singles; Aleynah Thomas and Arien Thomas won the Girl's 10's Doubles; Arien Thomas finished 3rd in the Girl's 10's Singles; Juliano (Jojo) Cuadrado won the Boy's 10's Consolation; *12's: Giovanni (Gigi) Cuadrado finished second in the Girls 12's Singles finals; Flavius Henderson came in second place for Boy's 12's Doubles; Flavius Henderson won the Boy's 12's Consolation finals ;*14's: Gabriel Henderson finished 4th in the Girl's 14's Singles; Neiman Sneed & Eliyahu Pinkney won the Boys 14's Doubles; Neiman Sneed won the Boy's 14's Consolation Singles finals



Neiman Sneed & Eliyahu Pinkney showing off their trophies after winning the Boys 14's Doubles



Aleynah & Arien Thomas - Winners of the Girl's 10's



Juliano Cuadrado fights for the win in the Boy's 10's Consolation



Winners in front of the USTA National Campus in Orlando, FL display their trophies.

When MACH Academy, Inc. Participants returned from the ATA National Tournament, they were recognized by Mayor Hardie Davis and the commissioners for a job well done.



Organizational Highlight of the Year: USTA 2018 NJTL Chapter of the Year Award

MACH Academy, Inc. was honored with the National Junior Tennis and Learning Chapter of the Year Award by the United States Tennis Association. Michael Harden, President/CEO and Vice President Henry Taylor accepted the National award in New York City, September 3, 2018. The title is awarded to chapters that positively impact youth through the combination of tennis and education. The USTA is the national governing body for the sport and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis, and NJTL is a network of community tennis groups that focuses on tennis and learning. This award is very special because it gives recognition to a small organization in Augusta compared to larger organizations in places like Washington, D.C. MACH Academy, Inc. provides education programs, in addition to tennis instruction, for boys and girls ages 3 – 18 throughout the year at the Fleming Tennis Center and Diamond Lakes Tennis Center. The organization was evaluated over the summer by the NJTL Foundation. The diversity of its programs and focus on STEM and Coding were some of the things that helped MACH Academy, Inc. earn the recognition. These programs are provided to help prepare students for the influx of tech jobs coming to the area. The skills obtained in the tennis program have opened doors for many to receive scholarships to colleges across the country, and many return during the summer to coach and mentor current students. “MACH Academy, Inc. is an outstanding example of how NJTL continues to impact today’s youth by delivering programs that emphasize not only tennis, but also character and education,” Craig Morris, the chief executive of USTA, said in a news release. MACH Academy, Inc. previously received the NJTL Chapter of the Year Award in 2009. It also received Southern Section NJTL Chapter of the Year Award in 2008, 2012, and 2017. The MACH Academy, Inc. 2018 NJTL Chapter of the Year Award Video can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXtJXfKJ1Gw>



2018 USTA NJTL National Essay Contest

MACH Academy, Inc. National Junior Tennis Learning (NJTL) participant, Chase Allen, was named the 2018 State NJTL Essay Contest Winner for Georgia. United States Tennis Association (USTA) Southern provided an all-expense paid trip for Chase and his mother, Makeiba, to the Winston-Salem Open in North Carolina, August 18-20, 2018. Congratulations, Chase, on a job well done!



USTA NJTL First Serve Life Skills and ACE

The nationally recognized United States Tennis Association (USTA) National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) First Serve Life Skills and Academic Creative Engagement (ACE) curriculum activities and other model curriculum were provided to emphasize and encourage positive character development and a sense of belonging and personal achievement. We provided positive interaction activities and promoted social skills development through team building and tennis fitness. Hands-on prevention sessions helped participants increase individual self-esteem awareness and personal confidence levels. These sessions helped participants see the connection of **Education to Tennis**.



MACH Academy, Inc. Participants at the Diamond Lakes Tennis Camp working on USTA ACE activity

MACH Girls Rock with Rackets and CODING

We received a grant from the Women's Sports Foundation through a 2018 Sports 4 Life Grant to provide "MACH Girls Rock with Rackets and CODING" at the Fleming Tennis Center on Saturdays. This program is for girls only. Fitness and education is the goal for the program, determination and hard work gets the girls there. Sessions/activities included tennis instruction, fitness, life skills development, CODING, college planning, and career exploration.

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| <p>Exercise on the Tennis Court</p> Three girls are on a tennis court. One girl in a pink shirt is jumping rope, while two other girls in blue and white shirts watch. | <p>Osmo Coding Session</p> A girl is sitting at a table, using a tablet. An Osmo coding device is on the table, and a person is assisting her. | <p>Tennis Instruction</p> A group of girls are on a tennis court. Some are standing and watching, while others are in motion, possibly playing tennis. |
| <p>Nutrition Explorations</p> A group of girls are sitting around a table, eating and talking. There are various food items on the table. | <p>Tennis Drills</p> A group of girls are on a tennis court. Some are standing and watching, while others are in motion, possibly playing tennis. | <p>Coding session</p> A group of girls are sitting at a table, working on a project. There are various items on the table, including a laptop and some papers. |

2018 USC Aiken Science Education and Enrichment Day

Today, there are more jobs that require not only a college education but also at least some expertise in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. In order to stay competitive in the marketplace and provide our children with the best chance to succeed in life, we must get them and keep them on a STEM path.

Resource people from Savannah River Site (SRS), Kimberly Clark Corporation, Augusta University, Plant Vogtle and others shared and discussed the background and education requirements needed for success in particular STEM fields. More than twenty-five students participated in the annual **SEED (Science Education Enrichment Day)** held on the campus of USC Aiken. Participants enjoyed many hands-on enrichment activities.



STEM Workshop April 2018:

In the Augusta-Richmond County area as well as across the country, there is a need for participants to become involved in more Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) activities. STEM-related education is essential for academic and life success. With growing workforce sectors in STEM-related fields, organizations such as MACH Academy, Inc. as well as organizations across the country are focused on increasing STEM-related skills and content because it is a fact that student academic performance in science and math lags behind the pace of growing sectors in STEM, particularly for students of color.

There is an urgent need for improving and increasing STEM skills among our participants from low and moderate-income families. At a time when the number of STEM graduates is decreasing, the critical, national need for STEM graduates is increasing in order for the nation to remain globally competitive. STEM activities are provided to expose students to a wide array of careers that utilize STEM subject matter.

We held a successful STEM Saturday workshop for more than 40 participants April 21, 2018.



CODING Club in action MACH Academy Kids' Coding Club teaches kids from 6-18 years of age the basics of computer programming. Kids start with OSMO Coding games, and move on to Scratch and Python, the nation's #1 programming language today. Coding Club prepares kids for their first computer courses in middle school and high school, by developing their interest and aptitude for computers early.



Tennis and fitness activities and instruction were provided in all areas of junior development from 10 and under entry level to competitive league/tournament play. Tennis and fitness activities were used to help children, particularly those growing up in disadvantaged circumstances, fully develop themselves in "Mind, Body, and Spirit." Tennis and fitness sessions were provided weekly to encourage participants to adopt daily physical fitness routines and healthy eating habits to ensure healthy lifestyles. We currently provide the following USTA and NJTL programs year-round at the Fleming Tennis Center: USTA 1-2-3, Free Tennis Clinics, Junior Team Tennis, League Tennis, Sanctioned Tennis Tournaments, and Match Play Days. We also provide private and group tennis lessons.



Diamond Lakes Tennis Center: One Year with MACH Academy, Inc.

In October of 2017, MACH Academy, Inc. entered an agreement with the City of Augusta and the Augusta Recreation and Parks Department to manage and operate the Diamond Lakes Tennis Center, located at 102 Diamond Lakes Way, Hephzibah, GA. The tennis center has a building equipped with a kitchen area, classroom, commons/office area, and bathroom. A large deck is also a part of the features of the building. There are eight hard tennis courts and a covered pavilion. It also has wide open grassy areas and a large parking lot.

The Diamond Lakes Tennis Center was featured in the promotional documentary by the United States Tennis Association (USTA), highlighting MACH Academy, Inc. as the 2018 National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) Chapter of the Year. The courts and the surrounding area afford MACH Academy, Inc. the opportunity to duplicate programs/services, including tutoring, academic enrichment, STEM, Coding, tennis development sessions, etc., just as they are at the Fleming Tennis Center location.



In the spring of the year, Diamond Lakes Tennis Center served as the home courts for three Junior Team Tennis (JTT) teams. They were sponsored by USTA Georgia, Central Savanna River Area Tennis Association (CSRATA), and MACH Academy, Inc.

During the spring, sessions were held on Saturdays for additional tennis development for intermediate and advanced tennis players.

In April, First-Aid/CPR training was provided at the facility for eight MACH Academy, Inc. staff members, in partnership with the Augusta Recreation and Parks Department and the American Red Cross.



A nine-week summer camp for intermediate and advanced tennis players was held at Diamond Lakes Tennis Center. “Summer Tennis and Fitness Camp” operated May-July, 9-5, Monday-Friday. The goal for the camp was to provide a comprehensive tennis/fitness education to help nurture a genuine love for the game and respect for the ideas of good sportsmanship. Players were challenged through drills, competitive matches, fitness and strength training, conditioning, and match strategy mental toughness. Through a partnership with the Augusta Recreation and Parks Department, transportation was provided to allow participants to travel one day per week to area public swimming pools from the Diamond Lakes Tennis Center. Another partnership was with the Richmond County School System to provide lunches for all camp participants.

MACH Academy, Inc. Participants at the Diamond Lakes Tennis Camp working on USTA ACE activity



Cooling off at the Fleming Recreation Center pool



Doubles matches during summer camp



Diamond Lakes Tennis Center was the host site for three fall Junior Team Tennis (JTT) teams. Our 14 & Under team won the 2018 Central Savannah River Area Tennis Association (CSRATA) championship.



Diamond Lakes JTT fall team partnered with Petersburg Racquet Club (PRC) to win the USTA Junior Team Tennis 10 & under State Championship for the state of Georgia.



Diamond Lakes JTT fall team joined Petersburg Racquet Club (PRC), to win the Georgia State Junior Team Tennis (JTT) Championship 12 & under division



Diamond Lakes JTT fall team and Petersburg Racquet Club (PRC) teamed up again to win the USTA JTT Southern Section 10 & under Intermediate Championship. States represented were GA, KY, MS, SC and TN.



10 & Under Tennis: 10 & Under Tennis clinics are provided for the very young/beginner participants, ages 3 through 10. The tennis format uses games, drills and many other fun activities to get the attention of participants while encouraging them to adopt tennis as their sport for a lifetime. MACH Academy's contract team members take 10 and Under Tennis sessions on the road and provide hands-on outreach sessions at schools, churches, daycare facilities and community centers.



USTA/NJTL Junior Team Tennis: We sponsored five JTT teams during the spring CSRATA sessions and five teams during the fall sessions at the Fleming and Diamond Lakes Tennis Centers. MACH Academy, Inc. teamed up with Petersburg Racquet Club (PRC) to win the USTA Junior Team Tennis 10 & under State Championship in Macon, GA, July 2018.



MACH Academy, Inc. teamed up with Petersburg Racquet Club (PRC), to win the Georgia State Junior Team Tennis (JTT) Championship 12 & under division in Macon, GA, July 2018.



Better & stronger! MACH Academy, Inc. and Petersburg Racquet Club (PRC) teamed up again to win the USTA JTT Southern Section 10 & under Intermediate Championship! States represented were GA, KY, MS, SC and TN. Sectionals were held in Rome, GA, August 10-12, 2018.



TOURNAMENTS:

2018 VOLVO Car Open Tournament, Charleston SC, April 2018



MACH Academy, Inc. participants attended the Volvo Car Open, in Charleston, SC. A group of 25 students, plus parents and coaches enjoyed watching and meeting professional tennis players.

MACH Academy, Inc. players, Aleynah and Arien Thomas, won The Peach State Jr. Closed Championships Girl 10s Doubles Division this weekend, in Macon, Georgia. Aleynah and Arien, seeded #4, defeated the #1 team in route to the championship. Also, congratulations to Aleynah for being a finalist in the Girl 10s singles; she beat the #1 singles player on her journey to her finals match. Way to go MACH Academy, Inc.! June 4, 2018.



MACH Academy, Inc. participants did well at the Reserve Club Summer Classic South Carolina Level Four Tournament. Aleynah won the Girl's 12 Singles, Charlice won the Girl's 16 Singles. She played Naturi in this match. Eliyahu won the Boy's 14 Singles, and Neiman & Owen won the Boy's 14 Doubles. July 3, 2018.



MACH Academy, Inc. participant Juliano "JoJo" Cuadrado won the Boys' 10 Singles at the Savannah Yacht Club Deep South Jr. CHPS - Level 4. Other MACH Academy, Inc. participants in this Intermediate-Level tournament were Charlice, Freta, Giovanni, Jaylon, Naturi and Rachel. July 11, 2018.



Neiman Sneed won the Boy's 16's singles, SC Level 4 in Cayce, SC. Neiman teamed with Eliyahu Pinkney to take the Boy's 16's doubles. August 27, 2018.



Leila fought like a true MACH Academy, Inc. champion! However, she went down in style in the G12's Finals...4-6, 4-6. Despite coming in 2nd place, this does wonders for her Southern G12's rankings and her Universal Tennis Ranking (UTR). We are proud of you! (August 2018 - Cayce, SC)



At the Newman Tennis Center, in Augusta, GA, Arien Thomas won 1st place in 10's & Under at the Papa John's Tournament Level 3. Also, Aleynah Thomas won 2nd place in singles & 4th place in doubles 12's & under. Girls can do anything! - September 7, 2018



Neiman Sneed won Boy's 14 & Under Champion (Southern Level 3) and he knocked off the #1 and #2 seeds along the way.



MACH Academy, Inc. winners at the McAllister's Deli Jr. Championships Level 4 Tournament. The event was held September 21-23 in Augusta, at Newman Tennis Center. Aleynah Thomas won the Girls 12's, Arien Thomas came in 2nd. Chase Allen won the Boys 12's, Gabrielle Henderson won the Girls 16's and Neiman Sneed won the Boys 18's. You make us proud!



MACH Academy, Inc. participant Eliyahu competed in the Tournament of Champions in Tunica, MS, winning 3rd place with his doubles partner, Aspen. Congratulations! September 25, 2018.



Arien Thomas and Aleynah Thomas won at the Topspin SC L4 Tournament in Lexington, South Carolina. The dynamic duo won 1st place in the 14 & Under Doubles. Arien won 1st place in the 12 & under singles, and Aleynah came in 2nd place in the 14 & under singles. Well done! Congratulations to you! October 22, 2018.



Leila Hunter earns the 2nd place trophy for her participation in the CTC (Cherokee tennis Center) and TOP Tennis Academy JR CHPS - GA LEVEL 4 Tournament, held in Woodstock, GA. She competed in the 12U division. Leila, you always make us proud!



Congratulations to Jaylon Bokknight on winning his first tennis tournament. Although his victory took place at Petersburg Racquet Club (PRC). Jaylon, we know that this is the first of many wins to come!



It's Official... In October of this year, Aleynah Thomas became #1 in the girls 10's singles division in the State of Georgia! In addition, her little sister, Arien Thomas, is ranked in the top 10 in the same division. These two MACH Academy, Inc. participants have been compared to two other famous sisters who play the game of tennis. Congratulations! You two continue to make us proud!



MACH Academy, Inc. Student Spotlight: Leila Hunter

She did it! Leila Hunter, one of MACH Academy, Inc.'s up & coming junior players, is the Eight & Under 2018 "Little Mo" International Champion! Leila began her journey early in the year, winning the "Little Mo" Tournament at the state, regional and national levels. This weekend, she won 6-0, 6-2 at the international tournament held in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Leila and her family thanked her primary coach Mark O'Neal and all of the coaches and staff that has supported her tennis journey.



Augusta Mayor, Hardie Davis, Jr., & Commissioners honored Leila for her win. Pictured (L-R) Leila's primary coach, Mark O'Neal, MACH Academy, Inc. President/CEO Michael Harden, Commissioner Bill Fennoy, Mayor Davis, Leila and her parents, Garrison and Lilyana Hunter. Back row, as well as other Commissioners

“Little Mo” Tournaments Named in memory of tennis champion Maureen “Little Mo” Connolly, the “Little Mo” circuit of tournaments is the premier challenge for juniors ages 8-12 to compete against others who are the same age at the sectional, regional, national, and international level. The mission of the “Little Mo” tournaments is to further the development of junior tennis worldwide by providing players with an opportunity to: a) progress in tennis - a healthy sport for a lifetime; b) build strong values and character; c) learn good sportsmanship; and d) meet new friends from across the country and world. The youngest and brightest stars in junior tennis compete in the “Little Mo” tournaments.

2018 Masters Week Camp Activities



Leadership/Community Service

What is leadership? Who are leaders? What do leaders do? On a very basic level, leaders are people who inspire others to bring about a change or get something accomplished. Leaders possess a variety of talents, skills, and traits that are not the same for every individual. MACH Academy, Inc. selected 15 middle and high school participants to serve as Teen Leaders for younger children. They provided meaningful service in-house and participated in outreach community service activities throughout the CSRA. Teen leaders are given opportunities to learn by doing. This year, our Teen Leaders had an opportunity to partake in duties, such as recording attendance, preparing and distributing refreshments, being a game leader, planning and coordinating specific program activities, tutoring, providing academic support sessions, designing and developing educational posters and displays, and much more. Teen leaders share valuable educational information with their peers and younger children on a year-round basis. This unique group had an opportunity to provide a valuable service to the community and strengthen their own leadership skills and self-confidence level.

MACH Academy's **Teen Ambassador Leaders** gave of their time and energy to complete five community outreach service projects during the year. Community Outreach service projects included: providing information and hands-on tennis/fitness activities during the community events to help educate participants and parents about the need for exercise and healthy eating; participated in the Lydia Project by collecting and delivering needed items for women facing various types of cancer. Items donated are used to help ensure that every woman receives a handmade, designer tote filled with personal and encouraging items; collected gently used coats, hats, scarves and gloves for abused, abandoned and neglected children served by Child Enrichment, Inc.; Teen Leaders also assisted tennis and fitness instructors to plan and carry out 8 successful USTA NJTL Play Days throughout the year, designed to give children additional opportunities to experience the thrill of competition without the threat of elimination. Tennis Play Days emphasize skill development and having fun.

MACH Academy's Teen Ambassador Participants, parents, and volunteers, prepared and served breakfast and dinners to families at the Ronald McDonald House five times during the year.



Family Housing and Neighborhood Stabilization

MACH Academy works with the National Community Stabilization Trust which supports neighborhood stabilization efforts through the renovation of dilapidated and abandoned homes and then creating affordable ownership and rental housing for moderate and low-income families. This year, MACH Academy maintained the security interest on two properties that low income families were purchasing from MACH Academy. Those individuals has satisfied their debt and has become homeowners without a mortgage. MACH has continued to provide affordable rental properties through the housing choice voucher program. This is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing MACH markets some of its properties to Section * housing recipients who must meet these requirements. We will continue to seek opportunities to help low and moderate income families to become homeowners. MACH's Family housing project supports the City of Augusta's Consolidated Plan to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment and economic opportunities especially targeting low and moderate income persons.



Summer Camp Sessions



Coding Session



Math Exploration



Chess



Physical Fitness



Corporate sponsors/supporters include

