

Access Youth Academy

Potential Made Powerful.





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We believe every child should have equal access to achieve their full potential.

Our mission is to transform the lives of low income youth through academic enrichment, health and wellness, social responsibility, and leadership using the sport of squash as a catalyst.





Charting a path from low-income communities to top colleges, and beyond.



8 Years



Phase 1 - Grades 5-12

For 8 years each student receives over 460 hours per year of academic and college preparation support, athletic training, and enrichment opportunities that include leadership development, community service, academic advancement activities, and travel opportunities.

Phase 2

4-year undergraduate degree

Access continues to support students in college through regular check-ins, ongoing financial aid and internship assistance, as well as support for any academic or emotional needs that arise.



6 Years



Phase 3
2-years post college

For our college graduates we provide financial literacy education, resume support, job interview coaching and networking opportunities - all highly individualized to suit each of our young professional's career and graduate study goals.

3.

Tools for Transformation



The Four Pillars of Access Youth Academy



Academic achievement

- Individualized content area support
- SAT/ACT exam prep
- College application counseling and assistance
- Building responsible work and study habits



Leadership

- Monthly mentoring opportunities with adult volunteers
- Providing creative leadership opportunities for ALL students
- Deliberate emphasis on the practice of sportsmanship
- Empowering students to take progressive ownership of programs



Health & wellness

- Regular and rigorous athletic training
- Stress management and emotional health
- Building healthy relationships and communication skills
- Nutrition education



Social responsibility

- Monthly service learning opportunities throughout San Diego
- Expecting older students to guide and coach younger generations
- Encouraging students to apply leadership lessons to the broader community
- Community building across age levels and genders

Our record of results.

Academic and athletic training combine to deliver a strong return.

100%

High school graduation rate

3.97

Average student GPA

460 hrs

Academic support per student, per year

100%

College acceptance rate

\$10.8

Million in scholarships

96%

Students adopting a healthier, more balanced diet

Launching better futures.

Access students earn degrees from top universities.





Bowdoin



















































Our impact.

Access students and supporters say it best.



"Access has allo

"Access has allowed me to build connections and relationships that will last a lifetime."

Gicel Student Access Youth Academy "Access is breaking new ground, not only on an incredible squash facility, but also in their approach to community building and benefit."

Kevin Klipstein President & CEO US Squash



"Access pushed me to be a better person, athletically and academically. I don't know where I'd be without my Access family."

Rahei Student Access Youth Academy "Access has been a pioneering organization, connecting hardworking and talented young people with extraordinary educational and athletic opportunities."

Tim WyantExecutive Director & Founding Member
Squash + Education Alliance (SEA)

Advantage, squash

Providing an edge for youth

Traditionally a sport which has only been enjoyed by affluent communities, squash has become an effective tool for our academically capable, determined youth to gain access to some of the nation's leading universities.



More importantly, the relatively low numbers of high school squash players across the country, combined with our championship athletic training, helps Access students become top-tier candidates for millions in scholarship money.

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A Day in the Life of an Access Student

Student-athletes arrive for programming at 3:45 pm.

Two groups are created, one receives academic support in the classroom, while the other group receives instruction on the squash courts. Half-way through the session, the groups switch.

At 6:00pm sessions conclude.





On weekends, Access students participate in activities that include

- out-of-town travel
- squash tournaments
- community service
- enrichment experiences that support student's individual needs

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Financial Snapshot - FY 21-22



Building a Sustainable Future



Revenue Categories



Expense Categories



High Impact Giving Opportunities

Help students realize their full potential

\$50,000

Individualized Academic Program for an Entire Class

This scholarship will provide core support in the classroom, on the squash court and beyond for an entire group of 10 Access student-athletes. The group will receive personalized daily tutoring sessions, instruction in the sport of squash, study time with peers, mentoring, and regular well-being check-ins including a clear pathway to college along with the continued support they need to succeed once they are enrolled.

\$10,000

College Trips

Each fall, Access high school juniors have the opportunity to travel to the East Coast to visit multiple colleges and universities in places most students have never been, providing new goals and opportunities for students.

\$5,000

Squash Equipment

Support Access students with the gift of learning and playing the exciting sport of squash.

\$1,000

Summer Camp for One Student

Students benefit from continued learning through the summer break. Help Access kids participate in the Access academic & squash focused summer camp or attend and alternate opportunity such as squash camp at Princeton or Harvard.

\$5,000

A Full-Year Scholarship for one student

Support one student's journey through the Access program for one year, including 10 hours of squash and education support per week, 46 weeks per year.

\$2,500

Health & Wellness Partnership

Each year, we provide weekly education for students in nutrition, physical & mental health, and work to build healthy habits into their lifestyles, promoting a life-long culture of whole- student wellbeing.

Make Potential Possible

With your support, our impact will be powerful

Over the past 17 years, Access Youth Academy has achieved significant success thanks to the support from individuals, families, foundations, corporations, and government entities.

In 2021, Access opened its own, 21,000 sq. ft. state of the art facility in San Diego, where student athletes come together 6 days per week to participate in our highly effective model of programming and enjoy other activities such as tournaments, health and wellness sessions, and foster relationships with mentors and members of our new squash club.





Building the Future

Our new program in Los Angeles

In 2023, and in partnership with the Ketchum-Downtown YMCA in Los Angeles, Access Youth Academy launched its second program in California, serving 20 student-athletes in the inaugural year, recruiting kids from 5th through 9th grades from the Downtown and South LA areas. Bringing the highly successful model of the Squash and Education Alliance to Los Angeles will give kids in LA access to amazing opportunities.

This transformative step in our organization enables us to serve more children, and bring our enriching model to a vibrant city that will allow team members to reach new heights.

As we grow our program in Los Angeles, join Access Youth Academy as a supporter and empower youth to reach their full potential.

To learn more about opportunities to support and to get involved, please contact Access Youth Academy's Deputy Executive Director:

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