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Sunset Soirée 2024 Success!

Access Youth Academy would like to express our immense gratitude for the success of our annual fundraiser, the Sunset Soirée, which took place on April 13th at the beautiful home of Robin Toft, CEO of ZRG Partners.

We were honored to have such a long-time supporter of our organization host the event, and it was an absolute joy to spend the afternoon surrounded by **good food**, **good friends**, **and generous donors who are committed to supporting our students**. The event was a wonderful showcase of the power of community and we are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to its success.

A big thank you to everyone involved for helping empower Access students to success!

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Keynote speech given by **Anthony M.** who revealed during his speech that he will be **attending Yale University** in the fall.

"The people in the Access Youth Academy community always

believed in me, and so I learned to believe in myself."













So Much Gratitude for our Event Sponsors!!



East Coast College Trip

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, 18 Access high school juniors were able to go on an all-expenses paid East Coast College Tour.

During spring break Access students visited nine top-rated universities and colleges on the East Coast in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York City.

While affluent families typically include college visits as part of their pre-college selection process, many students cannot afford such trips. Nonetheless, visiting colleges, even those that students may not ultimately choose to attend, provides valuable benefits.

These visits allow students to broaden their horizons by exploring a range of educational institutions and traveling to states outside of California, a luxury never experienced by most of our students. During this trip, they can immerse themselves in different cities, experience various campus cultures, explore academic programs, and familiarize themselves with campus facilities. This exposure deepens their understanding of the world they live in and what they seek in a college or university.

They can compare their experiences, refine their preferences, and establish priorities.

College visits offer students opportunities to develop essential skills like interviewing, networking, and navigating unfamiliar environments. These skills contribute to their personal growth and future endeavors. Ultimately, even if a particular college or university is not their preference, the experience gained from visiting contributes to their overall development and helps them make more informed decisions in the future.

These visits empower high school juniors to make well-informed choices about their future education by expanding their understanding of options, exposing them to out-of-state environments, providing cultural experiences, giving insight into the college experience, inspiring their continued pursuit of post-secondary education, and increasing the likelihood of college degree completion.

The East Coast College Visit trip attended by Access students are truly transformative. One of the college visit trip's highlights is connecting with Access program college students enrolled in the colleges and universities they visit, as their perspectives provide valuable insights into campus life.

The Access family extends across the country and we cherish this interconnectedness.





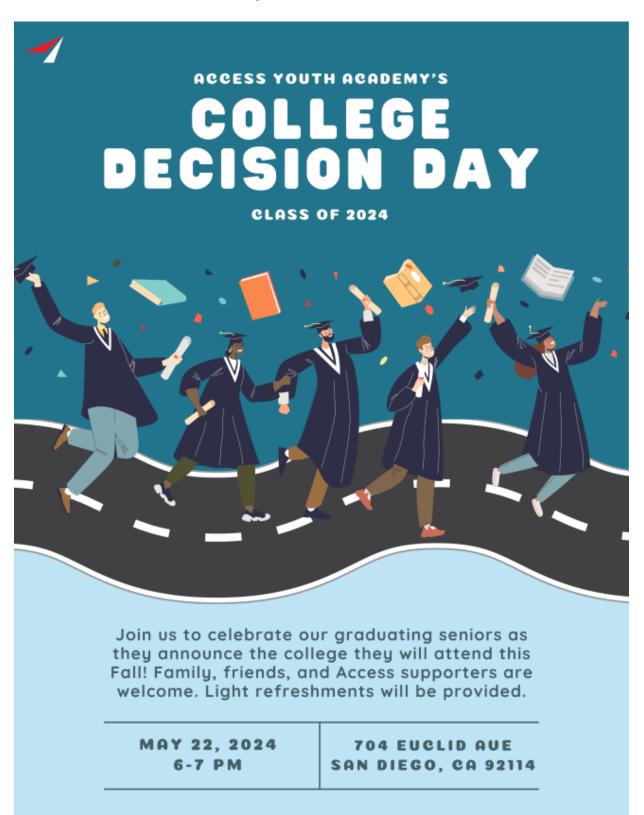


At each of the nine colleges and universities students were greeted by Squash Coaches...a HUGE benefit for those interested in pursuing the sport in college.



And Speaking of College Access...
We are hosting a fun event and YOU are invited!

College Decision Day Ceremony (Wednesday, May 22nd from 6-7pm): This ceremony provides our graduating seniors with the platform to publicly announce their college or university choice for the upcoming Fall semester. Alongside their announcements, Access will present them with a sweatshirt or hoodie from their chosen institution. No RSVP is necessary for this event, but your presence would be greatly appreciated. The event will be hosted at the Access Youth Academy Academic and Athletic Community Center.



Happening Now! It's not too late to register

Registration Link



ACCESS YOUTH ACADEMY SQUASH TRYOUTS

Are you ready to join a vibrant team of student-athletes reaching for the stars? Whether you dream of walking the halls of a prestigious university or pursuing Olympic aspirations, step up for tryouts and become the next shining star on this exciting journey toward reaching your fullest potential! **NOTE:** Tryouts are open to current 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th graders only.

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR TRYOUTS!





MAY 4TH, 11TH AND 18TH 8:30-11:00 AM 704 EUCLID AVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92114

Questions? Contact Siarah Reed (Program Director): siarah@accessyouthacademy.org

Squash Gold Tournament

In April, Access Youth Academy hosted one of the biggest tournaments in Southern California with over 110 Entrants making their way from China, Mexico, Canada, and all over the United States to compete! There was blood, sweat and some tears as we crowned 10 champions across age groups ranging from U11 to U19.

The passion of the players were on full display as the intense competition lit up the audience of over 200 people! We are so grateful for the guests that visited Access Youth Academy, and our team that managed a very busy weekend in San Diego!

We are excited to have more people visit our phenomenal facility and learn about the sport of squash!





Access Youth Academy Los Angeles

Our program is in full swing every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:15 to 6:15 at **Downtown Ketchum YMCA**. LA students are receiving an hour of Squash and an hour of Academic Support led by our amazing Executive Director, Renato Paiva. Witness the incredible evolution of these talented kids firsthand!

LA Access Programming spans across 3 schools, making a positive impact on young lives. If you're passionate about squash and education, reach out to Renato Paiva at renato@accessyouthacademy.org for more information.

Working hand-in-hand with donors, Access Youth Academy is now empowering the next generation of students in Los Angeles!







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