



## NJTL CONNECTIONS



7-Time Grand Slam Champion Venus Williams visits South Atlanta CTA, USTA Southern NJTL Chapter of the Year



One Love Tennis NJTL of Wilmington, NC was front row at the Althea Gibson statue unveiling with USTA Past President, Katrina Adams. To view interview with Lenny Simpson [CLICK HERE](#)



Congratulations to the Greensboro Tennis Program (GTP) Foundation-Winners of the 2019 10U Excellence Team Cup in Washington DC!

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### Thank You NJTL Founders:

**Arthur Ashe,  
Charlie Pasarell and  
Sheridan Snyder!!**

### 3 NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to James Bostick, Kerrigan Cannon, and Jesse Simpson IV, the Southern section winners for the 2019 National USTA Foundation NJTL Essay contest! They were 3 of 10 youth across the country whose award winning essays earned them round trip airfares with a 3 night stay in New York City and VIP status for the Arthur Ashe Kids Day at the US Open. They also attended a Broadway show, toured Deloitte's headquarters at 30 Rock, and were honored at the Yale Club's awards luncheon emceed by Pam Shriver and hosted by former NY Mayor, the Honorable David Dinkins. *To view the video of the 2019 USTA Foundation NJTL Essay Trip presented by Deloitte* [\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#)

*James Bostick, As & Aces, LA*



*Kerrigan Cannon, Tennis Memphis, TN*



*Jesse Simpson IV, GTP Foundation, NC*



### 2019 NJTL LEADERSHIP CAMP

TENNIS SHOOTOUT CHAMPS:  
**COURT JESTERS**



SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS:  
**DESTINII EMOLU (TN) &  
ISAIAH ROBERSTON (MS)**



The 2019 NJTL Tennis Leadership Camp provided 54 youth from 6 southern states and 12 different NJTL Chapters an opportunity of a lifetime. They spent three nights in the Music City Capital, Nashville, TN while fine-tuning their tennis skills, sportsmanship and leadership on and off the courts at Hadley Park next to Tennessee State University. They toured the campus, visited the famous Parthenon, dined at the historical Swett's restaurant, performed community service at the Cumberland Park near the Riverfront, reported on the important character traits in their team leadership activity, and cheered each other on to victory during the tennis shootout. A special Shout Out to the Friends of Hadley Park for hosting this event. *To view Camp video* [\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#)



## SOUTHERN CONTEST WINNERS



*State NJTL Essay winners with ATP Pro Frances Tiafoe at the Winston Salem Open in NC (kneeling l-r): Keena Hughes, LA; Hunter Harrell, GA; Nyesha Nealon, MS; Standing: Nyla Jones, AL; Andrew Taylor, SC; Frances Tiafoe; Anna Thomas, NC, and Jake Du, TN*



SCENES FROM THE  
NORTHWEST LOUISIANA  
COMMUNITY TENNIS  
ASSOCIATION (NWLCTA)  
NJTL

## AYTEF at Work

The Atlanta Youth Tennis & Education Foundation (AYTEF) after school program is in full swing. Our kids are getting tennis instruction each day and working hard in our "Tennis Lab". On court they are continuing to improve their forehands, backhands and serves while in the "Lab" the students are working on increasing their math knowledge and reading. Each of our students can receive personalized instruction thanks to adaptive education programs on their chrome books. Their dynamic instructors also bring concepts to life by cooking, creating art and visiting exciting local places such as the College Football Hall of Fame, Museum of Human Rights and the newly renovated Washington Park Library!



## SIMPSON RECEIVES FOUNDER'S AWARD



Coach Lenny Simpson of One Love Tennis NJTL in Wilmington, NC is only the 8th person to receive the prestigious USTA NJTL Founder's Service Award honoring an individual who has promoted the principles of Arthur Ashe and made an outstanding contribution to the development and/or sustainability of NJTL both locally & nationally.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

*Simpson with USTA Southern Staff, Cee Jai Jones*



**Brunswick County Tennis Association** and L.C. Outreach provided tennis and education to 28 lucky students from Cedar Grove MS in Supply, NC. The youth were taught from the Net Generation Curriculum and received brand new racquets.

## NEW MS CHAPTER, 7 DEEP NJTL, HOSTS ASHE FESTIVAL



**Coach Wink's**  
NJTL of Washington Park in Atlanta visited Forrest Hills West Side Tennis Club, the original home of the US Open while in NY for the annual Ashe Kids Day. Luke Jensen, former ATP Tour Champion & current Director of Racquet Sports, hosted the group.



# 2019 NJTL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## Congratulations to NJTL Graduates who received Southern Tennis Foundation Scholarships:

Beleil Lamb—MACH Academy, Augusta, GA; Howard University

Joyah Mitchell—Team BLUE, Decatur, GA; Georgia Southern

Keri Quillin—Coan Tennis Association, Atlanta, GA; Hampton University\*

Temperance Sanders—Lowcountry Youth Tennis Association, Charleston, SC; Winthrop University

Jesse Simpson IV—Greensboro Tennis Program Foundation, Greensboro, NC; NC A&T\*

## Additional Congratulations to NJTL Graduates who received National USTA Foundation Scholarships:

Jaylon Bokknight, Ashtyn McFadden, Brandon Walker, along with Keri Quillin & Jesse Simpson IV

### \*Received Both Scholarships



## EXCELLENCE CUP WINNERS

Greensboro Tennis Program Foundation (GTP) in North Carolina is one of only 13 Excellence Teams in the country. Their 4 juniors and coach traveled to the Excellence Team Cup Competition in Washington, DC this July. The event included a spelling bee, a one-point tournament, a tour of DC and a trip to the Citi Open. Pictured are Coach Tony Mulè and team members Liam Wilson, Seth Christian, Alyese Boykins, and Gabriella Slovak. Participants also met Tennis Champion Sloane Stephens and Gil Reyes, former strength and conditioning coach for Tennis Champion Andre Agassi.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## 2019 NJTL BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS TRAINING:

The “Blueprint for Success” program is a collaboration between USTA Southern, the USTA Foundation, and Southern Tennis Foundation. It is designed to provide the following 9 chapters with organizational capacity building tools for success related to board development, program alignment, funding and succession planning. The second convening of chapters took place in Atlanta, GA with the majority of chapter Executive Directors and at least one board member in attendance. A big Shout Out to the USTA Foundation team and consultants who presented priceless data and information to increase the chapters’ growth mindset: Dave Higaki, Miguel Garcia, Tim Richardson, Jackie Materasso, and Greg Frias.

### CORTA, Columbus, GA

Family Biz Builder, Tunica, MS

Golden Triangle Tennis, Columbus, MS

Greenville CTA/NJTL, Greenville, MS

James Lewis Education & Tennis Foundation, Birmingham, AL

Rockingham County Tennis Association, Madison, NC

South Atlanta Community Tennis Association, Atlanta, GA

St. George Youth Sports League, St. George, SC

Youth Development Association, Huntsville, AL



USTA Foundation is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the NJTL network. They have highlighted 50 NJTL leaders and alumni who helped shaped this community with stories on USTA.com. All 50 stories can be found [here](#). Four Southern related stories are included.

- Grace Trimble
- Lenny Simpson
- David Schumacher (*pictured below*)
- Flex Howard (*pictured below*)



## SAFE PLAY REGISTRATION

NJTL organizations are required to submit updated staff and volunteer lists twice per year, indicating their staff and volunteers are in compliance with the USTA's Safe Play program.

Process:

- Visit <https://netgeneration.usta.com/> and select "Become a Provider" at the top right of the screen.
- Follow the five steps to register on Net Generation. You will be prompted to complete the Safe Play process.

For Net Generation Provider Registration Process [CLICK HERE](#)

For step by step guide to Complete the Safe Play Program [CLICK HERE](#)

Please be advised that the USTA Safe Play background screen does not replace your own organization's employment screening process.

If you share anything on social media about NJTL's 50th Anniversary, please use the following hashtags: #NJTL50 and #USTAFoundation, in addition to any other hashtags you'd normally use. Find the [NJTL 50 campaign toolkit](#) here for your reference.



Greenville CTA NJTL's Regional Rally in Jackson, MS



Tuscaloosa Tennis Association's NJTL School Program



South Atlanta NJTL Youth meet Pros Coco & Sloane



Vanita Mattix of Golden Triangle Tennis (MS)  
featured in Sept/Oct Tennis Magazine [CLICK HERE](#)