



Between the Lines



MACH ACADEMY, INC.

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2011 SPRING/SUMMER ISSUE

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Programs/Services

Healthy Minds and Bodies

Tutoring/Homework Help, Life Skills Dev, CRCT Prep ages 5 – 17 Mon- Fri 3:30p.m.- 6:00p.m.

Character Ed ages 3-9 Tues 7-8pm
SAT/ACT College Prep ages 14 – 18 Mon & Tues 6pm -7pm

First Serve Life Skills ages 6 –up Mon & Fri 6pm – 7pm

Book Club 9-18 Tue 6pm – 7pm
Chess Club 9-18 Thurs 6pm-7pm

Jr. Fitness & Tennis ages 9– 18 Mon, Tues, Fri 6:00 p.m.– 8:00p.m.

QuickStart Clinic ages 3 – 9 Mon, Tues, Fri 6:00p.m. 7:00p.m.

Adult Tennis Clinic Thursday 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Adult Beginner Computer Monday 6:00p.m. – 7:30p.m.

JTT/QuickStart Teams Fall/Spring Tennis Tournaments USTA.com

MACH Academy sponsored its first **College Bound** event, July 2010. Eight colleges shared valuable information to help participants set college and future career goals.

USTA NJTL First Serve Chapter

MACH Academy, Inc was selected in June 2010 as a USTA NJTL First Serve Chapter. First Serve Chapters are identified each year by the USTA, First Serve, Inc., and USTA Serves to introduce young people to the game of tennis, and help them learn specific skills and valuable life lessons. The First Serve mission is in line with MACH Academy's mission in that its program curriculum is designed "to empower young people by providing education programs that promote positive values, healthy habits, character development and real-life skills through the game of tennis."

Summer camp sessions will be held for eight weeks June and July at the Fleming Tennis Center. Campers will be challenged through hands on academic and career exploration learning activities during our **Reach for the Stars** Camp. Our **Tennis/Fitness, High Performance and QuickStart Tennis Camps** will provide campers with comprehensive tennis instruction to help them develop a genuine love for the game and to develop good sportsmanship. Campers will be challenged at all levels in group sessions, through drills, competitive matches, strength training, match strategy and mental toughness to ensure personal development and winning results. Contact the office for information.

The Chike Amobi Memorial Scholarship Fund established in 2010. Chike Joel Amobi was a powerful and tireless advocate for children and youth. He was one of the founders of MACH Academy, Inc. and devoted his life to helping children and youth find their direction in life through tennis and studies. He served as tutor, mentor, tennis instructor and board member for MACH Academy. Mr. Amobi passed May 23, 2009 at Mt. Sinai Medical Hospital in New York.



Family Housing Project

MACH Academy participates in the HUD Family Housing and Neighborhood Stabilization program to support home ownership for low and moderate income families. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs has approved MACH Academy, Inc. as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) and the organization has been approved as a HUD Home Discount Sales Approval Agency. We seek opportunities to help low and moderate income families become homeowners. During 2010 MACH Academy purchased and rehabilitated two houses in the South Augusta area, our newest house is at 1317 Beman Street. Once rehabilitation is complete, the house will be made available to a low/moderate income family.

2010 High School graduates

Joseph Collins, Bryce Giboney, E'lysia Ortiz, Lauren Sampson, Naima Simpkins, Jessica Taylor

Packing Party for USTA Adopt A Unit Project



2011 Health Fair



USTA Military Outreach

Partnership with Georgia Health Sciences University (MCG)

In conjunction with our **spring car wash/fund raiser**, MACH Academy and the Georgia Health Sciences University (MCG) partnered to sponsor a **Mini Health Fair** March 19, 2010. The event included health screening, nutrition and fitness activities. Thanks to all who helped to make this event a success.

School Tennis MACH Academy, through a partnership with the USTA and Georgia Afterschool Investment Council, provided after school tennis/fitness and lifeskills development sessions at three elementary and one middle school in Augusta-Richmond County area.

More than **300** participated in year round **local, regional, state, and national tennis tournaments** in 2010, Winners included:

- 1/22-24/10 Fishbach Family Medicine Jr. Open, Aiken SC
Rachel Harden G12s & doubles winner; **Kayla Price** G14s &, doubles winner
T'Asia Robinson G16s & doubles winner
- 1/29-31/10 Fleming Winter Blast Jr Championships, Augusta GA
Rachel Harden, G12s winner; **E'lysia Ortiz** G18s winner
- 2/12-15/10 Holly Tree Jr Challenger, Simpsonville SC
Justin Payton B16s winner
- 2/12-15/10 Polar Bear Jr Super Championships, Macon GA
T'Asia Robinson G16s winner
- 3/5-7/10 Westlake Junior Championships, Augusta GA
Kayla Price G14s winner; **Jayla Scott** G16s winner
- 3/13-15/10 Southern States Top 32 Augusta GA
Morgan Taylor G14s winner
- 3/27-28/10 PRC Junior Satellite, Augusta GA
Ivan Smith B14s winner
- 4/3-6/10 GA-Florida State Jr Championships Valdosta GA
Morgan Taylor G16s winner
- 4/24-26/10 Pepsi Junior Open, Florence SC
Kelee Smiley G12s winner
- 5/5-7/10 CSRA Junior Championships, Augusta GA
Kelee Smiley G12s winner
- 5/28-30/10 SATA Jr Spring Classic Championships, Savannah GA
Rachel Harden G14s winner
- 6/18-20/10 Junior Summer Challenger at Cobblestone Park, Blythewood SC
Blake Elam B10s winner
- 6/18-20/10 Diamond lakes Junior Satellite, Hephzibah GA
Joshua Julien B18s winner; **Jazmine Lawson** G12 singles winner
- 7/2-4/10 Southside Pediatrics of Aiken Jr Open, Aiken SC
Kelee Smiley G12s winner
- 7/24-29/10 GA State Junior Closed Championships Augusta GA
Rachel Harden G12s winner
- 9/10-12/10 Diamond Lakes Jr Championships, Hephzibah GA
T'Asia Robinson G18s winner
- 10/1-3/10 Augusta Junior Championships, Augusta GA
Ty'Neicia Smith G12s winner; **Kayla Price** G14s winner; **E'lysia Ortiz** G18s winner; **Shiquan Brown** B14s winner

Opportunities

Don't forget our Challenge Ladder, check with your coach if you would like to challenge a player.

Contact the office for all your tennis needs (balls, rackets, jump ropes, grips, racket stringing, shoes, tennis bags, etc.)

MACH Academy's **fall car wash/fundraiser** and **Community Resource Fair** will be held at the Fleming Tennis center August 20, 2011 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 p.m. We invite everyone to come out and support our car wash while learning about many of the services and programs available throughout the community.

Congratulations

Shiquan Brown and **Kelee Smiley** were selected and attended the 2010 USTA Tennis Leadership Camp in Atlanta Georgia. They returned home with lots of newly learned information to share with family and friends. This was a great learning experience and we thank the USTA for making this opportunity available.

Jazmine Lawson was selected as one of the USTA Southern 2010 Arthur Ashe Essay/Art contest winners. She traveled to New York and participated in activities during the Arthur Ashe Kids Day and attended the 2010 U. S. Open Tennis Tournament.

Rachel Harden was selected and participated in the 2010 USTA Competition Training held at various tennis camps in Georgia.

Whitney Moore (former MACH Academy participants) received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science May 2011 from the Georgia Health Sciences University (MCG)

More than fifty-five participants competed in the annual **Arthur Ashe National Essay and Art competition.**

The **MACH Machines** 18s and **MACH Miracles** 14s were first place winners during the 2010, CSRATA Junior Team Tennis sessions. **MACH Mavericks** captured 2nd place for the 12s team

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