

Between the Lines



MACH ACADEMY, INC.

Mentoring Academics Computers Healthy Recreation

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MACH Events:

Tutoring/Homework help ages
5 – 18 Mon- Fri 3:30 – 6:00
Junior Tennis Clinics ages 6– 18
Monday, Tuesday, Friday
Beginner/Intermediate 6:00 – 7:00
Advanced 6:00 – 8:00
Saturday
Beginner/Intermediate 2:00 – 4:00
Advanced 2:00 – 5:00
QuickStart Clinic ages 3 – 9
Mon, Tues, Fri 6:00 – 7:00
Adult Tennis Clinic
Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00
Adult Beginner Computer
Monday 6 – 7:30
Family Night (adult/child)
Tuesday 7:00 – 8:00

Coming Tennis Tournaments
MACH/Aiken Champs Nov 14 - 16
USTA National Open Nov 20 - 24
GA State Winter Open, Rome Dec 27-31

MACH Academy has had more than 36 entries in state, sectional and national tennis tournaments Aug - Oct 2008. We have had the following trophy winners

7/31-Aug 4/2008 ATA 2008 National Championships, Miami FL
Rachel Harden G10 Finalist

8/1-3 /2008: Aiken Internal Medicine Junior Challenger, Aiken, SC
Zakiya Provost, G16S-& G16D Winner
Raven Fair, G16 D-Winner

8/22-24/2008: Classic City Jr Champ, Athens, GA
Rachel Harden, G10S-Winner

8/30-9/1/2008: Papa John's Georgialina Junior Tennis Classic, Augusta GA
Kelee Smiley, G10S-Cons, G10D Winner
Morgan Taylor G12S-3rd PL

9/26-28/2008 Olive Garden Junior Tennis Championship Augusta GA
Joshua Julien, B14-Winner
Alexis Farmer, G10-Cons Winner
T'Asia Robinson, G14-Finalist

10/3-5/2008 Augusta Jr Championships, Augusta GA
Nicolas Ortiz, B18: Finalist
Curtis Wells, B18: Cons. Finalist
Joseph Collins, B16: Cons. Finalist
Ivan Smith, B12: Cons. Finalist
E'lysia Ortiz, G18: Winner
Jessica Taylor, G16: Finalist
Markeytha Chapman, G16: Cons Winner
Naima Simpkins, G16: Cons. Finalist
T'Asia Robinson, G14: Winner
Morgan Taylor, G14: Finalist
Kelee Smiley, G12: Winner
Kayla Price, G12: Finalist
Rachel Harden, G10: Winner

10/18-19/2008 Tournament Tough, Atlanta GA
Rachel Harden G10 Winner

Congratulations to all Winners



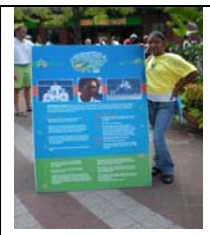
More news/information

Special Congratulations to Rachel Harden, the G10 Finalist in the American Tennis Association 2008 National Championships held in Miami Fl July 31 – August 4, 2008.



T'Asia Robinson has been selected as Captain for the Varsity Cheerleading Squad at Hillcrest Baptist School.

Zakiya Provost was selected as one of the 2008 Arthur Ashe Essay Contest winners. Zakiya and her father, Terry, enjoyed a variety of activities and events during the Arthur Ashe Kids Day Celebration and US Open Tournament in New York August 23, 2008.



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Historic Black College Play-Off

MACH participants and coaches attended the Historical Black College Play –Off held in Atlanta Georgia September 25, 2008. Participating colleges included: Virginia State, North Carolina Central University, Bethune-Cookman University, Winston-Salem University, Southern University, North Carolina A & T, Fort Valley State University, Xavier College, Hampton University, Prairie View A & M University and Florida A & M. The coaches from the respective colleges gave an overview of their college and shared with attendees some of the things they look for in potential students such as promptness, determination, respect, participation, attitudes and most importantly GPA, SAT and NCCA (clearinghouse) Match play among the colleges were held and then attendees were split into groups of Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores to participate in drills, match play and hit for prizes.

The group also enjoyed a cook-out hosted by USTA to allow participants to get to know each other on and off the court. Speakers during the cook-out included Yasmine Osborn, James Harrel and Rick Davison from USTA. The goal is to have this USTA cook-out become a monthly event hosted by a different tennis facility each month.

Coaches Michael Harden and Donnie Campbell attended the events along with MACH players Nicolas Ortiz, E'lysia Ortiz, Jamie Price, Kayla Price, Xavier Price, Kelee Smiley, Markeytha Chapman, Naima Simpkins, Michael Fuller, Zakiya Provost, Joseph Collins, and Curtis Wells. Everyone received valuable information and had a great time.

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Family Housing

MACH Academy, Inc. is pleased to announce that Michael Harden, Betty Jones, Brenda Ortiz and Dorothy Gibson successfully completed the Housing Counseling and Education Certification required by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority.

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USTA Junior Team Tennis

We salute our team captains and thank them for giving of their time and energy to help ensure success for team efforts:

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| MACH Marshals | Terry Provost and Scott Giboney |
| MACH Machines | Brenda Ortiz and Karen Ard |
| MACH Mavericks | Lula Dobey and Tania Sapp |
| MACH Musketeers | Gloria Gray and Cassandra Elam |
| MACH Miracles | Mary Harden and Tamera Davis |
| MACH Marvels | Brenda Coleman Valeric Jordan |

Current team standings:-

- Flight 18 & under (8 teams) MACH Machines, 2nd Place, MACH Marshals, 4th Place, MACH Mavericks, 5th Place
- Flight 14 & under (8 teams) MACH Musketeers, 7th Place
- Flight 12 & under (7 teams) MACH Miracles, 1st Place, MACH Marvels, 7th Place

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QuickStart Tennis

MACH Academy has one functioning 8 and under QuickStart Tennis team. The team's captains are Cheryl Price and Yolanda Neloms. We thank them for all they do to help the team. The Bobcats QuickStart team is ranked 4th of the 6 team participating.

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MACH Academy's Programs and Services are supported through funding and in-kind services provided by Augusta/Aiken Parks and Recreation Departments, Housing and Community Development Department (CDBG and Public Facility Funding), CSRA United Way (Employee designated funds), USTA Tennis & Education Foundation, Corporation for Nat'l & Community Service, Publix Supermarkets, USTA Community Funding, Comcast, DOE at SRS, USTA Southern Section, GA & SC Tennis Associations, Community Foundation of the CSRA, Proctor & Gamble, and private donations.

Opportunities

Wanted persons interested in chess. A new chess team will be organized this fall. Contact the office for information.

Beginning November 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Cheryl Price will provide academic enrichment sessions for the QuickStart participants. If you would like for your child to participate, please contact the office. Sessions will include tutoring, character education and more.

We need volunteers to serve as tutors and program assistants. If you can help contact the office.

Scott Giboney will continue the computer graphic sessions each Friday 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for middle and high school participants to help prepare for local and national Technology Competitions.

Patrick Clayton, U. S Dept of Justice Drug Enforcement will provide drug education for middle and high school participants Nov 17, 2008 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and Nov 18, 2008 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for elementary school participants. Parents and friends are also invited to attend the sessions as we provide information and tips to equip MACH participants to help spread the word that real life is Drug Free.