



Between the Lines



MACH ACADEMY, INC.

Mentoring Academics Computers Healthy Recreation
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2009 SUMMER/FALL ISSUE

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Welcome to our new VISTA,
Natasha Brown

Programs/Services

Tutoring/Homework Help,
Computer Literacy, Nutrition,
Social Skills Dev ages 5 – 18
Mon- Fri 3:30p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Character Education Ages 3 - 9
Monday, Tuesday 7p.m.–8p.m.
CRCT, SAT Prep ages 6 – 18
Monday, Tuesday 7p.m.– 8p.m.
College Prep ages 14 – 18
Mondays 6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.

Book Club ages 11 - 15
Tuesday 5:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.
Chess Club ages 11 and up
Thursday 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Jr. Fitness & Tennis ages 6– 18
Mon, Tues, Fri 6:00 p.m.– 8:00p.m.
Saturday 2:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.

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

Adult Tennis Clinic
Thursday 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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

Family Night (adult/child)
Tennis/Fitness Tues 7p.m.- 8p.m.

High School students were challenged monthly through **College planning** and **SAT/ACT Prep** sessions.

Our **Book Club** is up and running with 12 active members. Participants are learning to enjoy reading while stimulating critical thinking.

Summer Camp Sessions

Summer camp sessions were held June 8 – 26 & July 7 – 24, 2009.

More than 400 campers were challenged through our **Reach for the Stars** Academic Career Exploration Camp; **Tennis Camp** and **High Performance Camp**.

During our Reach for the Stars camp, community Resource members facilitated a variety of hands on learning sessions including: career exploration, college planning, CRCT/SAT Prep, healthy eating, budget planning, technology, tennis/fitness instruction, fundamentals of golf, skin care, safety, self esteem, leadership, citizenship, conflict resolution, fire prevention, personal health, math, forensic science, reading, chess, etc.

The **2009 Tennis and High performance Camps** provided campers with comprehensive tennis instruction to help them develop a genuine love for the game and to develop good sportsmanship. Instruction challenged campers at all levels in group sessions, through drills, competitive matches, strength training and match strategy mental toughness to ensure personal development and winning results.

Tribute to Chike Joel Amobi

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. We are deeply grateful for his friendship and support, we will miss him.



MACH Academy invests in the community by purchasing and rehabilitating its first home in South Augusta.

MACH Academy participates in the HUD Family Housing and Neighborhood Stabilization program to support home ownership for low and moderate income families. Three team members successfully completed the Georgia Department of Community Affairs "Housing Counseling and Education Techniques" Certification. 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 will seek opportunities to help low and moderate income families become homeowners.

Scenes from summer camp sessions



MACH Academy and the Medical College of Georgia partnered to sponsor a **Health Fair** July 16th. The event was highly successful.

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A special thanks to our summer volunteers(MACH Academy participants) E'lysia Ortiz, Naima Simpkins, Markeytha Chapman, also Jennifer Bonds, James Riley, Charmaine Shepherd, Roberta Robinson, Rosalyn Stephens and (Helen Smith, Georgia Palmore, Mattie Tuten, from the Senior Citizens Council)
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Tournament winners May- August 2009

5/1-3/09 Long Creek Plantation Jr Challenger, Blythewood, SC
Raven Fair G16 winner
 5/8-10/09 Raising Canes CSRA Jr Augusta GA **Kayla Price** G14 winner, **T'Asia Robinson** G16 winner
 5/8-10/09 Woodside Classic Aiken, SC **Raven Fair** G18, winner
 5/23/09 Rising Stars, Lexington SC **Scottie Laney** B12 winner
 5/29-31/09 MCTA Jr Chmp Rock HI SC **Rachel Harden** G12 doubles winner
 6/1-5/09 GA State Closed Macon GA **Rachel Harden** G12 doubles winner
 7/3/6/09 MIDTAC 09 Indianapolis IN **Rachel Harden** G12s and double winner
 7/10-15/09 SC Closed, Columbia SC **Jordan Dingle** B14 doubles winner
 7/10-12/09 NTC Satellite Augusta GA **Mark Coleman** B14 winner
 7/17-19/09 City of Charleston SC **Rachel Harden** G12 doubles winner
 7/18/09 Rising Stars II Columbia SC **Michael Atwater** B10 winner, **Mark Coleman** B16 winner
 7/25-8/2 Nat'l Public Pks Lexingt n SC **Joshua Julian** B16s Winner
4/4-7/09 GA/FL State Open-Valdosta **Morgan Taylor** G12s Winner, **Jessica Taylor** G18s Doubles Winner
4/25/09 Rising Stars- Columbia SC **Taylor Elam** G14 Winner
4/25-27/09 Pepsi Jr Open, Florence SC **Rachel Harden** G10s Winner
8/21-23/09 Greenwood Challenger Greenwood SC Raven Fair G18 winner
 8/28=30/09 Aiken Jr Open, Aiken SC **E'lysia Ortiz** G18 winner, **Joshua Julian** B16 winner, **Jonathan Dingle** B18 winner, dbl winner **Jordan Dingle** B16 winner, dbl winner.

Opportunities

MACH Academy has been selected as a 2010 First Serve NJTL Chapter-in-Development. A select number of NJTL chapters are identified each year by the USTA, First Serve, Inc., and USTA Serves. Once selected, chapters embark on an exciting journey--- not only to introduce young people to the game of tennis, but also to 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." For more information, contact the office.

MACH Academy is having its annual Augusta Junior Championships Tournament Oct 2 – 4, 2009.

The Book Club sessions are held Tuesdays 5:00p.m. If you love to read, this is the club for you.

Tutoring and academic support sessions are held Monday – Friday 3:30p.m. – 6:00p.m. Sign up today, we'll help you stay on track academically.

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.)

Congratulations: Nailah McKenny was selected and attended the 2009 USTA Tennis leadership Camp in Denver. She returned home with lots of newly learned information to share with family and friends. This was a great learning experience for Nailah and we thank the USTA for giving her this opportunity.

T'Asia Robinson received a 2009 USTA Serves Incentive Award. She was selected based on her participation in USTA/Independent tennis program activities. The award is designed to encourage personal tennis development. Way to Go T'Asia!

Curtis Wells and Jazmine Scott (former MACH participants) were selected and served as VISTA Summer Associates for ten weeks during the summer. They provided valuable hands on public relations, technology and program implementation sessions during the ten weeks.

Dewayne Dixon (also a former MACH participant) provided 5 weeks of science exploration, college planning and help in preparing high school participants to successfully pass H S Graduation Tests.

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