



**STREETSSQUASH**

REACH HIGH. FOLLOW THROUGH.

# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



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# WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1999, StreetSquash is a year-round youth enrichment organization based in Harlem that supports young people ages 11–24 in achieving their academic, personal, and professional potential. Through a comprehensive, multi-year model, StreetSquash integrates rigorous academic support, college and career readiness, social-emotional development, and squash competition to advance whole-child development. In close partnership with families, schools, and community stakeholders, StreetSquash surrounds each student with coordinated, long-term support, equipping participants with academic and career-ready skills, social-emotional well-being, and a strong sense of purpose to succeed in college, career, and civic life.

# A LETTER FROM THE STREETSQUASH BOARD CHAIRS:

This year marked a period of meaningful growth and renewed momentum for StreetSquash. As Board Chairs, we are proud to reflect on a year defined by strong leadership, measurable progress, and a continued commitment to expanding opportunity for the young people we serve.

StreetSquash provided programming in financial literacy through partnerships with World of Money and ClassBank. This immersive curriculum equips children with fundamental principles for a financially responsible and philanthropic life: learn, earn, save, invest, and donate.

Academic programming expanded our SAT-preparation to include 9th graders. Through our partnership with Bespoke, participants received tailored instruction designed to align with their individual academic pathways and learning needs.

The Junior Board engaged more than 200 dedicated young professionals through quarterly events, increasing participation in tutoring and on-court support for students. These activities support leadership, boosts fundraising, and brings fresh innovative ideas.

The StreetSquash Cup continued to be a pillar of strength for the organization, raising \$1.1 million this year. Its continued success reflects the resilience of our community and the shared commitment of supporters.

We expanded competitive squash opportunities across elementary and middle school, marked by a first appearance at Middle School Nationals and record participation at SEA Team Nationals. Forty students participated in competitive play, nearly 30% in US-Squash-sanctioned tournaments.

None of this progress would be possible without the steady leadership and dedication of our staff, the trust of our families, and the determination of our participants. As Board Chairs, we remain committed to stewarding StreetSquash's mission and ensuring the organization is positioned for sustainable growth.

We are grateful for your continued belief in StreetSquash and invite you to celebrate the achievements highlighted in this report.

With appreciation,

**David Eun & Eric Muller**  
StreetSquash Board Chairs

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

This year, we reaffirmed our commitment to developing the whole child, pairing strong academic support with meaningful opportunities for personal growth. At StreetSquash, we believe success requires more than academic achievement alone. Young people also need practical experience, guidance, and the confidence that comes from being trusted with real responsibility.

Our focus on professional readiness expanded in important ways. Through new partnerships with corporate employers, we created internship opportunities exclusively for StreetSquash students. These experiences provided meaningful exposure to professional environments and expectations. Following their placements, students were matched with dedicated corporate mentors who continue to offer guidance and support as they navigate their academic and career pathways.

We also piloted ClassBank during our summer program as part of a broader effort to strengthen financial literacy and real-world skill building. Using this platform, students managed digital accounts with “Squash Bucks,” gaining hands-on experience with earning stipends, budgeting, paying rent, and managing expenses through incentives and consequences. The pilot was highly successful and will be integrated into the 2025–2026 program year.

Together, these initiatives reflect our belief that preparation for adulthood happens through experience, accountability, and support. By equipping young people with academic and career-ready skills, social-emotional well-being, and a strong sense of purpose, we are positioning them to meet everyday challenges and seize future opportunities. This report offers a snapshot of the progress we made toward those goals over the past year.

Sincerely,   
Jen Wohl  
Executive Director



# ACADEMICS

**TUTORING  
HOURS**

**841**

2024-2025  
SCHOOL YEAR

**291**

2025  
SUMMER

**100% OF STUDENTS  
WHO NEEDED A TUTOR  
RECEIVED TUTORING SERVICES**

**8 STUDENTS  
EARNED \$50,000  
IN SCHOLARSHIPS  
TO ATTEND  
PRE-COLLEGE  
PROGRAMS AT  
THE FOLLOWING  
INSTITUTIONS:**

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

## INVESTING IN KNOWLEDGE: FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR STUDENTS

This year, StreetSquash expanded its support for students by launching a comprehensive financial literacy program in partnership with World of Money. The initiative was made possible through the generous support of a Board Member's family.

Over a four-week period, students in grades 5 through 12 participated in interactive sessions focused on core financial topics. Lessons covered financial mindsets, budgeting, saving, ethical decision-making, and the differences between banks and credit unions. Each session was led by a World of Money educator and included engaging videos, discussions, and hands-on activities. Students created personal goals, reflected on spending habits, and explored strategies to build long-term financial stability.

Through this program, participants began developing a more informed and confident approach to money management, starting with positive affirmations and building toward lasting financial knowledge.

# COLLEGE ACCESS SUCCESS & ALUMNI SUPPORT

**\$500,000**  
AMOUNT OF  
**SCHOLARSHIP**  
DOLLARS EARNED

**\$31,000**  
STREETSQUASH  
**SCHOLARSHIP**  
DOLLARS AWARDED

**100%**  
OF STUDENTS **GRADUATED**  
HIGH SCHOOL

**100%**  
OF STUDENTS **MATRICULATED**  
TO HIGHER EDUCATION



**Kevin Weems** shared how he combined his passions for photography and accounting to build his own business, allowing him to pursue what he loves while enjoying the freedom of entrepreneurship.



**Makeda Woods Deans**, a social worker and mental health professional, introduced students to mindfulness practices and strategies for managing anxiety and stress.



**Yazmine Nichols**, a Christian minister and lawyer, shared how her work focuses on making the legal system more fair and accessible. She led a hands-on workshop introducing students to trial advocacy and helped them write their own opening statements.

## THE CLASS OF 2025 IS ATTENDING COLLEGE AT THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

|                                           |                             |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN<br>COMMUNITY COLLEGE | LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE |
| CONNECTICUT COLLEGE                       | MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE          |
| CORNELL UNIVERSITY                        | SUNY NEW PALTZ UNIVERSITY   |
| JOHN JAY COLLEGE                          | UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY        |
| JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY                | VASSAR COLLEGE              |

## INTERNSHIPS HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS GAINED INVALUABLE, HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE THROUGH INTERNSHIPS AT:

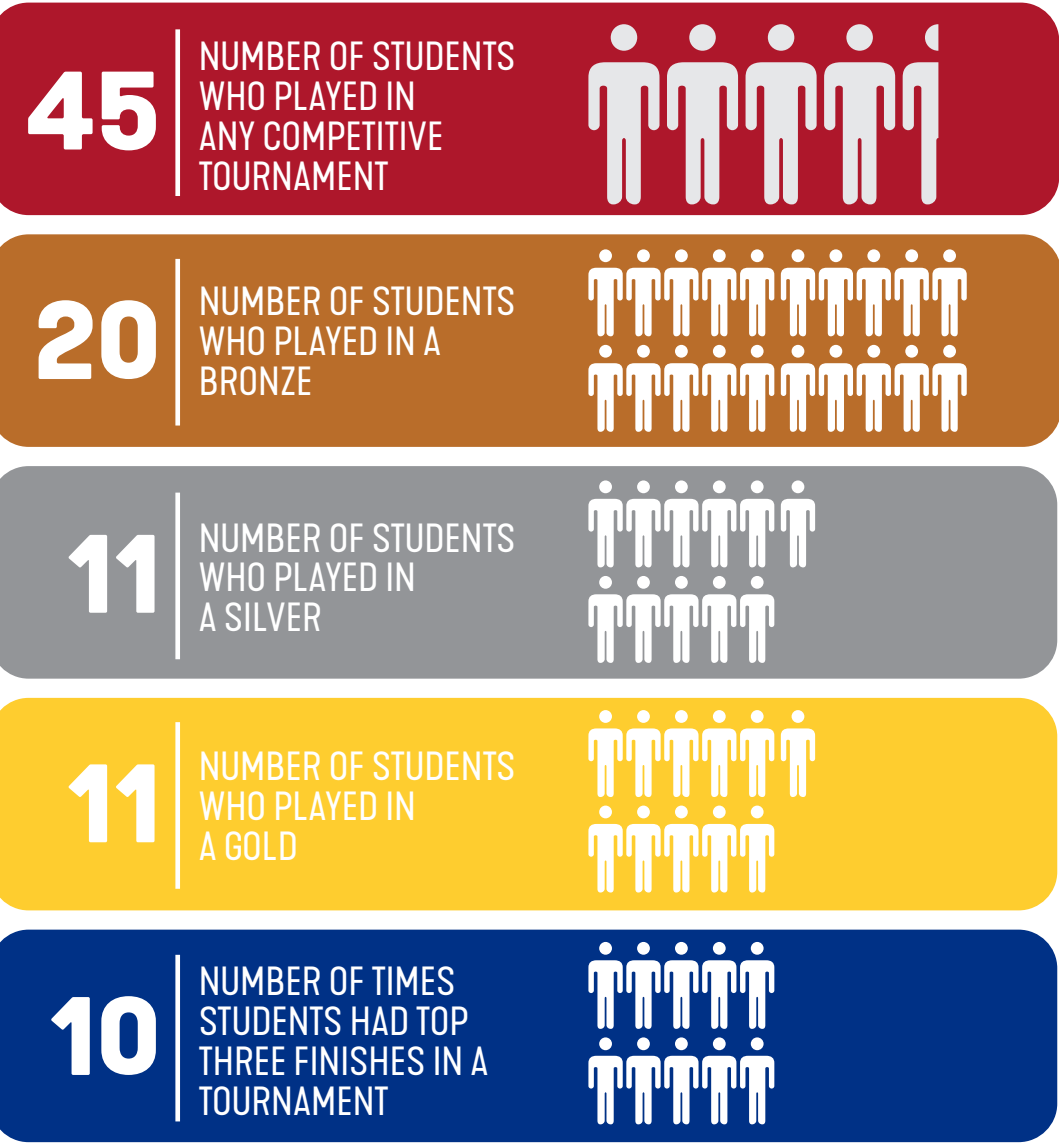
SPEAR PHYSICAL THERAPY  
COLISEUM DENTAL  
NY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
LIBRARY STUDEN  
HUGO BOSS/DM

## STARTING EARLY: EXPANDING COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS TO MIDDLE SCHOOL:

This year, thanks to a generous grant from the Pinkerton Foundation, StreetSquash significantly expanded its college and career readiness programming to a younger cohort of middle school students for the first time. Recognizing that the path to college begins long before high school, especially given New York City's demanding high school application process, we began engaging students as early as sixth grade. This expanded programming included introducing middle schoolers to diverse career paths through engaging guest speakers, alongside workshops designed to demystify the college experience and foster early aspirations. We also provided crucial social and emotional support to help students navigate the complex high school application process, ensuring they're well-equipped for future academic and professional success.



# SQUASH



CLASS OF 2025  
STUDENTS WHO ARE  
PLAYING SQUASH  
IN COLLEGE

THOMAS OVERTON  
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

JULIAN CARDENAS  
VASSER COLLEGE

OSIRIS PEREZ  
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

## MAKING HISTORY: STREETSSQUASH’S FIRST MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM COMPETES ON NATIONAL STAGE:

We were incredibly proud to highlight a historic milestone for StreetSquash this year: for the first time in our 25-year history, a group of our dedicated middle school student-athletes competed in the U.S. Middle School Team Squash Championships. The team, representing the New York French American Charter School (NYFACS) and inspired by the success of our Thurgood Marshall Academy high school team in 2023,

exemplified the power of student initiative and hard work. With generous support from Harrow Sports, which provided new rackets, these five talented students made their mark, showcasing their skills and the strength of our partnerships on a national stage. This achievement highlighted their passion, talent, and the transformative impact of our holistic youth development program.



# SOCIAL WORK & COMMUNITY SERVICE

## GROWING TOGETHER: NEW GIRLS' AND BOYS' GROUPS BUILD CONNECTION AND CONFIDENCE



### 5TH GRADE GIRLS GROUP:

A notable addition this past year was the formation of our inaugural 5th-grade girls' group. This initiative brought students together for biweekly discussions on friendship, resulting in many meaningful conversations. It served as a crucial safe space for the girls to navigate pertinent topics and cultivate the essential skill of relationship building throughout the school year.

### 5TH & 6TH GRADE BOYS GROUP:

We also launched a dedicated boys group for 5th and 6th graders, designed to foster essential life skills.

This new initiative focused on building communication, teamwork, and collaboration among our young participants. We are enthusiastic about our continued commitment to supporting these individuals as they grow and navigate personal challenges, equipping them with crucial tools for success.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE:

### 139TH STREET CLEANUP:

Our participants teamed up with the Malcolm X Boulevard Beautification Group to revitalize 139th Street. They picked up trash, pulled weeds, and planted tulips that bloomed beautifully in the spring.

This initiative underscored the importance of teaching our students to give back to their communities, fostering a sense of civic responsibility and demonstrating the tangible impact of their efforts on the local environment.



### SLC COAT DRIVE:

We are incredibly proud of the Student Leadership Committee (SLC), who organized and executed a student-led winter clothing drive. This remarkable effort, which collected four huge boxes of donations, not only provided vital support to those in need but also served as a powerful testament to the leadership skills and community spirit our students are developing.

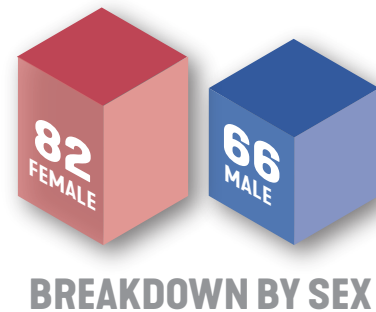
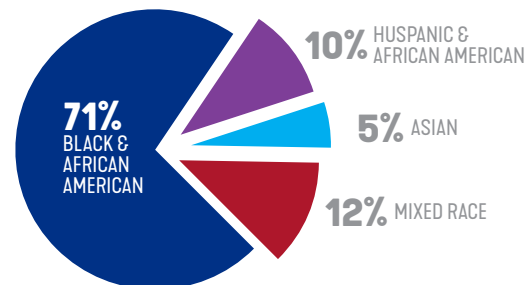
### JEFFERSON GARDEN:

We partnered with Concrete Safari to deepen our students' understanding of environmentalism, exploring its global implications and local impact within their communities. The Concrete Safari team visited StreetSquash to lead a series of engaging workshops on these vital topics. Building on this knowledge, our students later visited Jefferson Garden, a Harlem community garden, where they directly applied their understanding by contributing to its seasonal preparation through planting and mulching efforts.



# SUMMER ENRICHMENT AT STREETSQUASH

**148**  
NUMBER  
OF PARTICIPANTS  
ENROLLED



This summer, our six-week camp welcomed nearly 150 young people who participated in a wide range of engaging activities. Campers spent their days building essential skills like self-awareness, collaboration, and communication through a variety of programs, including daily sessions of squash and swimming.

In a unique filmmaking project, they learned the fundamentals of storytelling, such as plot, climax,

rising action, and conclusion, and applied these new skills to produce their own short films.

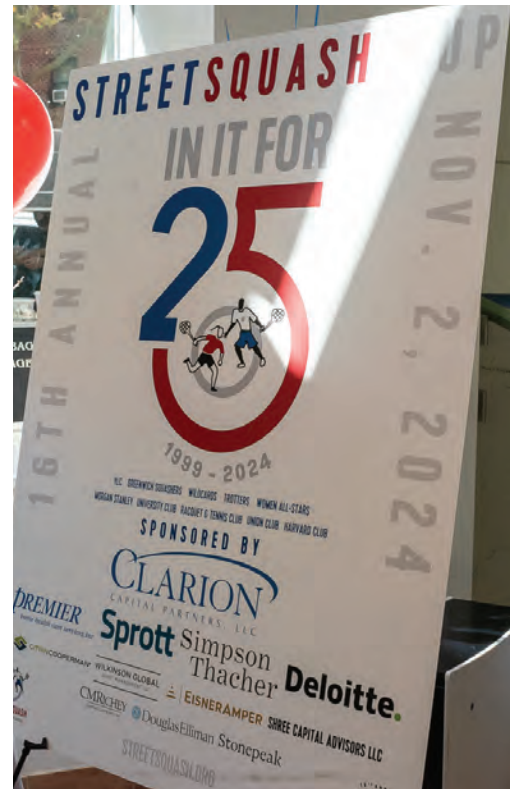
The campers also gave back to the community through a series of community service projects and enjoyed a variety of fun-filled field trips to destinations like the Museum of Ice Cream, a Brooklyn Cyclones game, and Adventureland Amusement Park.



# EVENTS

## STREETSSQUASH CUP

Marking a quarter-century of impact, the 16th Annual StreetSquash Cup was a significant achievement last year, generating over \$1.1 million. This landmark event also served to commemorate StreetSquash's 25th anniversary under the banner, "In it for 25 Years." The on-court action was vibrant across two sessions. Between sessions, a powerful 25th-anniversary ceremony featured inspiring speeches from Raymond Flowers (a member of our first graduating class), current students Thomas Overton and Journeih Sultan, and caregiver Nef Edwards, reflecting on StreetSquash's profound community impact.



## SIXTH ANNUAL TEE OFF FOR STREETSSQUASH

StreetSquash hosted its Sixth Annual Tee off for StreetSquash at Engineer's Country Club in Roslyn, NY. The event was a resounding success, drawing 100 participating golfers and raising over \$70,000 for StreetSquash. Attendees had the privilege of hearing from our Honoree, Paul Assaiante, the former Trinity Men's Squash Head Coach, renowned for leading his team to seventeen national titles and an astonishing 252 consecutive match wins—the longest winning streak in college sports history. Guests also received a complimentary copy of Paul's inspiring book, *Run to the Roar*.



## JUNIOR CUP

The 13th Annual Junior Cup proved to be an outstanding fundraising event in 2025, generating over \$110,000 to support StreetSquash's vital programs. Twenty teams from NYC-area schools and clubs, including our own StreetSquash team and the Harlem Squash Club, participated in this fun-filled day of friendly competition. Teams collectively aimed for a \$100,000 goal, and their dedicated fundraising efforts leading up to the event exceeded expectations. Individually, we saw incredible commitment, with 14 players raising at least \$1,500 each, and three exceptional participants surpassing the \$5,000 mark.



# BOARD/STAFF/PARTNERS

## BOARD:

**David Eun** *Co-Chair*  
CEO,  
Alakai Group

**Eric Muller** *Co-Chair*  
Partner,  
Oak Hill Advisors

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**Mark Wishnia**  
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Academic Coordinator

**Dariela Taveras**  
Academic Coordinator

**July Torres**  
Academic Coordinator

## SQUASH:

**Katiria Sanchez**  
Assistant Squash Director

**Rick Penders**  
Head Squash Professional

## COLLEGE ACCESS, SUCCESS & ALUMNI SUPPORT:

**Kirsten Bowens**  
Manager of CASAS

**Kerisha Lewis**  
Career Development Coordinator

## SOCIAL WORK:

**Anthony Diana**  
Social Worker

**Kylie VanLuvender**  
Social Worker

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Amherst College  
Beautify Harlem  
Bespoke Education  
Beyond Sport  
Camp Herrlich  
Class Bank  
Columbia Community Service  
Columbia University  
Concrete Safari  
Corner Squash  
Dalton High School  
Fala Financial  
Harlem Business Alliance  
Harlem Congregations for Community  
Improvement INC  
Harlem Grown  
Harrow  
Hope for New York  
Hunter College Bachelor of Social Work  
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Kent School  
Kings Towers  
Laureus USA  
LB Squash  
Manhattan College Black Student Union  
Manhattan College Work Study Program  
McKinsey & Co.  
Monetary Monarch  
MSquash  
New York Public Library  
New York Squash  
Parenting Journey  
Partnership for After-School Education  
Squash and Education Alliance  
Tournament of Champions  
U.S. Squash  
Van Cortlandt Park  
Young Leadership Committee



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