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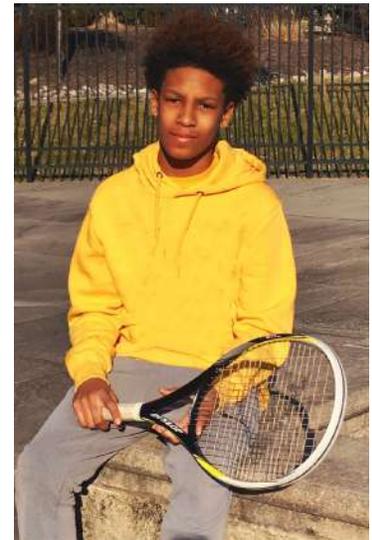


## **Keith Bunn, Jr. receives the USA Foundation Davenport Character Award**

Ron Nano, Legacy Youth Tennis and Education CEO presented the award to Keith at Legacy's Pre-Annual Benefit Sponsor Recognition Reception. The award comes with \$5,000 in tennis and academic support. Keith began playing tennis in Legacy's summer tennis camp at Allen's Lane and then became a Future Star. Keith has set a goal of playing D1 tennis at college! Congratulations to Keith and his family on this honor!

## **Meet Rising Star Aiden Ross**

Aiden Ross, a 7th grader at Ad Prima Charter School started playing tennis in the fourth grade when he attended Legacy's after school community tennis program held at Ad Prima. Later, he became a Rising Star and attends regular clinics, plus a special Rising Stars clinic on Saturdays and also participates in Legacy's Guidance Program! He is grateful for his coaches, especially Coach Charles, Coach Dean, Coach Larry and Coach Joe. Aiden got into tennis because his parents wanted him to try it, and now he wants to play in high school and college and is even considering coaching as a career! And it all started at Legacy's after school program! Apart from tennis skills, Aiden feels he has learned discipline, respect, patience, and expressiveness from his Legacy experience. He has learned to be less judgmental and more willing to put himself out there, because the wide variety of personalities he's encountered have taught him "You can't make friends by sitting in a corner; you have to get up and talk to people." When asked how his years at Legacy have impacted him, Aiden responded, "Legacy is my sanctuary."



## **Tori Alexander Earns College Scholarship**

My name is Tori Alexander and I have been playing at Legacy for almost 15 years. I started in Munchkins when I was 4 years old. I am now 17 years old and I'm a senior in high school and will be attending Hampton University this fall, 2019 on an academic and athletic scholarship. Legacy has helped me grow and has shaped me as a player but also as a person. Legacy has shown me that it is important to give back from volunteering by helping the younger kids grow as players on the tennis court, to helping in the classroom and reading a book to them. Over the years the relationships I have developed with other players, coaches, and even administration at Legacy have influenced and molded me into who I am today.

## Legacy Players Attend 2019 Winter Invitational in Washington

In February six of Legacy's TT1 players were selected to attend the 2019 Seventh Annual Winter International Event powered by USTA Diversity and Inclusion in Washington. The event brought together over 60 of the top High Performance 14's and 16's age division players from across the country for a weekend of high intensity training and competitive match play along with educational activities that cultivate the entire player. Our players participated in a college coach forum, a community service activity, several fun social events and heard various guest speakers. The event provided valuable information and tools to help prepare our players for their college careers and beyond. The goal of the weekend was to expose and inform our players to their scholastic future through a college showcase and open forum. Our players enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones and learning more about the college process. Legacy would like to thank the Winter Invitational committee for hosting a great event, guest speakers, tournament officials and a huge shout out to Coach Terrance (former Legacy Coach) for hosting the weekend at The Aspen Hill Club.



**Pictured Left to right: Taylor Ford, Kameryn Bunn, Kamora Helton, Tori Allen, Ajay Shefh, Julian Casabon, Accompanied by Coaches Sanjin, Desean, Joni and Jon Glover**

## Meet Our New Board Members

We are thrilled to announce that Legacy recently welcomed three new members to our Board of Directors. Each bring with them experience and expertise that will help Legacy prepare youth for success! Please join us in welcoming:

- **Chris Beck, Founder Philadelphia NJTL**
- **Henry Stursberg, President, Stursberg and Fine**
- **Peter Zilper, Vice President of Operations, Aramark Business Dining**

The full Board of Directors can be found at [legacyyte.org/about-us/board-of-directors](http://legacyyte.org/about-us/board-of-directors)

This month we are highlighting Board Member Chris Beck. Please watch for highlights of our other new board members in future newsletters.

### Christine Beck - A True Champion

Christine Beck serves on Legacy's Board of Directors. But Chris's commitment and dedication to Philadelphia area youth and to Legacy Youth Tennis and Education started back in 1970 when Chris, along with her husband Leif, started the Philadelphia chapter of the National Junior Tennis League (NJTL), the Nation's second ever chapter. Today, Legacy Youth Tennis and Education is one of the largest NJTL chapters, thanks in large part to Chris and Leif's early efforts. She also served as the national board chair of the NJTL from 1979-1983. In recognition of her efforts, Chris was honored with the USTA/NJTL Founder's Service Award in 2014. In an article written about Chris in Tennis Magazine's The Heroes Issue\*, she said "If champions emerge, fine. The goal was not to create tennis champions but rather productive citizens." As the Philadelphia NJTL grew, she remained committed to the mission and she was quoted in the article as saying: "Our goals were the same. Use tennis as a hook to open doors for underserved children and to help them understand the value of education." Legacy is honored and proud to welcome Chris back as a member of our board.

\*Quotes from article written by Jonathan Scott, Tennis Magazine Nov./Dec. 2014



## A Day of Service at Legacy!

For Martin Luther King Day 2019, players and families from Legacy's after school tennis programs came to Legacy for a day of service. Together, we made fleece lap blankets for the residents of Christal Care Services and then drove to Christal Care to distribute the gifts we had made. We weren't sure how many residents would want blankets, but it turned out that we had made exactly the number they needed! The other fun fact about this event is that we learned that you can see the Hunting Park Playground tennis courts from the windows at Christal Care Services. Since most of the participants in the service project were from Hunting Park, it will be easy for them to maintain a connection.

## Best Summer Ever at Legacy Summer Camps!

### Legacy Center Based Tennis Camp

Sign up now to improve your tennis skills, have fun and make friends! Daily schedules include athletic development, on court drilling and match play. And all campers have the opportunity to go on optional weekly field trips to places like Phillies games, rock climbing, movies and more! We have a variety of camps so you are sure you find the one that is right for you and we offer before and after care. You can register by the week so you can be sure not to miss any fun because of conflicts. Don't wait, space is limited.



### Community Tennis Summer Camps

Legacy Youth Tennis and Education is proud to run Community Tennis Summer Camps throughout the city of Philadelphia. Our summer programming is an excellent example of the organization's mission in action. We offer 9 weeks of comprehensive tennis instruction, complemented by fun activities, at both full and half-day locations at neighborhood recreation centers and playgrounds. Highlights include singles and team tennis matches, reading program, national essay contest, free lunch and a free Legacy t-shirt all included in our low rates. Full day camps are only \$240 and half day camps are just \$125. Sibling discounts are available. Find a camp in your neighborhood and join us for a fun experience playing a character building sport!

## Legacy Summer Neighborhood Camps will be run at: (Full Day Camps in Blue)

### Allens Lane

- Awbury Rec Center
- Charles Finley Playground
- Germantown Friends
- Houston Playground
- Hunting Park
- Mander Playground
- Pleasant Playground
- Water Tower Rec Center
- Boyle Rec Center

### Fox Chase Playground

- LaSalle University
- Olney Rec Center
- Jardel Playground
- Max Myers Playground
- McArdle Playground
- Russo Park
- Torresdale
- Cobbs Creek Rec Center
- Eastwick Park

### FDR Park

- Finnegan Playground
- Garden Court
- Lee Cultural Center
- Kingsessing Playground
- Markward Playground
- Parkside Evens Rec Center
- Rose Playground
- Seeger Playground

## Teaching More than Tennis

Legacy's monthly Guidance Workshops help support our players' education. Topics include: time management, test anxiety, building concentration and focus, and test taking tips. Handouts from the workshops are available to all Legacy families at [www.legacyyte.org/about-us/resources/](http://www.legacyyte.org/about-us/resources/).

As part of our character education programming, each month we focus on a different virtue. For April, we strengthened our skills for treating people with respect: acknowledging the feelings and interests of others, and then treating them with deferential regard and esteem.

An Activity for Parents and Kids to Better Understand "Respect"

An important way to show and earn respect is through simple kindness and courtesy. Watch this brief video together with your children: [www.passiton.com/inspirational-stories-tv-spots/72-locker](http://www.passiton.com/inspirational-stories-tv-spots/72-locker) and then start a conversation! Here are a few conversation starters you can use:

Who shows respect in the video?

Who is disrespectful?

Which person do you want to be? Why?

## The 36th Annual Legacy Benefit

On April 18, 2019, Legacy hosted the 36th Annual Legacy Benefit. The event honored Clay W. Hamlin III, Co-Founder of CITRS for his dedication to promoting character development and for giving back to the greater community. The night also recognized David (D.A.) Abrams, Immediate Past Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer of USTA and an alumni of Legacy, as our Achievement Award recipient. All proceeds from this special event directly support Legacy's efforts to serve youth through the sport of tennis, combined with education and character programming. Emmy Award winning Broadcaster Harry Cicma served as MC; Legacy players Kamora Helton and Josh Hale were center stage teaching us about Legacy's



virtue of the month, respect. Among our more than 450 attendees spotted in the crowd were former Eagles player, Connor Barwin, Undisputed World Middleweight Boxing Champion, Bernard Hopkins, Emmy Award-Winning Producer & Host of Tapping IN: The Happiest People and Places, Linda Swain and ESPN sportscaster Dave Leno. The night was a great success, we had a lot of fun and are looking forward to next year already. Keep an eye out for auction items you can still buy! Details coming soon.

### Save the Date for Legacy On the Lawn

Kick off the grass court season at Legacy on the Lawn on June 10th at Germantown Cricket Club.



Grown-ups play and help Legacy serve up opportunities for kids.



**Our Mission: Preparing youth for success through our inclusive community, using tennis, education and character programming.**

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