



**40 STUDENT ATHLETES EARN SPOTS IN
26TH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CAMP TO BE HELD IN ATLANTA, JULY 20-25**

Camp to Stress Arthur Ashe's Ideals of Leadership and Sportsmanship

**USTA/NJTL Tennis Leadership Camp Attendees to Participate in
Philanthropic Activity with Students from
Recording Artist Usher's New Look Leadership Academy**

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., JULY 20, 2010 – The USTA announced today that 40 student athletes with diverse backgrounds from throughout the country have been selected to attend the 26th annual **USTA/NJTL Tennis Leadership Camp** in Atlanta from July 20-25. The camp is exclusively for youth ages 12-14 who participate in National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) network chapters nationwide.

Participants were selected through a rigorous application process that considered tennis aptitude, sportsmanship, leadership skills and financial need. The all-expenses paid week-long camp provides the attendees with valuable tennis instruction plus a rewarding educational and motivational experience. In addition to 4-7 hours of daily tennis training with experienced tennis teachers, participants will volunteer to sort and pack donated books for shipment to Books for Africa projects and programs. They will be joined by students from recording artist Usher's New Look Leadership Academy for this unique service and leadership opportunity. The USTA/NJTL campers also will visit popular Atlanta attractions throughout the week including the Martin Luther King Jr. Museum, the World of Coke, and the Inside CNN Tour.

"For each of the last 26 years, the NJTL national staff has offered once-in-a-lifetime experiences to a deserving group of underserved youth through the USTA/NJTL Tennis Leadership Camp," said Barry Ford, Director, Outreach & Advocacy, USTA. "These students, some of whom have never been outside of their own communities, are being afforded the opportunity to travel to Atlanta, a city rich in history and rampant with tennis enthusiasm, where they will gain memories and forge relationships that could last a lifetime. Using tennis as the conduit, we hope this camp will continue to have a profound impact on the growth and development of these and many more youth for years to come."

"This community-driven program intends to fulfill Arthur Ashe's dream of instilling the values of humanitarianism, leadership and academic excellence in America's youth through the sport of tennis," said Kurt Kamperman, Chief Executive, Community Tennis, USTA. "With an emphasis on individual physical and mental development, good nutrition and sportsmanship, as well as lessons of history and community development provided by Atlanta's popular destinations, we believe this camp will help ensure that today's kids will become tomorrow's leaders and perhaps tomorrow's champions as well."

The following is a list of the young leaders selected to attend the 2010 USTA NJTL Tennis Leadership Camp:

USTA/Section	First Name	Last Name	Sex	Age	City	State
Caribbean	Devin	Ortega	Male	14	San Sebastian	PR
Eastern	Isis	Gill-Reid	Female	12	Brooklyn	NY
Eastern	Olivia	Fields	Female	13	Brooklyn	NY
Eastern	Peter	Sills	Male	14	Brooklyn	NY
Florida	Ciaira	Walker	Female	13	Jacksonville	FL
Hawaii Pacific	Joseph	Almuena	Male	13	Honolulu	HI
Intermountain	Jocelynn	Truman	Female	12	Blackfoot	ID
Intermountain	Cody	Jackson	Male	14	Denver	CO
Intermountain	Elisha-Samuel	DeVile	Male	12	Las Vegas	NV
Mid-Atlantic	Moises	Davidson	Male	14	Alexandria	VA
Mid-Atlantic	Jonathan	Holloway	Male	13	Newport News	VA
Mid-Atlantic	Olivia	Banks	Female	14	Randallstown	MD
Middle States	Nakyra	Carmichael	Female	12	Trenton	NJ
Middle States	Martin Israel	Soto	Male	13	Trenton	NJ
Midwest	Charlee	Goodman	Female	14	Milwaukee	WI
Midwest	Juan	Torres	Male	13	Milwaukee	WI
Midwest	Jonathan	Annicks	Male	12	Chicago	IL
Missouri Valley	Kiland	Sampa	Male	12	St. Louis	MO
Missouri Valley	Mariah	Taylor	Female	13	St. Louis	MO
New England	Carlos	Granda	Male	14	New Haven	CT
Northern	Bobby	Yang	Male	13	Coon Rapids	MN
Northern	Halimah	Abdul-Wahid	Female	13	Minneapolis	MN
Northern	Andrew	Simmons	Male	14	Minneapolis	MN
Northern California	Robert	Hernandez	Male	14	Monterey	CA
Northern California	Elena	Wang	Female	13	Coronado	CA

Pacific Northwest	Hayley	Cottrell	Female	12	Portland	OR
Pacific Northwest	Alyssa	Silvernail	Female	12	Orting	WA
Southern	Sam	Kennedy	Male	13	McDonough	GA
Southern	Victor	Lett III	Male	12	Mobile	AL
Southern	Shiquan	Brown	Male	13	Augusta	GA
Southern	Kelee	Smiley	Female	12	Augusta	GA
Southern	Amber	Myers	Female	14	Charleston	SC
Southern	Destiny	Commodore	Female	13	Hampton	GA
Southern	Sydney	Thomas	Female	14	College Park	GA
Southern	Rohman	Mitchell Jr.	Male	12	Atlanta	GA
Southern	Kyla	Barnwell	Female	12	Atlanta	GA
Southern California	Taylor	Uigaese	Female	13	Long Beach	CA
Southwest	Roberto	Cota	Male	12	Tucson	AZ
Texas	Nya	Cheatham	Female	14	Lancaster	TX
Texas	Aliese	Thompson	Female	14	Arlington	TX

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About the USTA NJTL

The USTA/NJTL Tennis Leadership Camp was created in 1984 to provide an educational and motivational tennis experience for NJTL participants who might not otherwise have access to such an opportunity. The week-long session emphasizes individual skill development, physical fitness, proper nutrition and good sportsmanship. This is Denver's first year to host the camp, which is held in a different city each year and has recently been in Washington, D.C., Seattle, San Diego and Orlando, Fla.

The NJTL was established in 1969 by Arthur Ashe, Charlie Pasarell and Sheridan Snyder. The NJTL has grown to more than 550 chapters with over 225,000 participants. It is a delivery system for the USTA's programs, giving youth an opportunity to play tennis while also providing a safe haven, adult role models and tennis instruction.

About the USTA

The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the U.S. and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level -- from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. A not-for-profit organization with 740,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. It owns and operates the US Open, and launched the Olympus US Open Series linking 10 summer tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns the 90-plus Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S., is a minority owner and promotional partner of World TeamTennis, and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. USTA Serves, the National Charitable Foundation of the USTA, provides financial support for disadvantaged youth and people with disabilities through tennis and education programs. For more information on the USTA, log on to usta.com.

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