



## SQUASHSMARTS 2018 ANNUAL APPEAL

A Difference of Dosage: Every Child Counts

Dear SquashSmarts Friends,

In 2018, a Temple University Sport Industry Research Center study found that 88% of 3,224 low-income students involved in after school sports programs attended 25 or fewer sessions per year. By contrast, SquashSmarts' middle and high school students received more than three times that amount of instruction averaging 78 and 93 sessions, respectively, per year. The increased attendance translated in to 769 hours of personalized academic tutoring and athletic instruction for our children.

SquashSmarts firmly believes that our increased expectations coupled with an intensive approach to mentoring – including knowing parents, meeting teachers, monitoring grades, tracking attendance, picking up middle school kids by van, and giving high school kids subway passes every day to ensure three days of attendance each week – sets SquashSmarts apart as a leading non-profit forging deep, powerful relationships between our 118 amazing SquashSmarts girls and boys and the caring adults who guide them, including four full-time Academic Directors, three full-time Squash & Fitness Directors, and 132 volunteers. The impact: SquashSmarts kids are staying in shape, in school and on track for graduation, like these 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who were accepted into the following high schools, colleges or career opportunities with over \$250,000 in financial aid:

**Joshua Morales**, Northeast High School to Fairleigh Dickinson University (131 instructional days). **Jesus Caseres**, Northeast High School to Community College of Philadelphia (135). **Belkis Garcia**, Constitution High School to Up2Us Sports Coach Training Program (83). **Raphael Mercado**, Northeast High School to Up2Us Sports Coach Training Program (116). **Joshua Smith**, William Bodine High School to Kutztown University (71). **Domingo Tejada**, Carver Engineering & Science to Community College of Philadelphia (123). **Colesto Williams**, Friends Select School to Chestnut Hill College (72). **Aaliyah Banks**, Gesu School to Friends Central School (83). **Latief Buie**, Overbrook Educational Center to West Catholic Preparatory High School (65). **Angelica Burgos**, Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary to Cristo Rey High School (115). **Damon Core**, Cook-Wissahickon School to Friends Central School. **Adrian Gray**, Overbrook Educational Center to W.B. Saul High School (59). **Dasha Hammond**, Carver Engineering & Sciences Middle School to Carver Engineering & Sciences High School (42). **Jonathan Hernandez**, Esperanza Middle School to Esperanza High School (68). **Kyndall Johnson**, Overbrook Educational Center to Central High School (80). **Sierra Jones**, Overbrook Educational Center to Carver Engineering & Science High School (124). **Deasare Latimer**, Esperanza Middle School to Esperanza High School (70). **Maria Mills**, Roberto Clemente Promise Academy to Philadelphia Military Academy (77). **Theresa Moley**, Carver Engineering & Science to Friends Central School (122). **Cameron Nelson**, Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary to Philadelphia Military Academy (108). **Abigail Ortiz**, Memphis Street Academy Charter School to Esperanza High School (48). **Shadimon Ortiz**, Esperanza Middle School to Esperanza High School (39). **Shailee Pinckney**, Esperanza Middle School to Esperanza High School (54). **Dianna Ramos**, Esperanza Middle School to Esperanza High School (66). **Ramirrah Reid**, Overbrook Educational Center to Carver Engineering & Science (101). **Alexavier Rivera**, Esperanza Middle School to Esperanza High School (65). **Jaydin Robinson**, Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary to Philadelphia Military Academy (114). **Tatianna Samuels**, Overbrook Educational Center, The Academy at Palumbo (102). **Karston Singleton**, Overbrook Educational Center to Science Leadership Academy (92). **Francisco Torres-Vega**, Esperanza Middle School to Esperanza High School (86). **Jacob Vargas**, Esperanza Middle School to Franklin Town Charter High School (51).

Why do we list our students' names? The reasons are clear: SquashSmarts believes (1) every child matters, (2) our program is nothing without the girls and boys we serve, (3) the commitment our student-athletes make to the program is impressive and uncommon, and (4) the annual investment you make in our children's lives truly counts.

Thank you for "counting" SquashSmarts among your priorities this holiday season.

Warm Regards,

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