

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



**YOUTH
TENNIS
ADVANTAGE**



*"I know how much a sport
can change someone's life.
YTA offers opportunities to kids
who otherwise wouldn't get them."*

—Steve Kerr,
Head Coach Golden State Warriors

OUR STUDENTS



2020 and Covid saw programs like ours closed and/or dramatically reduced. We were able to stay open at a very reduced capacity in 2020 and in 2021 slowly began rebuilding our program as restrictions were eased; our 2021 numbers don't reflect the full capacity of what we ran prior to Covid but we are continuing to rebuild our program and our numbers are growing again.

SERVED

236 YOUTH in 2021 –
86 of those are new to YTA

65% Qualify for free-reduced lunch

4-9 YEARS
Student's average years in the program

100% 
High School graduation rates & college attendance

1550
HOURS
per year
of tennis
programming

840
HOURS
per year
of academic
programming

29
COACHES
on staff
tennis and
academic

3x
A WEEK
Average
attendance

9 VOLUNTEERS **425** HOURS DONATED

POPULATION SERVED

Since its inception over 50 years ago, Youth Tennis Advantage has shown an unconditional commitment to racial equality and social justice. We believe our mission to provide tennis, academics, and life skills to under-resourced youth levels the playing field and helps our students succeed in school and life.

53% male **43%** female **1%** non-binary **1%** prefer not to identify

35% African American **32%** Asian **8%** Latino/Hispanic **14%** Mixed Race **6%** Caucasian **5%** unknown

AGE BREAKDOWN

40% 10 & Under **40%** 11-14 **20%** 15-18

YTA PROGRAM SITES

Our sites are specifically chosen based on geography, we seek out under-resourced areas and we go there so that our students can easily access our programs in their own neighborhoods.

- John McLaren Park, San Francisco
- Crocker Amazon Park, San Francisco
- Hunters Point, San Francisco
(was closed the entirety of 2021 due to Covid, we will open again when permitted)
- Mosswood Park, Oakland
- Bushrod Park, Oakland
- Bear Trax, on the Cal Berkeley Campus
(currently closed due to Covid, hoping to reopen in '22)



ACADEMICS

— THE NJTL ESSAY, A YTA TRADITION —

Every year, the USTA Foundation hosts an annual essay contest for NJTL youth. Essay contest winners chosen from NJTLs around the country are awarded with a trip to New York City. Participants are asked to answer a question by using critical thinking skills, research, and analysis. YTA has participated in the essay contest since its inception over 25 years ago. In 2021 there were 1,100 entries nationwide, and YTA's Devin S. was chosen as the winner in the male, 11-12 category!



Participating in YTA helped me with distance learning by helping me focus on one thing at a time.
— Matthew

If I ever have a question in school I ask my friends from YTA or the coaches and site director for help.
— Angela

I ask coaches for help when I have trouble with my schoolwork. They help me with doing the work, as well as understanding how to do it myself next time.
— Virginia

— WINWARD ACADEMY —

In 2021 YTA partnered with the Winward Academy to offer additional college prep courses (online) free of charge to any of our students in 8th – 12th grades.

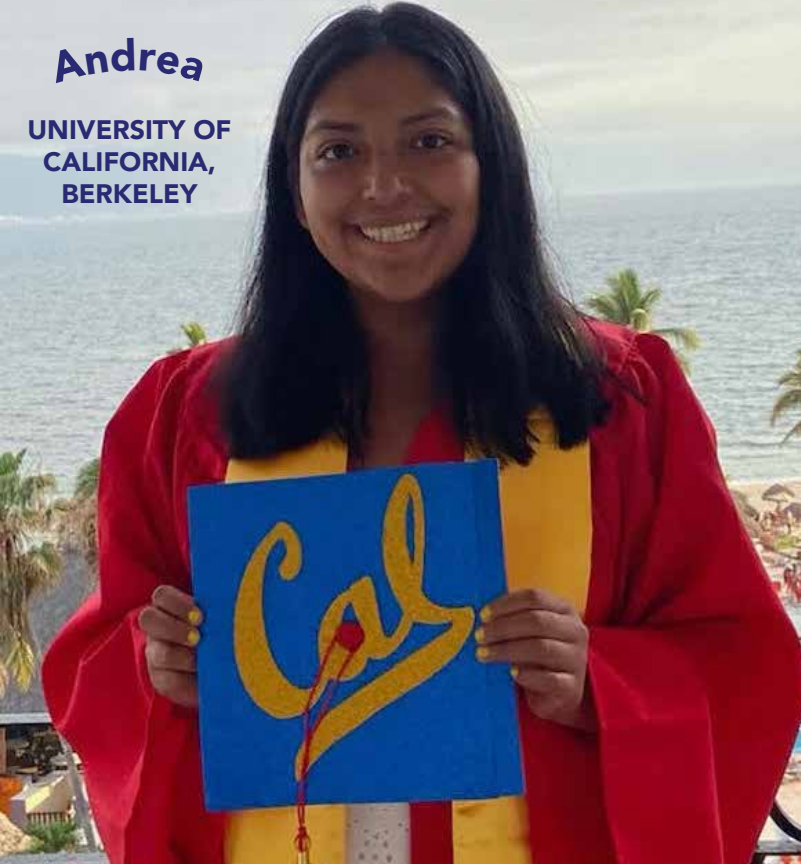


— RUSSELL & LEE FLYNN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS —

The Russell & Lee Flynn College Scholarship was launched in 2019 with the goal of helping our students reduce the amount of student loan debt needed to pursue a higher education degree. We started with two scholarships in the amount of \$8,000 each. In 2021 we were able to double that number to award four scholarships!

Andrea

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TENNIS

29 part time coaches

4 Junior Team Tennis back in action

Our students may join YTA to learn how to play tennis, but they stay because of the community and strong friendships they build, all the while being taught other valuable skills geared towards helping them succeed in school, stay safe, and become leaders.

YTA's McLaren Park competed in the 2021 World Team Tennis Junior Nationals and came in an impressive second place out of 16 teams from across the US! What helped our team win their flight and eventually take 2nd place was their dynamics and our doubles games. All of them have known each other for many years and have played together in tournaments and on teams. For example, our designated mixed doubles team have known each other and played tennis together for 10 years and are good friends.

Event slowly started happening again and we were happy to have our students volunteer and participate! Here is Angela from YTA McLaren Park volunteering (with Lou Seal from the Giants!) at an event at the Goldman Tennis Center.





CONSISTENCY

As Covid continued in 2021, YTA remained a refuge for our students to come together, play tennis, and be outside with their friends and coaches. We asked them:

HOW HAS BEING IN THE YTA COMMUNITY HELPED YOU COPE WITH COVID-19?

They have been people to talk with when covid gets hard to deal with.

It's stress relieving and has helped me stay physically active.

I go to practice which is something I did before Covid, so that part of my life seems normal, which helps me cope with life during Covid.

It made me feel like I was with friends again.



The YTA community helped me cope with COVID-19 because I got to talk and communicate with other people instead of being isolated inside my room.

They have provided a peaceful and calm place to escape from the chaos of covid.

With distance learning, it's been boring staying at home. YTA gave me look something to look forward to throughout the day by playing tennis which helped me cope with the pandemic.

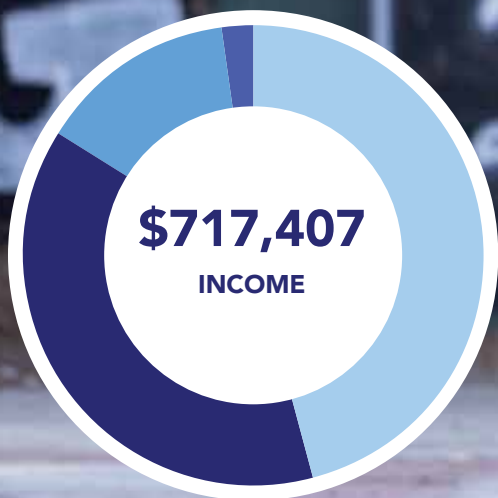
Playing tennis has helped me cope with COVID-19 because it has allowed me to take my mind off things that worry me.

It brings joy during these unfortunate times and distracts me from reality.

I had a chance to exercise, practice tennis, and see teammates which makes me happy.



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\$326,328	\$272,500	\$102,579	\$16,000	\$445,105	\$70,267	\$18,057
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46%	38%	14%	2%	84%	13%	3%

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