Front cover:
Fourteen team members were selected to join friends, supporters, current Yale players, and pros on teams representing Yale’s residential colleges in the Squash Haven Showdown. The winning team? Berkeley!
Our Mission

Squash Haven provides individually directed academic enrichment and squash instruction to New Haven public school students in fifth grade through high school. Through intensive tuition-free academic and squash sessions at Yale University, Squash Haven supports New Haven youth to achieve school success, physical fitness, athletic excellence, and access to compelling academic and summer opportunities.

Strategy

The key to Squash Haven’s success is our multi-faceted approach of year-round intense squash instruction, differentiated individual tutoring, group academic enrichment, and community service. In our first five years, Squash Haven has helped New Haven students earn 15 national-level squash championships, 6 private-school scholarships, and cumulatively over $500,000 in school and summer financial aid. In addition, team members have given over 1500 hours of service to the New Haven community.

82% of current high-school team members are on track to qualify for college-degree scholarship New Haven Promise, a local incentive program for academic achievement. 93% of national urban squash high-school graduates matriculate at four-year colleges and universities. Squash Haven relies on a small full-time staff whose work is supplemented by the volunteer efforts of Yale’s squash teams and academic volunteers. New middle school students are selected annually on the basis of their motivation and commitment as Squash Haven builds towards a capacity of 100 students in 2015.

Short-Term Outcome Goals include the enhancement of:

- Academic Performance
- Athletic Performance
- Fitness and Nutrition
- Character Development
- Self-Confidence
- Commitment

Long-Term Outcome Goals include:

- Attendance at college preparatory high schools
- Competitive squash throughout high school
- Matriculation at four year colleges
The 2011–12 academic and fiscal year was marked by continued progress towards achievement of the initiatives of our strategic plan. The consistent academic, athletic, and personal growth of Squash Haven students, individually and collectively, was remarkable.

We continued to expand our recruitment process while maintaining our commitment to selection from schools at which at least seventy percent of students’ families meet federal low income thresholds. In October of 2011, over 100 students from nine schools completed a rigorous month-long tryout process, reinforcing the overwhelming demand for the support we provide among New Haven students and their families. In November, we welcomed a very strong class whose first year was distinguished by 97% program attendance and a 91% academic average.

As we welcomed new students to the team, we also focused on the unique developmental needs of our high school team members. We offered dedicated squash and college preparatory academic sessions to ninth and tenth grade students. Highlights of the program year included our first appearance at the US Squash High School Nationals and our first overnight college trip to Drexel, Haverford, and Franklin and Marshall. We are proud that 82% of high school team members are on track to qualify for New Haven Promise, a city-wide scholarship program for outstanding college-bound students.

We are encouraged by the strength and success of our high school placement efforts. In 2011–12, we worked with each eighth grade student and family to complete and submit magnet school applications. This process helped direct students towards high schools with known strength in college preparatory academic programs. At the same time, we continued to support students and families interested in independent schools. Six current team members have matriculated at day and boarding schools, receiving more than $237,000 annually in renewable financial aid. With ongoing academic, squash, and personal support from Squash Haven, these students are succeeding in their new environments, with 80% having achieved their schools’ Deans Lists.

Recognizing that the achievement gap between high and low income students widens during the summer, we continued to focus on high quality summer academic programming. Middle school students continued to develop their reading and language skills with units on debate, grammar, and persuasive writing as well as book club. High school team members prepared for the SAT and focused on college-level reading and writing skills through study of A Raisin in the Sun, Much Ado About Nothing, and Murder on the Orient Express.

In addition to Squash Haven programming at Yale, we continued to develop important new summer partnerships. For the first time, we connected team members to academic opportunities at Choate Rosemary Hall, Eaglebrook, Taft, Wolfeboro, and Yale Scholars. Four high school team members were also selected as Squash Haven employees through the City’s Youth at Work program, gaining valuable work experience.

While maintaining our primary focus of academic success and college matriculation, we dedicated time and effort to further challenging our students through higher level squash opportunities and increased scope of community service. These initiatives met with great success. Team members played their first gold level tournaments and won nine individual squash championships, including a second straight US Squash Bronze National Championship and our first two National Urban Individual titles. They participated in 630 hours of community service through 24 projects with 14 New Haven organizations.

I want to acknowledge with special thanks the leadership of The Board of Directors and Chairman Pug Winokur as well as the tireless efforts of our dedicated and inspired staff: Christi Elligers, John DeWitt, Nikki Hilgert, and Jane Lewin, as well as volunteer High School Placement Directors Renee Graham and Jenny Collins.

As I reflect on the past five years, I find deep satisfaction in the strength of our program, and in the clarity of our vision. Thanks to you, our friends and supporters, for the enthusiasm, support, and interest that have enabled our initial and ongoing success.

Go Squash Haven!
Julie Greenwood
2011–2012 Program Overview

339 average hours of programming per student (48 weeks of programming)
95% program attendance
97% school attendance

Our Team

67 students
33 boys, 34 girls
46 Students in Middle School Program
21 Students in High School Program

Academic Support and Enrichment

89% Overall Team Grade Average in core subjects
83% (10 of 12) Squash Haven high school team members who currently meet standards for New Haven Promise Scholarship (compared to 10.2% of seniors city-wide, 2011)
37 students named NUSEA All-Academic Scholars (over 90% average)
9 major academic awards received (NUSEA National Writing Winner, Superintendent Award for Excellence, Valedictorian, City Science Fair Winner)

These Girls Under 13s team members made waves—and earned some hardware—at their first Urban Team Nationals appearance in the Bronx

“I feel like a champion and I truly can’t wait to explore more.”
Keomelys, 8th grade

Keomelys already is a champion. She graduated from eighth grade as the Columbus School valedictorian and is well on her way to achieving her dream of becoming a doctor.
Competitive Squash Development

1st place, National Urban Squash and Education Association Championships.

Boys Under 15 Team: Osuman Imoro, Joby Jordan-Davis, Moubarak Ouro-Aguy, Carmelo Reyes, Michael Rodriguez

Boys Under 15 Individuals: Osuman Imoro

Girls Under 15 Individuals: Lessly Portillo

1st place, US Squash Bronze National Championships. Boys Under 17: Michael Berrios

7 individual US Squash tournament championships

21 students ranked nationally

14 individual and team tournaments

20 team matches

High School Placement

6 team members who attend independent day and boarding schools, thanks to a total of $237,000 in renewable financial aid scholarships

80% (4 of 5) independent school team members on 2011–12 honor roll

100% rising ninth grade students who submitted magnet school lottery applications

14 independent school visits

Community Service

630 hours

24 service projects

14 New Haven organization partners

Bethany interviewed her new friend Ester at Tower One Nursing Home before sharing in holiday games and music.

Michael Berrios came out on top at the US Squash Boys Under 17 Bronze Nationals. He is also a Dean’s List student at Hamden Hall.
Every Squash Haven practice includes a healthy snack. Antonio took snack to a new level at the Yale Sustainable Food Project.

Financial Overview
July 1st, 2011–June 30th, 2012

$293,551 total 2011-12 expenses
Major expenses include salaries and benefits, insurance, contracted services (accounting and audit), squash equipment, travel, classroom supplies, and daily (healthy) snacks.

Revenue Distribution

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Office, court, and classroom space; internet; fax, copying, and printing (Yale University)
Team meals (Subway Inc.)
Some equipment (Harrow Sports)

Squash Haven Summer 2012

22 team members selected for competitive academic programs of at least three weeks
11 of these experiences involved living away from home at prep schools or colleges.

4 first time summer partnerships:
Eaglebrook, Taft, Wolfeboro, Yale SCHOLARS

Ongoing summer partnerships:
Breakthrough New Haven, Greenwich Field Club, NUSEA, Phillips Exeter, Princeton, Rumsey Hall, Tabor, Ulysses S Grant, Westover

7:1 ($56,000: $8000) scholarship dollars received to Squash Haven dollars spent on summer opportunities
Contributors and Volunteers

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July 1st, 2011–June 30th, 2012
Listed alphabetically by category.
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Silver Friends ($1,000–$2,499)
Bronze Friends ($500–$999)
Platinum Friends ($250–$499)
Contributing Friends ($1–$249)

We apologize for any errors or omissions, please contact us with any corrections at: info@squashhaven.org.

Volunteers
Squash Haven’s individualized approach to student support and development relies on a strong and dedicated corps of volunteer coaches, tutors, mentors, and more.

Thank you volunteers!

The Squash Haven Parent Board meets monthly. Successful events this year included Culture Night, Family Basketball Night, and the Second Annual Bake Sale Fundraiser.

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