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Upcoming Events

4th ANNUAL SUMMER FUNDRAISING DINNER & AUCTION

We are less than 2 months away from our annual fundraising dinner and auction! This fun evening of food, wine, and live entertainment (and a little fundraising!) is the event that sustains our program and allows us to continue to offer free individualized academic tutoring, intensive squash instruction, and service learning opportunities to our scholars.

We will be holding this year's event at Ray's Boathouse

as last year left us wanting more. The dinner and auction will be held on Friday, June 9th @ 6:30 PM.

Tickets are going quickly, so take a minute and reserve your spot www.seattlesquash.org/events now:

SQUASH & SIPS

In the coming weeks, we will be hosting an evening for those supporters who are interested in getting a more up close and personal view of what we do

each week. The evening will begin with you visiting a practice- both the squash and tutoring sessions. We will then venture to a restaurant nearby and have some sips and snacks. This is a great opportunity to talk with current Board members about what we do, and ask any questions you may have.

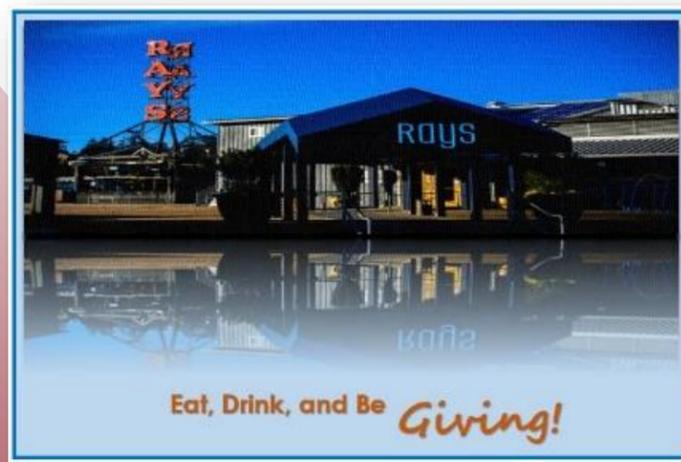
If you're interested in joining us, please send an email to kate.frost@seattlesquash.org with the subject line "Squash & Sips."

FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD

A Day of Golf (Fall 2017) – As we have promised, we are not *only* about squash. Squash is of course part of what we do, but we also like other things! And to show you that, we are holding our first ever Golf Event this September.  Mark your calendars for Friday, September 8th, and start getting your foursome in place!

Fall Team Fundraising Tournament (Fall 2017) – Will you be the next Shark and put it all on the line?

Disco Mixer (Fall 2017) – Join us for a mixer with food, drinks, and dancing! There are no racquets involved in this event, so find a friend and bring them along!



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Quarter 1 Highlights & News

Seattle Open 2017

Four of our scholars had the incredible opportunity to participate in the Seattle Open in January. And all students had the chance the watch great squash and cheer on their teammates! Most of our scholars were playing opponents over twice their age, and while none of our scholars came out victorious in score, the tournament experience they gained was invaluable.



Spring Team Tournament

Firstly, a huge THANK YOU to all who attended our Spring Team Fundraising Tournament at the Seattle Athletic Club in Northgate. We had a very fun, squash filled day with over 50 people in attendance, both as participants, sharks, and spectators. And all the while we raised \$3,500 for our program! We finished off the afternoon with a Happy Hour at Mama Stortini's, kindly hosted by Anne-Marie Canis, a member of our Board of Directors. Thank you to everyone who participated and cheered on our scholars- some of whom were playing in their first ever tournament! Team Zaajvae, comprised of Elena Wagenmans, Eric Williams, Char Short, and Zaajvae Smith took home gold this year! Congratulations to Team Zaajvae! You can look for

their team name on the SUS tournament trophy at the downtown club in the coming weeks.

Book Club

We had a very successful first Book Club of the year with the Parikrma School in Bengaluru, India. One of our volunteers (and parent of two volunteers), Vandana Nandan, founded this Book Club through UNESCO. She has worked with our counterpart at the Parikrma School and our supporters at the University of Washington to ensure a successful transcontinental Book Club. Thank you, Ms. Vandana!

This session our scholars read *The Little Prince* by Antoine De Saint-Exupéry. Sandra Kroupa, the Book Arts and Rare Books Curator for the University of Washington, was kind enough to find a signed, original copy (one of 200) of *Le Petit Prince* to share with our students. We are looking forward to our next Book Club in June, this time reading *Malgudi Days*, a novel by R.K. Narayan, an Indian author.

In Partnership with the



At Seattle Urban Squash, we are committed to providing our scholars with service learning opportunities- opportunities in which they are able to give back to our Seattle communities and from which they are able to learn and grow.

CLEANING UP THE CHEASTY GREENSPACE

This year our scholars took on the challenge of making Martin Luther King Jr. Day a day *on* instead of a day *off*. Our scholars



woke up on their day off to get their hands dirty and work with a large group of volunteers to help reclaim the Cheasty Greenspace in Beacon Hill. We used teamwork to plant trees and mulch the area. It looked like a whole different place at the end of the day! Thanks to Earthcorps and the Seattle Green Partnership for putting together such a wonderful day of service!



Moving Mulch

Thus Far in 2017.

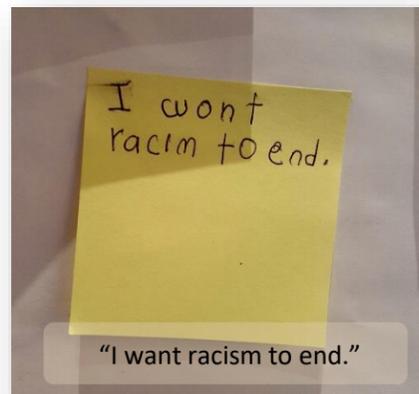
With most of the year still ahead of us, we haven't wasted any time diving into 2017.

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TEEN ACTION FAIR

In planning our tour of the Visitor's Center at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we learned about the Teen Action Fair that the Gates Foundation was hosting. It was too



"I want racism to end."

cool of an opportunity to pass up. Students were tasked with thinking about what global issues mattered to them, and what, at their ages, they can do to make a difference. Scholars had the opportunity to see what other youth in the Seattle area are doing to combat the various issues that plague people both in our communities and around the world.

Read more about our day at <http://www.seattlesquash.org/news/>.

A VISIT TO THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

Sometimes when you live close to something, despite how incredible it may be, it is easy to take it for granted. The work that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is doing is, as you know, extraordinary and inspiring. For many of our scholars, whose families or who themselves are from abroad, the work that the Gates Foundation is doing in countries outside of the US was of particular interest. Our scholars related images that we were seeing and concepts that we were discussing back to the villages in which some of their relatives live. They were able to see how work beginning in our backyard is positively impacting people here and abroad. The perspective that much of the work being done at the foundation gives is invaluable as well. Sometimes it can be easy to lose sight of the advantages that you are surrounded by- such as a toilet or clean running water, and gaining that perspective allows us to see the world differently. Having this visit directly following the Teen Action Fair, allowed our scholars to think seriously about what matters to them and how they can make a positive impact.



Opportunity Through Squash.



Volunteering with sUS!

This month, we would like to recognize one of our many committed volunteers for all of the hard work that he has done already this year. Brian Flora, previously the owner of MyGym in Bellevue, has been kind enough to find the time



between taking care of his own two kids and working as a real estate agent to help coach our scholars once a week. However, Brian's work did not stop there. Brian took the initiative to set up a meeting between one of our Squash Pros, our Squash Coach, SUS's Program Director, and himself to help create a more cohesive squash program for SUS, comprised of fun, engaging, and challenging activities for our athletes. As is clear from his work, Brian's goal "is to provide an environment where each student feels engaged, inspired and safe so they can try their best on any given day." We are so incredibly lucky to have Mr. Brian on our team and want to send him a HUGE thank you from all of us at SUS!

Brian is one on a **team of volunteers** that makes it possible for SUS to provide the level of programming that we do for our scholars. Stay tuned to meet more of our team and hear about the incredible ways in which they are impacting our scholars!

As always, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or comments at info@seattlesquash.org. We love hearing from you!

Volunteer Opportunities

Academic Tutoring (SAC Downtown)

Mondays & Wednesdays: 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Tuesdays: 4:15 – 5:15 PM

Saturdays: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Squash Coaching (SAC Downtown)

Mondays & Wednesdays: 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Tuesdays: 3:15 – 4:15 PM

Saturdays: 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Driving (Between SAC Northgate & SAC Downtown)

If you are interested in helping to transport our students between Northgate and downtown, please contact Ms. Kate at kate.frost@seattlesquash.org for details.

Visit <http://www.seattlesquash.org/volunteer/> to sign up!

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