Our Mission:
To engage underserved Chicago youth through academic support, squash and wellness, mentoring, enrichment, and community service to develop high school-ready middle schoolers, college-ready high schoolers, and career-ready adults.
Dear MetroSquash Family,

The 2014-2015 school year was, without a doubt, the most active and intense of our 10-year history.

Our year began with a ground-breaking and ended with a ribbon cutting—both attended by Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Over the course of the year, the fourth urban squash center, and largest squash facility in Chicago, came into view at 61st Street and Cottage Grove. Thanks to the great work of our Facility Committee, Youssefi Consulting, Bulley & Andrews, Nagle Hartray Architects, and many others, we were able to complete the project on time and under budget! Over 1,500 people attended our opening month activities, cementing the center’s place as an important resource for students and families in the Woodlawn and surrounding south side communities.

The last two years have included a lot of talk of ‘the building’ and ‘construction.’ Throughout, we stayed true to our mission and focused on serving ‘students’ and ‘families.’ We expanded the number of students in school-year programming from 100 to 125, an increase of 25%. We made great strides in the classroom, deepening the academic support for our students, using targeted reading and math interventions with our middle school students and college readiness workshops with our high school students. We are particularly proud of our high school seniors. All 10 are enrolled and on track to attend colleges and universities across the country this fall, bringing the number of students in our College Support Program to 27.

As we look forward to life in the new center, our primary challenge will be to expand responsibly and preserve the rigorous and transformative programming that has become a MetroSquash hallmark. To achieve this, we continue to rely on our first-class staff who have so ably served our students and families during this intense period of change and growth.

Our expansion begins this summer and fall as community interest since our opening has skyrocketed. We will serve over 200 students in our summer program and intend to add at least 30 new students to the intensive school year program this fall.

Most importantly, we encourage you to get involved. With a wonderful facility and many more students and families engaged and excited, we need volunteers, mentors, and supporters more than ever.

We look forward to seeing you on the court and in the classroom!

Sincerely,

Peter Dunne          David Kay
Board Chair          Executive Director

"MetroSquash is different than a lot of other programs that I’ve been involved with, just in terms of how deep they go with the students. The mentoring is a big, positive role model in the student’s lives, but also the life learning and the experience that our students have experienced. Those life experiences are really game changers and get them to buy into the program and the mission, and want to do well. It’s been awesome to see.” -Paul Cussen

WHAT THE FUTURE OF METROSQUASH HOLDS

Our new home provides us with opportunities to engage many more students and families in the MetroSquash mission. Here are a few areas of growth MetroSquash is implementing this upcoming year:

- Double the number of students in summer programming
- Increase the number of students in school year programming by 20-25%
- Host US Squash Sanctioned Gold / Silver / Bronze tournaments this squash season
- Host collegiate and high school match play
- Expand our volunteer and mentor base by 50%

“In 2014-2015, MetroSquash helped students access $1,218,619 in academic and squash scholarships. This is a 25% increase over the 2013-2014 school year. To date, MetroSquash has helped students access over $3.4 million in academic and squash scholarships.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUNDING SOURCES

TOTAL CAMPAIGN: $8.3 million
( Goal: $8 million; exceeded by $.3 million.)

NEW MARKET TAX CREDITS (NMTC) $1.8 million
BOARD OF DIRECTORS $6.5 million
INDIVIDUALS
FAMILY FOUNDATIONS
CORPORATIONS
FOUNDATION GRANTS

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES STILL AVAILABLE

- The MetroSquash Academic and Squash Center: $2,500,000
- The Squash Center: $1,500,000
- Large Classroom: $400,000
MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMICS
5th - 8th Grade
Blue & Orange Teams

CHALLENGE
3 of 4 CPS middle schools that MetroSquash partners with currently display a Level 2 status, a low rating given by CPS suggesting intensive support is needed. These school’s demographics are made up of over 90% low income students. On average, students score in the 50th percentile for Reading and 36th percentile for Math.

SOLUTION
MetroSquash middle school students attend practice three times per week for three hours per session, spending equal time in squash & fitness instruction and academic tutoring & enrichment. Specifically, students focus on completing Khan Academy to master math skills, building reading comprehension in Book Club, completing test prep, and one-on-one tutoring.

FUTURE
Building off the 2014-2015 school year’s successful new Book Club and Khan Academy initiatives, MetroSquash will seek to learn from and use the resulting longitudinal data to create strengthened curricular intervention strategies tailored to individual student needs in math and reading.

KHAND ACADEMY
Khan Academy is an online learning tool that offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empowers learners to study at their own pace outside of the classroom. The math missions guide learners from kindergarten to calculus using state-of-the-art, adaptive technology that identifies strengths and learning gaps. With Khan Academy and the support of tutors and staff, MetroSquash students understand and master a wide variety of mathematical concepts.

BOOK CLUB
In Book Club, MetroSquash students master the fundamentals of reading and listening comprehension, and vocabulary development. Led by staff and work-study tutors, students work together in small groups to read, discuss, analyze, and complete a skill-level appropriate chapter book each semester. Students build their vocabulary through Cool Words discovered in each text, strengthen their listening skills during tutor-led reading sessions, and dive into critical analysis of the texts through a series of discussions and post-reading activities.

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress)
Tests were issued in CPS schools this year in replacement of the ISAT test. On average, our MetroSquash cohort scored 10 points higher in Math and 6 points higher in Reading than students in their partner school.

Aryel Carter, an 8th grade student at Kozminski Academy, has been in the program since 6th Grade. She displays mastery of 23 skill sets practiced in daily challenges and earned 8,490 energy points, which measure effort when doing exercises in Khan Academy. Aryel plans to attend Gary Comer College Prep in the fall.

Number of new math skills mastered by middle school students in Khan Academy.
HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMICS
9th - 12th Grade
College Prep

CHALLENGE
Almost half of all Chicago Public School students fail to graduate, and in some schools, more students drop out than graduate. Studies show that attendance and grades are two of the biggest factors that contribute to freshmen staying on track towards graduation. Freshmen that finish the year with a B average or higher are more than three times as likely to graduate than those with a D average.

SOLUTION
At MetroSquash, students receive individualized academic support tailored to their specific needs. Tutors with expertise in Math, English, Languages and Science assist students with homework, studying for exams, prepping for standardized tests, in addition to navigating the social/emotional components of the high school experience.

FUTURE
One of the major initiatives that is helping to pave the way for successful high school and college careers for our students are Daily Workshops, began in 2014-2015, which focus on and help to empower students to dialogue about, reflect on, and plan for their future.

TEST PREP
Over the past school year, MetroSquash students spent 40 minute sessions every Friday in ACT Prep from October to March. Students completed practice tests, discussed answers and strategies, and were able to self-select subjects where they needed additional support. Overall, students increased their average ACT score by more than 1.5 points.

CPS VS. MetroSquash ACT Scores

WORKSHOPS
High School MetroSquash students have the option to participate in a Daily Workshop. Workshops combine a presentation on a topic with a discussion forum in which students critically analyze and dialogue on the various facts, opinions and opportunities on a given issue. Topics range from areas of college preparation, life-skills and current events.

WORKSHOP TOPICS
Personal Identity, Communication Styles, How to Interview, Self Awareness, Current Events: Ferguson, Justice in America, Personal Narrative through Film, Personal Narrative through Poetry, Global Issues, Language Use and Code Switching, Voting Rights, Gentrification, Women’s Talk, Men’s Talk

Gabriel Johnson, 12th Grade Student, and Kameron Calbert, 10th Grade Student, are MetroSquash Student Ambassadors. Both are competitive team members in the classroom and on the court, and leaders of the MetroSquash program.

Or a B-, the average GPA of our High School Cohort for the 2014-2015 year, grades 9 through 12

High school student attendance over the course of the year

2.76

90%

98%

20

Hours spent in workshops this school year
OUR GRADUATES
12th Grade
Introducing our College-Bound Class of 2019

CHALLENGE
In CPS, the average student to counselor ratio for high school students is 303:1. Of these schools, only 40% have a senior seminar, a college and career suite, and/or use a college access tracking tool. The average college enrollment rate is 58% compared with MetroSquash’s 100%.

SOLUTION
Staff work one-on-one with each student throughout the school year to guide them through the complex application process. Students apply to a minimum of 10 match schools and complete external scholarship applications and FAFSA. They are counseled through acceptance and enrollment at their chosen school.

FUTURE
Over the next year, MetroSquash plans to partner with Naviance, which will provide students with a college and career readiness online platform that will help them create, organize, and execute an individualized college admissions and completions plan.

Regan Allen
UNIV. OF IL-URBANA CHAMPAIGN

Yazmynne Carter
BATES COLLEGE (ME)

Gabriel Johnson
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-CHICAGO

Eric Lo
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-CHICAGO

Number of acceptances
(5.6 per senior avg.)

56

Number of external scholarships applied for by the senior class

38

“MetroSquash has helped me accomplish so much. Academic prep courses over the summer, provided by MetroSquash, helped me when it came to standardized testing. However, MetroSquash helped beyond simple things like that. With MetroSquash supporting me I felt like no goal was impossible.”

-Yazmynne Carter, 2015

Clarissa Martin
LINCOLN COLLEGE

Weifeng Mei
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-CHICAGO

Annie Phaovisaid
BELOIT COLLEGE (WI)

Kinsa Sillah
HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

$ 257,106
Financial aid and scholarships earned by students this year

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CHALLENGE
National graduation rates are 40% in six or fewer years for full time minority students from 4-year colleges and universities. Commonly stated reasons for this attrition point to academic, social, cultural, and financial factors. Studies have shown a key predictor of whether a student will remain on track to graduate correlates with freshman year success; in particular, the first semester GPA.

SOLUTION
MetroSquash supports each of our college students as they navigate in, to, and through their post-secondary pursuit. By preparing students before they leave for college with workshops and counseling, to visiting them on campus, communicating regularly, pairing with mentors, and providing scholarship support, MetroSquash is constantly abreast of each student’s progress and is equipped to intervene with extra support and guidance when a student is struggling.

FUTURE
The college program will grow an additional 25 students over the next two years. Partnerships with colleges, corporations, and youth-serving programs will increase in scale and depth to provide our students with more internship and career-training opportunities.
MetroSquash students have traveled to over 70 cities and 6 countries since inception for squash tournaments, cultural outings, summer camp opportunities, college and boarding school tours.

This year alone, students in 5th through 12th grade have traveled to 20 cities, including an international trip to Toronto, Canada.

Twice per year, students complete rigorous fitness testing using the PACER (Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run) or Beep Test. They also complete the Presidential Fitness Challenge, where their measurements are compared to students of their age and gender nationally. Each day they come to practice, students receive a healthy snack consisting of fresh fruit and granola bar.

SQUASH, WELLNESS, & TRAVEL

CHALLENGE
Urban cities like Chicago continue to cut funding from youth sports each year. This results in significant long-term costs to our society including higher crime, school drop-out rates, and obesity. Low-income communities and minorities, particularly girls, have less access to sports programs and are more likely to be affected by these cuts.

SOLUTION
Squash’s connection to higher education and strong networks makes it a natural partner for our ultimate goal: college success. It instills mental toughness, helps students become more fit, and in turn, lead healthier lifestyles. Students who join MetroSquash are part of a team. They gain opportunities to travel, meet new friends (including cross-race peers), and improve self-esteem and leadership skills. By partnering wellness and education, students learn at an early age the importance of staying in school and how to remain on track to graduation.

THE FUTURE
MetroSquash will bring on top squash pro Scott Denne. Scott has ambitious plans for the Squash program, including the hosting of our first Gold Level Tournament. In Wellness, MetroSquash will utilize FitnessGram software, which will enable students to set goals and track progress on a variety of fitness measures.
ENRICHMENT
Community Service, Life Skills, & Cultural Experience

SOLUTION
MetroSquash provides students with enriching life skills, community service, and cultural experiences throughout the year that challenge both their bodies and their minds. By providing impactful experiences, students are able to learn and grow while giving back to their community and preparing for their future.

FUTURE
MetroSquash looks forward to the opening of The Burnham, the senior housing structure located directly south of us on Cottage Grove. Together, MetroSquash hopes to volunteer and contribute to the community garden and make strong connections with the residents.

LIFE SKILLS & ENRICHMENT

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT
Through the variety and depth of Junior Achievement high school programs, students gain a practical perspective of handling their finances, understanding the economy, and managing their future educational and career choices. Students participate in hands-on interactive programs where they practice important business concepts, such as forming companies or competing with each other in a computerized economy. MetroSquash students participated in a two-month long Junior Achievement units around Financial Literacy in April and May.

BOAST BUCKS
The token economy of MetroSquash, boast bucks, are earned based on good behavior, positive leadership, and displays of teamwork and can be cashed in for field trips, academic supplies, squash equipment, and individualized enrichment opportunities. This year, students participated in numerous trips and “socials” at MetroSquash because of this earned teamwork and leadership:

- 7/10 Bowling
- Baskin Robins Ice Cream Day
- ZBerry Frozen Yogurt
- Sky Zone Trampoline Park
- Halloween & Candy Apple Party
- Movie & Popcorn Night
- Dance Party & Ice Cream Floats
- Ice Skating on the Midway
- MetroSail
- Beloit College Visit
- Financial Aid Workshop for Parents
- UIS College Trip
- St. Francis College Visit
- Parents Only Bowling Outing
- Family Squash Day
- FAFSA Workshop for students
- Chicago Scholars Forum
- Mock Interviews with Guggenheim
- College Readiness Prep with Guggenheim
- Ancora Teen Discussion for Young Women
- Ancora Teen Discussion for Young Men
- College Fair at DePaul
- Author Reading with Jennifer DuBois
- Breckenridge Ski Trip
- 11th grade students Lorraine and Simone, and a Clearbrook resident at the Bowling Buddies outing in March 2015.

CHALLENGE
Many Chicago students have never crossed the boundaries of their neighborhood or been to downtown Chicago, let alone traveled out of state. Research shows that volunteering helps build new relationships and impacts the community in a positive way, while enabling individuals to become better equipped to handle life’s challenges.

Unique enrichment opportunities hosted this year

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NOVEMBER-DECEMBER
MetroSquash hosted a Warm Hands, Warm Hearts Clothing Drive for the needy. With an emphasis on gloves, hats, warm shirts, and canned goods, MetroSquash donated over six boxes of clothing to aid individuals in the community during the cold winter months.

MARCH
MetroSquash students volunteered as Bowling Buddies for a group of Clearbrook residents. Clearbrook provides services, programs, and support for people with autism, Down’s syndrome, cerebral palsy and other intellectual and developmental disabilities. Each student partnered with a resident, and together they bowled excellent games over the course of an enjoyable afternoon.

APRIL
MetroSquash high school students volunteered at the Hyde Park/Kenwood Food Pantry. The students helped organize and distribute food to the needy, got to know members of the local community, and had a great time learning about service opportunities in their community.

MAY
MetroSquash students continued their partnership with Clearbrook. They toured the largest residential facility then volunteered as Bingo Buddies for an afternoon of fun bingo games and prizes.
In April of 2015, MetroSquash hosted its first Junior Silver Championships at the MetroSquash Center. Over 140 juniors competed, including NUSEA partner programs from Minneapolis, Cleveland, and Detroit.

A year of successful events:
- Aux Board Fall Social Event
- The Gala Cup
- The MetroSquash Ball
- The Windy City Open
- Junior Silver Championships
- World Doubles Squash Championships
- Aux Board Spring Bocce Ball Event

In May, MetroSquash was the beneficiary of the World Squash Doubles Championships presented by JP Morgan and Trunk Club. The event, hosted by US Squash and Onwentsia Club, included matches at the University Club of Chicago, Racquet Club of Chicago, the Winter Club, and MetroSquash.

In November, the 2014 MetroSquash Ball was held at the Bridgeport Art Center. Special thanks to committee co-chairs Tom Demery and Russell Kohn who ensured the event’s success.

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In November 2014, MetroSquash hosted its Inaugural Gala Cup Tournament at the University Club. With five teams of eight supporters of MetroSquash, the competition was fierce. Congratulations Team Onwentsia, the Tournament Champions!

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The 2015 Windy City Open presented by Guggenheim and EquiTrust was hosted by the University Club. The top 20 men and women from around the world competed in a week-long tournament which benefited the MetroSquash program.

SAVE THE DATE:
The MetroSquash Ball, Friday October 16, 2015
The Bridgeport Art Center Skyline Loft
METROSQUASH ACADEMIC & SQUASH CENTER: GRAND OPENING

With the culmination of MetroSquash’s Secure the Future Capital Campaign, we officially broke ground on the new MetroSquash Academic & Squash Center with Chicago City Leaders and JPMorgan Chase in July 2014. Then, in April 2015, MetroSquash moved into our new home and opened our doors to the community. Throughout April, MetroSquash hosted an array of events to welcome students, families, community leaders, and supporters into the space complete with eight squash courts, four classrooms, administrative offices, and a parent lounge.

1,596

Number of opening month participants that visited MetroSquash in April and May

19

Number of opening month events hosted at the MetroSquash Center

21,000

Square feet of mix-use space in the new Academic and Squash Center
SUMMER PROGRAMMING

CHALLENGE
During the Chicago summer, when students are unsupervised and school is out of session, death amongst teenagers from violent crime significantly rises. Students are more likely to experiment with drugs, submit to peer pressure, and participate in other negative activities. It is also the time when students report being the least active, both physically and mentally.

SOLUTION
MetroSquash strives to provide each student with opportunities to participate in at least one enriching summer opportunity, including squash and fitness camps, academic camps, enrichment camps, squash tournaments, college visits, ACT and SAT Camps, summer internships, and the MetroSquash Squash and Enrichment Camp. By partnering with community groups and expanding our in-house Summer Camp we are able to keep more students in a safe learning environment.

FUTURE
MetroSquash will deepen curricular offerings, expanding existing enrichment and academic components. In future years, MetroSquash will identify opportunities to bring in squash professionals to host clinics open to the larger local and squash community.

SUMMER
This year, MetroSquash will host its first MetroSquash Academic, Squash & Enrichment Camp at the new center. Over 100 young people will participate in daily camp sessions from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm in Academic Instruction, Enrichment Programming, and Squash and Fitness, Open Court from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, MetroSquash will host an additional 100 youth from new partner Woodlawn Excels Camp who will learn the sport of squash.

MetroSquash 2015 Summer Opportunities

SQUASH CAMPS & TOURNAMENTS: 61
Deerfield Academy Summer Squad 2
Denver Doubles 4
NUSEA Midwest Urban Squash Championships 30
Madison MSW Squash Camp 5
Princeton Squash Camp 2
Stanford Squash Camp 2
University Club Squash Camp 12
Urban Alumni 4

ACADEMIC & ENRICHMENT CAMPS: 11
Ball State Design Camp 2
Camp Kooch-i-Ching 1
Camp Hayo-Went-Ha 4
Exeter Summer School 2
NUSEA Urban Citizenship Tour 1
Taft Summer School 1

METROSQUASH SUMMER SQUASH & ACADEMIC PROGRAMS: 227
MetroSquash Academic, Squash, & Enrichment Camp 100
MetroSquash Rising College Freshmen Workshops 10
MetroSquash Rising High School Freshmen Workshops 17
Woodlawn Excels Partner Program 100

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS: 19
Fieldglass, Inc. 2
MetroSquash After School Matters 10
MetroSquash College Summer Staff 5
Woodlawn Excels Summer Camp 2

Increase in summer opportunities provided in 2014
62%

Total summer opportunities
318

Kyla Armistead, 8th Grade student and Cameron Warren, 9th Grade student are excited about this year’s summer opportunities. Kyla will head to Deerfield Academy Summer Squad in Connecticut and Cameron Warren will attend Stanford Squash Camp in California.
MENTORS & VOLUNTEERS

CHALLENGE
At-risk youth who do not have a mentor are 20% less likely to aspire to, enroll in, and graduate from college, and 30% less likely to participate regularly in sports or extracurricular activities. Similarly, 79% of youth who struggle with attendance, behavior, and course performance report not having an adult mentor and are 46% more likely to use illegal drugs.

SOLUTION
MetroSquash partners students one-on-one with a trusted adult Mentor beginning in 8th grade and relies heavily on volunteers during daily practices on the court and in the classroom. Through individualized attention and support in a safe environment, students are able to overcome challenges, improve self-esteem, strengthen communication skills, and gain unique experiences.

FUTURE
It is MetroSquash’s goal to pair each student with a Mentor before graduating from high school in order to build their individualized support systems through their post-secondary education experience. We are seeking more volunteer involvement in order to support our 8 squash courts and 4 classrooms on a daily basis.

Thanks to all of our committed volunteers and mentors who helped make 2014-2015 a success!*

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PARENTS, FAMILIES & AMBASSADORS

Family Involvement
A driving part of MetroSquash's mission is to build a strong “family” of parents, guardians, and community members. The MetroSquash Parent Committee is a dedicated group of MetroSquash family members who help build and strengthen that community aspect of the program. Parent Committee members provide the MetroSquash staff with guidance and feedback, act as program ambassadors at events, help organize family-related outings, and volunteer for events, field trips, and program sessions.

The Ambassador Program
In 2015, MetroSquash launched the Ambassador program. A MetroSquash Ambassador is an exemplary student both on the squash court and in the classroom. Ambassadors embody the mission of MetroSquash on a daily basis and are a role model to their peers. They must uphold a 90% attendance rate and B average at school with a positive attitude at all times. Ambassadors act as team captains and leaders, recruit new students to the program, give tours at events, and gain special opportunities to travel and attend events.

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“As a parent, I feel that Abrianna has received support during her first year of college with the scholarship money, staff support and encouragement throughout the year. The staff has found ways to promote and include the college students that previously were part of the MetroSquash program. This includes having a chance with news interviews, being a host at tournaments, etc. Most importantly, she has been able to continue to practice the sport. Lastly, the college advisor has been instrumental in trying help find employment for the summer, as well as informing her about internship opportunities.”

-Sheryl Carter, MetroSquash Parent Committee Member

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MetroSquash staff, students, and parents gather for their first Ambassador Training Day at the Center in April.
COMMUNITY, PARTNERS & SAFETY

SAFETY

Safety is a primary concern for our community in our new MetroSquash home. We’ve initiated promising partnerships this year with the specific goals of making our participants feel safe, secure, and welcome, and for our surrounding community to feel connected to the MetroSquash program. As we look to the future, we hope to collaborate with both CPD and UCPD to organize mentoring opportunities for officers and students, squash instruction for the officers, and general community events.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We would like to thank the University Church and the University of Chicago for providing court, classroom, and administrative space for the last 10 years. Without these partners, MetroSquash would not have had a program. We would also like to thank Nagle Hartray, the Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH), and the rest of the Woodlawn Community for their guidance and support through our transition into our new home on 61st and Cottage Grove.

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150

Community partners this year

211

Number of community guests that attended open houses, meetings, and site visits since April 2014

47

Number of site visits, trainings, and check-ins from CPD and UCPD since April 2015

MetroSquash staff, community liaison Joe Brown, and the 003 District Police Department at our Safety Training in April.
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Naming opportunities are available. For more information, please contact David Kay, Executive Director, at david@metrosquash.org.

The MetroSquash Academic & Squash Center - $2,500,000

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CAREER
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"MetroSquash is helping me financially through a scholarship but is also supporting me through college by providing internships and academically helping me purchase books. MetroSquash offered me an important Winter Break opportunity helping the Office Manager to prepare for an audit. Through that experience I learned how to not only prepare financials but learned bookkeeping skills and how to use QuickBooks. During this current semester I used the experience from winter break to help earn a bank teller job which will help me understand bookkeeping from another perspective.” ~Don Hall

CAREER READINESS

The MetroSquash tagline “Courts. Classroom. Career.” defines the educational trajectory of our students. The MetroSquash pathway is designed to support students as they navigate each crucial step, from middle school, to high school, to college, and finally to career.

For our cohort of students in college, career readiness preparation is especially essential, and the exploration of career possibilities start much sooner at MetroSquash. As early as 5th Grade, students explore how their passions and interests can translate to a profession. In high school, students participate in workshops involving a similar but refined exploration. Junior year, MetroSquash students have the opportunity to apply for an internship position at MetroSquash where they learn basic skills required in the working world.

Freshman year of college, students are encouraged to apply to a variety of summer internships connected to their college majors. Students work in a variety of industries, from finance and accounting, to education, engineering, and youth work.

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