Dear MetroSquash Supporters:

For the past 13 years, MetroSquash has evolved to become one of the premier out-of-school time programs in Chicago. What started out with just squash practice and homework help has transformed into a robust, holistic program with four key youth development pillars: squash & fitness, academics & enrichment, social work & supportive services, and college & careers.

Now that 12 program alumni have succeeded in their postsecondary journey by graduating from college, we are focusing our efforts on the next chapter in our students' lives - their careers. Our new career readiness program includes programming and resources for students in 5th grade through postsecondary completion. This program expansion was made possible due to a two-year partnership with William Blair.

Since witnessing the life-changing impact our model has on students who desire and deserve more, we feel it is important to serve more youth. Earlier this fall, we expanded the program to Evanston and are utilizing squash courts and academic space at the McGaw YMCA. We have enrolled our first class of 6th grade students from Chute and Nichols Middle Schools and plan on adding a new class each year. This expansion allows us to efficiently serve the students of yet another portion of the Chicagoland area where not every student receives an equal allocation of resources.

Just as our program is ever-evolving, so are our materials. This year, we decided that a more concise annual report was important in lieu of our traditional longer report. We hope you agree that this new report allows us to focus on what truly matters to the program - the transformative impact our program has on our participants. We express our sincere gratitude to all our students, families, staff, volunteers, and supporters who help us continue to make our mark.

Sincerely,

Brian Sedlak
Board Chairman

David Kay
Chief Executive Officer
34 squash tournaments yielding 396 student entries

19% increase in tournament engagement from last year

23% increase in PACER test results

The Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run (PACER) is a multistage shuttle run designed to measure aerobic capacity.

SQUASH SKILLS INCREASED

Beginner Level: 16%
Intermediate Level: 17%
Advanced Level: 73%
Middle School

SCHOOLS OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND:
- Andrew Carnegie Elementary School
- Ariel Community Academy*
- Beasley Academic Center
- Bret Harte Elementary
- Burnside Scholastic Elementary
- CICS: Avalon
- CICS: Basil
- De La Salle Institute
- Fiske Elementary
- Gary Comer College Prep Middle School
- Gems World Academy
- Jackson Language Academy
- Kozminsiki Community Academy*
- Lindblom Math & Science Academy
- Murray Language Academy
- O’Keefe Elementary School
- Ray Elementary School
- Reavis Elementary Math & Science Specialty School
- South Loop Elementary
- St. Thomas the Apostle School
- University of Chicago Lab School
- U of C- Woodlawn*
- Wadsworth Elementary School*
- Walt Disney Magnet Elementary School

*Denotes partner school

Highlight: First MetroSquash student to be accepted to the University of Chicago’s Laboratory School

Ariana Vazquez
8th Grade Student, Lab School
Joined MetroSquash in 5th Grade

High School

SCHOOLS OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND:
- Beacon Academy
- Bronzeville Scholastic
- Gary Corner College Prep*
- Homewood Flossmoor High School
- Hyde Park Academy
- Jones College Prep
- Josephinum Academy
- Kenwood Academy*
- King College Prep*
- Lane Tech High School
- Lincoln Park High School
- Lincoln-Way East Community High School
- Lindblom Math & Science Academy
- Little Black Pearl Art & Design Academy
- Morgan Park High School
- Mount Carmel High School
- Ogden International School of Chicago
- South Shore International College Prep
- Tabor Academy
- U of C- Woodlawn*
- Urban Prep - Bronzeville
- Urban Prep - Englewood
- Walter H. Dyett High School of the Arts
- Walter Payton College Prep
- Whitney Young Magnet

Elijah Hamilton
12th Grade Student, De La Salle Institute
Joined MetroSquash in 6th Grade

Highlight: Attending Connecticut College as a Posse Scholar - a competitive, full-tuition scholarship
100% college enrollment
88% on track to graduate
86% were working/interning, in school, or studying abroad in the summer

2 classes of college graduates
100% of alumni started working after obtaining their college degree

Postsecondary

COLLEGES OUR POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS ATTEND:
- Alabama A&M University
- Albion College
- Bates College
- Baldwin Wallace University
- Chicago State University
- Clark-Atlanta University
- Denison University
- Depaul University
- Depauw University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Grand Valley State University
- Harold Washington College
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Indiana State University
- Lehigh University
- Lincoln College
- Lincoln University
- Nirvana Institute
- Northern Illinois University
- Northwestern University
- Smith College
- Trinity College
- Tufts University
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Illinois at Springfield
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Missouri (Missou)
- University of Vermont
- Wesleyan University
- Year Up

Alumni

COMPANIES OUR ALUMNI WORK AT:
- Aetna
- Cara Chicago
- Hertz
- Merrill Lynch
- MetroSquash
- Nationwide Insurance
- Teach for America

Sherly Francois
3rd Year in College, Wesleyan University
Joined MetroSquash in 6th Grade
Highlight: Participated in an exciting internship at ABC’s Good Morning America show in New York

Khadijah Muhammad
Alum, Denison University
Joined MetroSquash in 5th Grade
Highlight: Landed a full-time position at MetroSquash as the College & Careers Coordinator
100+ students have been paired with a caring mentor

Distinguished as a Gold Star Program by MENTOR Illinois

Given to only 7% of IL organizations

60 students volunteered over 10 hours of service
7 students volunteered over 20 hours

14 different service events

1,350 total hours of community service

Special thanks to William Blair for helping us launch our career readiness program!
MetroSquash thanks the Hussain Family for their leadership gift of $2.5M that will ensure students and families will benefit from the MetroSquash program for generations to come. We are proud to now call our home The Hussain MetroSquash Center!

MetroSquash would like to thank all of its 2017-18 fiscal year (September 2017 – August 2018) donors and supporters.
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Find out how you can MAKE YOUR MARK with MetroSquash – please contact us at www.metrosquash.org | 773-241-5150 | info@metrosquash.org