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Hello Amanda,

As we approach the end of the year, we are filled with gratitude and excitement for the progress made over the past few months. Your support continues to drive our mission forward, empowering us to bring meaningful change to the communities we serve.

We invite you to read through the highlights of the past few months and celebrate the difference we are making together.

Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame Night of Celebration

Congratulations to the Class of 2024 members **Gery Groslimond & Philip Johnson**. They were formally inducted into the Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame on Saturday August 10th at Marietta Country Club in Kennesaw.

Groslimond helped develop 12 All-Americans, 5 national champions and more than 250 future college players in a 50-year Georgia coaching career that followed his playing days at Stanford, where he was a key member of a NCAA championship team.

Johnson, who clinched the University of Georgia's first men's tennis national championship in 1985, started as a small-fry underdog junior player and became a two-time college All-American, along with the first Georgia native to reach the top 150 on the ATP Tour.

In addition, congratulations to **Sam Crenshaw** on receiving the prestigious Dan Magill "Impact" Award for his tireless work as a great ambassador for tennis through his various media outlets.

A special thank you to all of our sponsors, most notably our presenting sponsor First Horizon Bank, supported by a great friend of the GTF Mark Tipton. Finally, thanks to the members of the GTF Hall of Fame Selection Committee with Richard Howell serving as chairman. We are looking forward to the Class of 2025!

To see past Hall of Fame Inductees and video tributes visit https://georgiatennisfoundation.org/hall-of-fame/inductees/

Congratulations to our 2024 NJTL Essay Contest Winners



Maasiai Sales - National Winner

Over 1,000 students entered this year's essay contest answering the prompt, "Who is your GOAT?" Maasiai's essay was selected for the 18-and-under girls division. She has been involved with South Atlanta CTA NJTL since the age of 10.

- Who is your GOAT? My Father
- What did winning the essay contest mean to you? It boosted my confidence and inspired me to want to write every day - it is motivation to continue to work hard even when no one is watching.
- Favorite part of your trip to NY? Meeting Chris Evert and ringing the New York Stock Exchange Bell with her.

Morgan Woodson (MACH Academy) - Southern Winner

Morgan's essay was selected as the top essay from Georgia for the Southern Section.

- Who is your GOAT? My mom
- What did winning the essay contest mean to you? The fact that I would set an example for all of the kids at MACH Academy and show them that there's nothing that you can't do if you put your mind to it.
- What does the future hold? I am attending Belmont
 University and will be playing tennis for them. My plan
 is to major in Biology and eventually get my PhD in
 Marine Biology.



Giving Tuesday

As Giving Tuesday approaches, we are reminded of the power of collective generosity. On this global day of giving, we invite you to join us in making a lasting impact in the lives of those who need it most. In a shared commitment to expand the reach of tennis for under-resourced youth and

communities throughout Georgia, Joe Dorn and Robb Bunnen are pleased to announce the establishment of a matching fund for the Joe Dorn First Serve. Together, they will match contributions, up to \$15,000 between now and December 31st.

This Giving Tuesday, we have the opportunity to come together and ensure that our mission continues to grow and reach even more people. A gift of any size can make a difference. As a token of our appreciation, when you make a donation of \$25 or more, you'll receive a special, limited-edition ornament from the Georgia Tennis Foundation while supplies last.

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Farewell to the Atlanta Open





As we bid goodbye to the Atlanta Open, we reflect on the wonderful experiences it brought to our GTF and NJTL communities. Over the years, hundreds of NJTL participants had the incredible opportunity to join on-court activities and watch world-class tennis, while GTF supporters enjoyed meeting the pros, participating on court, and soaking up the energy at Atlantic Station.

Though we'll miss this beloved tournament, we are deeply thankful for the memories and the lasting inspiration it's provided. Here's to the many years of tennis magic it brought to our community!

2024 Cannon Carr Tournament Assistance Grants Awarded

We are excited to announce that the Georgia Tennis Foundation, through the Cannon Carr Tournament Assistance Fund, has awarded 16 players a total of \$3,339.90 in grants to assist with tournament participation this year! This grant will cover up to two entry fees per calendar year for a junior Georgia tournament participant, helping players focus on their performance without worrying about costs. A big thank you to the Georgia Tennis Foundation for their continued support of the junior tournament tennis community!

If you know a junior tournament player in need they can apply for tournament assistance **HERE**

Have Tennis Pride? Let it Show!



The Georgia tennis specialty license plate is now available! The Georgia Tennis Foundation & USTA Georgia are proud to offer this specialty license plate to Georgia drivers so they can show their support of our great sport. All net proceeds benefit the Georgia Tennis Foundation who (along with USTA Georgia) are dedicated to enhancing young people's lives through tennis & education all throughout the state of Georgia. Funds will be distributed back to our in-school & after school programs, along with our NJTL Chapter network across the Peach State.

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