



Mission

To keep the 65 years and older tennis players in the game, encourage those who have left to return, and introduce youth to tennis as an activity that they can enjoy for a lifetime.

Junior Aces Events of 2012

The **Junior Aces** is a group of youth who have come together to participate in the AASSTC Junior Program in order to be introduced to the game of tennis. Included in our mission (AASSTC, Inc.) is the commitment to introduce youth to tennis as an activity that they can enjoy for a lifetime.

Program goal and objectives include providing training that will enable the junior to:

- understand and enjoy the game
- compete in tournaments
- play high school tennis, and
- realize that tennis is not only a sport of a lifetime, but also a sport of opportunity.

We also want the youth to experience social growth, develop discipline, and learn the value of good sportsmanship. Follow our Juniors in words and pictures through the 2012 Signature of Event sessions. Our Junior program is supported in part by *Lake Arbor Foundation, Inc. (LAFI)*.

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Wednesday mornings at Ft. Lincoln

Saturday mornings at Lake Arbor

*Junior Development Workshop
Four Junior Aces Traveled to Houston Texas*



Zachary and Reggie



Breakfast with a new friend



That's Reggie, you represented well!



Warm-ups



On the Tram - Reggie, Canard, Paige, and Zach



We are Here!



Mental toughness training with Dr. Sailes.



**Paige and Canard
We are on our way to the entrance gate.**



Cookout at Zina's Home



**Posing with the President of the
American Tennis Association**



**Zach, Reggie, Paige, and Canard
Waiting and wondering at the airport.**

Junior Team Tennis

Congratulations to all our JTT team members

Each Saturday, beginning **April 21 - June 2**, the Junior Aces participated in the **USTA/ DC Junior Team Tennis League**.

- **10U** (10 and under)—*Talon Francis, Odinechi Outya, Tristan Shannon, Samuel Uwanda*
- **12U team**—*Canard Lee, John Agnew, Morgan Agnew, Anyiah Allen, Wayne Nelms, and Victoria Uwanda*
- **14U**—*Vivian Alia, Andrew Alia, Samuel Alia, Raina Cooper, Paige Brown, Reggie Wilson, Devyn Shannon, and Antonio De'Sol*
- **18U**—*Dayesha Sims, Timothy Sims, Terrell Etheridge, and Zachary White*

Our **14U, 10U, and 18U** advanced to the *USTA Mid-Atlantic* sectionals, which were held at College Park Tennis Center.



10U AASSTC Junior Team



14U AASSTC Junior Aces Team



Opponent and Tristian Shannon



Coach Mack gives words of wisdom to Andrew and Samuel



Stay hydrated, Nechi



Vivian and Coach Merriwether



Coach Lee gives encouragement to Talon Francis

AASSTC Junior program's **JTT 8U tennis league** participated in the 8U Play Day sponsored by USTA/DC at the *William H. G. FitzGerald Tennis Center*. Two AASSTC teams competed with other 8U teams in the USTA/DC district.



Coach John Qubre and his 8U Junior Aces



Nation's Capital NJTL Cup Washington, DC



All participants in the NJTL Cup

June 15, 2012

Junior Aces at the *Nation's Capital NJTL Cup*. The event was held at SETLC. We had first and second place winners in 3-categories.

Vivian Alia and *Wayne Nelms* won first place for life skills in their respective age group.



Wayne won 1st place



Reggie and Samuel

During the *NJTL Cup*, I got to not only play the piano, but I also got the chance to design a tennis license plate. I didn't know I could have that much fun off the tennis court. I felt great when I won the license plate activity. I'm glad that I could do something for my team. ~ Wayne



Closing exercise at the Kastle stadium on the Waterfront



Our Junior Aces



Terrell

Raising a Racquet for Health and Fitness

Junior Aces Bowl-a-Thon Fundraiser

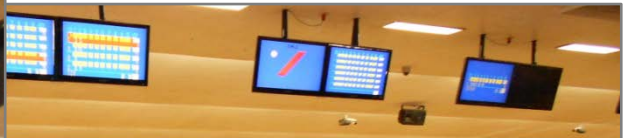
Junior Aces had a very busy day on **June 23, 2012**. They were playing tennis, enjoying tennis related activities at the Annual AASSTC Tennis carnival at 10 o'clock that morning, and doing a fundraiser at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.



Parents enjoying the view, check out the love birds



Zachary, Canard, and Tim



American Tennis Association National Championships Ft. Lauderdale, FL



Come on "V"

July 29 - August 4, 2012

Junior Aces prepared all season for the *American Tennis Association National Championships* that was held in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.



**Wayne Nelms and Odinechi Otuya
met in 10s finals**



John, Reggie, Andrew, and Wayne

ATA Round Robin in Florida (10 and under):
During the Round Robin, I got to play two kids that are my age. I also saw a kid I knew from the Tennis Center at College Park! We used green-dot balls though I could play with regular balls. I'm very happy that I won the Round Robin at the ATA. ~ Wayne



Andrew won his first-round match – he has the tennis balls



Zach and Opponent



Opponent and Morgan



Nice form, Morgan



Zach and Tim - doubles partners



**Sportsmanship Award
Vivian Alia and Terrell Etheridge**





**Out on the town –
Dayesha and Terrell**



Breakfast at the Hyatt Place



Parents had fun too



Sport psychology with Dr. Sailes session

14th annual Heart to Hart Tennis Experience

AA Juniors participants



Reggie Wilson and father Reggie Sr. chat with USTA/DC Executive Director Ronnie Goodall

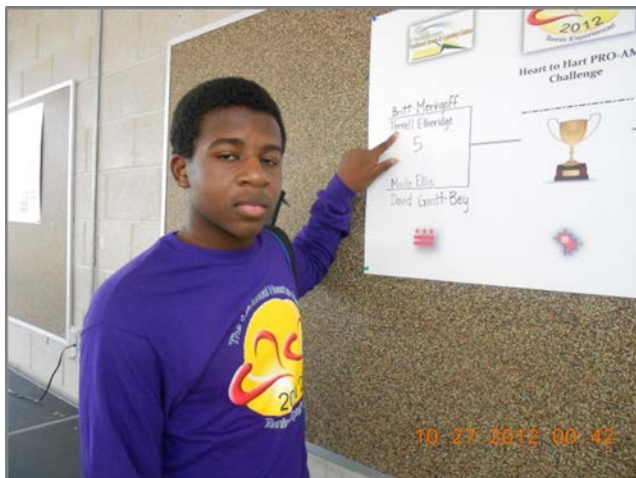


Terrell Etheridge accepts finalist trophy

On **Saturday, October 27, 2012**, four of our juniors participated in the *Heart to Hart Tennis Experience*, which was held at the Southeast Tennis & Learning Center.

Those participating were, *Terrell Etheridge, Canard Lee, Zachary White, and Reggie Wilson.*

AA Juniors have the opportunity to participate in many worthwhile and rewarding activities during the year. It is the goal of the AASSTC Junior Program to provide these opportunities with the hope that more of our juniors will take advantage.



Terrell - that's my name in the semifinals!



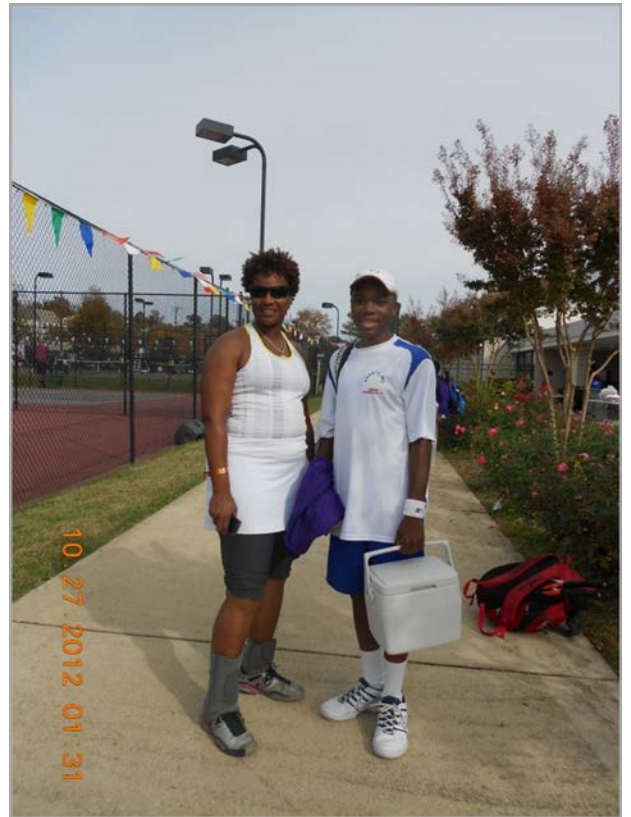
Just waiting



Canard Lee and partner wait on serve



Terrell said, "I was very nervous, me in the finals!"



Zach with the president of USTA/DC – His doubles partner



Zachary watches as his partner Kelly Jackson, USTA/DC president, hits a winner

AASSTC NJTL Arthur Ashe Essay Contest

Reverend Delores Roberts, coordinator of our educational component of our NJTL, organized an awards program for our junior aces who participated in the *Arthur Ashe Essay and Arts contest*. The question each child had to answer by essay or drawing was "If Arthur Ashe were alive today, what do you think would give him hope?"



Our AASSTC contest Winners



Thanks to supportive parents

Acknowledgements

Thanks to our volunteer coaches. Without them, we could not have a junior instructional program.

Clinton Mack
David Merriwether
John Oubre

Special Thanks

We especially extend a wealth of gratitude to the Lake Arbor foundation, Inc. (LAFI) for their support in 2012. Our Junior and Senior programs were successful in part because of their support.

It is our hope that they will continue to support the AASSTC, Inc. and the community outreach programs, which would enable us to continue introducing our youth to the game of tennis as an activity they can enjoy for a lifetime, in addition to continue serving our community.

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To the AASSTC members who gave monetary  
Donations to the Junior program.

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To parents and friends who are instrumental
in the success of our Junior Program.

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## *Upcoming Events*

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| December 2012 ..... | AASSTC Evening of Elegance Gala   |
| February .....      | World finest Chocolate Fundraiser |
| April .....         | USTA/DC JTT League                |
| June .....          | NJTL Cup                          |
| August .....        | ATA Championship                  |