

# Squash Haven 2015 and beyond

With heartfelt gratitude to the Yale Class of 1964...



# WHAT TO EXPECT TODAY

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- A quick overview for those less familiar
- What – and who – is new to the program in 2015
- Current Highlights
- Current Challenges
- Why your support matters

# What is Squash Haven? Our model is based on a multi-faceted approach to youth development.

## ***Squash Haven's Strategy***

### **Year-Round Intense Squash Instruction**

Students receive 3 to 4 hours of squash instruction from our highly qualified coaching staff each week and Yale's varsity squash teams. Students also compete in matches and tournaments.

### **Individual Tutoring and Placement**

Students receive 3 to 4 hours of individualized academic time per week with staff and volunteer tutors. Struggling students also attend supplemental tutoring and study hall sessions.

### **Group Academic Enrichment**

Students work together in homework help and academic enrichment sessions, which are designed to supplement school work by providing skills most requisite for success at the college level.

### **Community Service**

All team members complete ten hours of community service per year. Service reinforces teamwork and character values.

# What is Squash Haven?

- History
- Mission
- Goals
- Signature Strengths



# Squash Haven in Action



# 2015 Successes

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- Academics: 86% academic average
- Squash: NUSEA, national rankings, high school program
- Placement efforts
  - College
  - Independent School
  - Return on Investment
- Launch of Values and Leadership Initiatives
- Strengthening of Yale partnership
- Launch of the Fund for Squash Haven

# 2015 High School Seniors



# Who is new – and what is new – in 2015-16

## WHO IS NEW

- Squash Haven's youngest fans
- AmeriCorps VISTA
- Incoming class: 100 in 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 18 in college or working



## WHAT IS NEW

- Additions to academic plan: Technology and health and wellness
- Expansion of support for persistence
- Leadership and values initiatives



# Current Challenges

- High school leadership
- Staff development
- College persistence



# WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Michael Rodriguez: Pomfret PG '16, Conn College '20



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With thanks from Rafiatou Ouro-Aguy, Hamilton College '18

## THANK YOU.

When you donate to Squash Haven, you help first-generation sophomore Rafi thrive as a student-athlete at Hamilton College.

"I've always aspired to be someone great, who had the power to make changes for the betterment of the world. Squash Haven has helped me realize that in order to really accomplish what I desire, I have to set high standards for myself with a strong support system to back me up. The program has always gone the extra mile in order to help me with my academics, my social life, and my financial circumstances. I could truly say that getting to where I am today would have been a hundred times harder without Squash Haven."

-Rafi, Sophomore and Varsity Squash player at Hamilton College

