

# CAPITOL SQUASH

2021–2022  
ANNUAL  
REPORT



## OUR MISSION

The mission of Capitol Squash is to empower youth of Hartford to reach their potential as athletes, students, and engaged citizens.

Capitol Squash strives to provide youth with life-changing opportunities through the sport of squash, intensive educational support, mentoring, and community service activities.

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## DEAR FRIENDS OF CAPITOL SQUASH

We always knew the 2021-2022 school year would be a special one: our first high school graduating class! For the past eight years, we have been laser-focused on securing post-secondary opportunities for our students. We knew the road would be challenging, but we could not have predicted what was in store for our students. Coping with a pandemic, they transitioned to online classes, attended virtual college tours, and missed out on matches and tournaments. At each hurdle, they demonstrated resilience and perseverance, preparing for their next challenge.

Now in their first semester in college, their resilience and perseverance have propelled them to their next chapter. Yaryliz is thriving at Clark. She is playing club squash and club volleyball, and tutoring students at a local elementary school. Julissa, Ku, and Adriana are playing varsity squash at Wesleyan, Mount Holyoke, and Vassar, respectively. Phoebe is playing on UConn's

club squash team and working for Capitol Squash part-time. This class will continue to face and tackle life's obstacles. They have set the bar high for themselves and for their younger teammates.

We are grateful for your support over the past eight years as we celebrate the class of 2022 and their achievements.

Gratefully,

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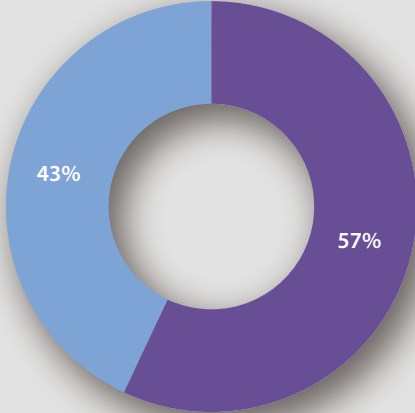
Meg Taylor  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# PROGRAMMING

Capitol Squash's year-round programming focuses on squash, academics, and opening doors to new opportunities. Students receive squash instruction, match play, and rigorous fitness activities. Capitol Squash provides individual tutoring and homework help as well as high school and college placement support.

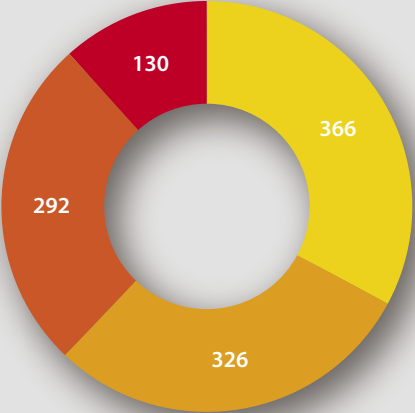


52 STUDENTS SERVED, GRADES 4-12



● Boys ● Girls

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS



● Squash Instruction  
 ● Enrichment and Homework Help  
 ● Matches and Tournaments  
 ● High School and Post-Secondary Placement

**\$1.7 MILLION**  
 in financial aid  
 awarded to date



7 students attended  
 boarding school

## MAKING OUR MARK

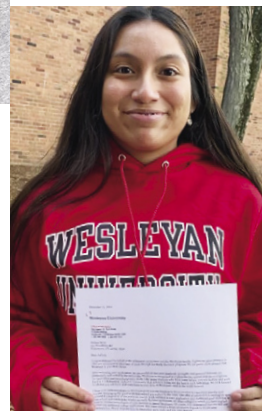
This fall, members of Capitol Squash's first graduating class began their first semester of college. We are now represented at Wesleyan University, Vassar College, Mount Holyoke College, Clark University, University of Connecticut's Hartford campus, and Capital Community College.

Before starting her college career at Mount Holyoke, Ku received the Squash and Education Alliance (SEA) Booster Scholarship, which is awarded to high school seniors from across the SEA network who demonstrate intellectual curiosity, academic achievement, and leadership qualities. It is an up-to-four-year scholarship of \$3000 that grants financial assistance to high-achieving students so that they can attend their best-fit college or university.

*"Starting college means a lot to me because it shows my strength and courage and how much I've persevered to get where I am today. Capitol Squash has made my journey towards higher education much smoother because they provided me with relentless support and always made sure I had everything I needed to succeed."* — Ku, Mount Holyoke College '26



*"Capitol Squash gave me the opportunity to go on tours at colleges I had never heard of. They helped me get in contact with coaches and carved the path for me to pursue college squash."* — Adriana, Vassar College '26



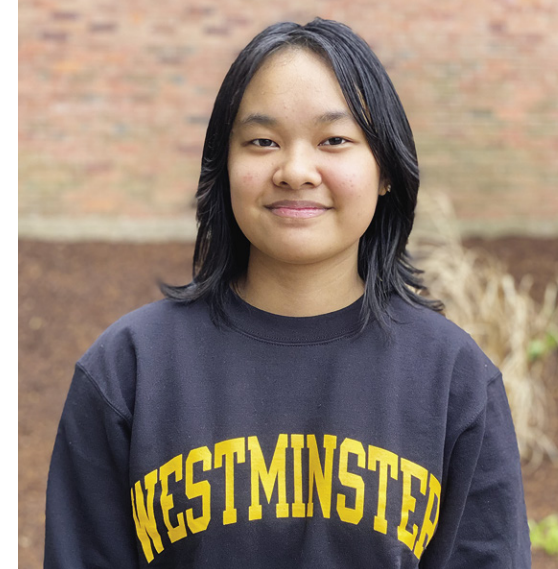
Adriana joined Capitol Squash in 7th grade, a few years after many of her teammates at Capitol Squash. Through hard work and dedication, she secured an acceptance to Vassar College and earned a spot on the varsity squash team this fall.

## AWAY FROM HOME

This summer, we sent many of our students away to squash and academic camps. A large group of our students attended the Squash and Education (SEA) Summer Academy at Kent School, where they trained alongside other top SEA students and received high level squash coaching. We also had three high school students attend rigorous summer academic programs at Brown University, The Hotchkiss School, and Phillips Exeter Academy. While these students were away, they experienced dorm life, took private school and college classes, and had valuable and immersive experiences that they will carry with them throughout their lives.



SEA Team and Individual Nationals returned after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19. Capitol Squash brought 22 students to Team Nationals in April, and 17 students to Individual Nationals in June, both located at the Arlen Specter US Squash Center in Philadelphia. We had some notable achievements from our students at both events. At Team Nationals, our High School Girls A team finished as runners-up. At Individual Nationals, eleventh grader Almedina secured her second national individual title, this time in the Girls Under 17 Division.



This fall, our cohort of private school students grew as Anna began her ninth grade year at Westminster School. Anna is a hardworking and dedicated student, and a graceful squash player. She is always eager to learn, improve, and help others. We are proud of her acceptance to Westminster, and are confident that she will thrive there over the next four years.

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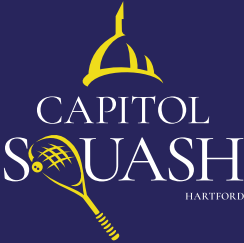
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