Urban Squash Citizenship Tour

Boston, Connecticut, Jersey Shore, Philadelphia, Washington, DC

July 15-23

Citizenship Tour
For 22 high school and college squash players from Harlem, Roxbury, South Chicago, and similar communities throughout the United States, the Urban Squash Citizenship Tour will be a 9-day athletic and intellectual journey from Boston to Washington, DC with stops in Connecticut, New York City, the Jersey Shore, and Philadelphia. The students, who have been selected from the country’s 15 urban squash programs, will play squash, visit landmarks of American history, and meet with individuals in government, journalism, education and the nonprofit community.

Among other highlights, students will meet UN Ambassador Samantha Power, Representative John Lewis of Georgia, and Environmental Defense Fund CEO Fredd Krupp. They will also play squash with Governor of Massachusetts Deval Patrick in Boston and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand of New York in Washington, DC. The group will visit Walden Pond, sleep in dorms at Harvard University, walk the Freedom Trail in Boston, and tour the United Nations and New York Times Building in New York City and the U.S. Capitol and the White House in Washington, DC.

Squash
Squash was founded in the 1860s at the Harrow School, a private boarding school in England. Twenty years later the first court was built in the United States at the St. Paul’s School in Concord, New Hampshire. The game is played in 180 countries by more than 10 million people, and the countries where it is most popular include England, Australia, Malaysia, and Egypt. For most of its history in the United States, the sport has been played primarily at independent schools, Northeastern universities, and private clubs. Over the past two decades the game has become more widely played and over 500,000 Americans play the sport today.

Urban Squash
In 1996, the first urban squash and education program was launched in Boston with 28 public school students from low-income families. Today, there are 15 accredited urban squash programs across the country that enroll year-round more than 1,400 elementary, middle, high school and college students. These nonprofit organizations provide intensive after-school, weekend and summer programming that includes academics, squash, mentoring, community service, and college placement. 140 urban squash students are currently enrolled at such colleges as Bates, UC Berkeley, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Hamilton, Harvard, Haverford, Mt. Holyoke, and Smith. Cities that are home to urban squash programs include Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Minneapolis, New Haven, New York, Oakland, Philadelphia, San Diego, and Santa Barbara.

NUSEA
NUSEA’s mission is to support the creation, development and improvement of urban squash and education programs across the United States and around the world. NUSEA achieves its mission by (1) helping to launch new urban squash programs; (2) collecting data and promoting best practices in urban squash, and (3) organizing urban squash tournaments, camps and other programs that promote learning, health, integrity, and the pursuit of excellence.

Contact Us
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# Urban Squash Citizenship Tour Participants

## Students

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Organizing Committee

Will Gaynor - Rock Creek Advisors, CEO
Katherine Gronberg - Georgetown University, Professor
Wendy Lawrence - George Washington University, Head Squash Coach
Mark Lewis - The Potomac School, Head Squash Coach
Steve Mandel - Lone Pine Capital, Managing Partner
Sue Mandel - Environmental Defense Fund, Board Member
Abigail McDonough - Office of Senator Heidi Heitkamp, Communications Director
Garrett Moran - Year Up, President
David Moss, MD - Washington Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine
Justin Muzinich - Muzinich & Co., President
Brian O'Hora - Results Fitness, Head Squash Pro
John Palfrey - Phillips Academy, Headmaster
Judy Palfrey - Harvard University, Professor of Pediatrics
Sean Palfrey - Boston University, Professor of Pediatrics
Dan Petrie - Habitat for Humanity, Associate Director of Congressional Relations
Abir Ray - Expression Networks, Director of Business Development
Sarah Roberts - 305 Fitness, Director of Marketing & PR
William E. Simon Jr. - 2002 California Republican Gubernatorial Nominee
Heather Smith - Rock the Vote, Former President
Cass Sunstein - Harvard University, Professor of Law
Pug Winokur - Squash Haven, Chairman
Chris Wyant - Enroll America, Managing Director
Urban Squash Citizenship Tour

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

The timing and sequence of events each day are subject to change, and depend on the schedules of the Tour’s guest speakers and those participating in challenge matches.

DAY ONE: Tuesday, July 15 – Boston

7:30pm Dinner with Greg Zaff, the Founder and CEO of SquashBusters, in Cambridge

DAY TWO: Wednesday, July 16 – Boston

9:30 AM Squash Challenge with Gov. Deval Patrick at SquashBusters at Northeastern University
1:00 PM Freedom Trail Tour

DAY THREE: Thursday, July 17 – Boston, Concord, Greenwich, CT

8:00 AM Breakfast and discussion with Harvard faculty members at Annenberg Dining Hall
10:30 AM Discussion & Lunch at Walden Pond, Concord, MA
6:30 PM Conversation with Fred Krupp, President of the Environmental Defense Fund, followed by vegan dinner made by Lucia Mathias in Greenwich, CT.

DAY FOUR: Friday, July 18 – New York City

10:00 AM Tour of New York Times Building led by David Segal, squash player, Pulitzer Prize winner, and writer of the Haggler column
2:00 PM United Nations Tour and meeting with U.S. Ambassador of the United Nations Samantha Power, a Pulitzer Prize winning author, and Yale squash alumna.

DAY FIVE: Saturday, July 19 – Jersey Shore

Beach day and squash at the Valkyrie Squash Club
DAY SIX: Sunday, July 20 – Jersey Shore, Philadelphia & Washington, DC

12:00 PM Tour National Liberty Museum and Constitution Hall followed by cheese steaks on South Street

DAY SEVEN: Monday, July 21 – Washington, DC

10:00 AM Tour of the U.S. Capitol
4:30 PM Squash Session at George Washington University

DAY EIGHT: Tuesday, July 22 – Washington, DC

8:45 AM Squash with Senator Gillibrand at Results Gym in Washington, DC.
11:00 AM Meet with Rep. John Lewis
5:00 PM Cocktail Reception at Metropolitan Club
   1700 H St NW, Washington, DC
6:30 PM Squash Exhibition at Met Club

DAY NINE: Wednesday, July 23 – Washington, DC

9:30 AM White House Tour and Discussion
Urban Squash History

1995 – Two years after writing a graduate student term paper entitled ‘Bringing Squash Down from the Ivory Tower, the Creation of an Urban Squash and Education Program’, former professional squash player Greg Zaff launches SquashBusters in Boston. The after-school program, which serves 28 students from two public middle schools, is the first of its kind to combine the sport of squash with academic tutoring, mentoring and community service activities. With a $75,000 budget and an ‘office’ in Greg’s apartment, SquashBusters runs practices and tutoring sessions at the Boston YMCA, the Harvard Club of Boston, and Harvard University.

1999 – George Polsky, a teacher and social worker and former Harvard squash player, launches StreetSquash in Harlem. The program runs practices out of the Harvard Club of New York and Columbia University... Two SquashBusters students win scholarships to private high schools, the first of many urban squash players to do so.


2002 – Sanford Schwartz, a squash player and squash parent, starts CitySquash on the Bronx campus of Fordham University, giving the Big Apple a second urban squash program.

2003 – SquashBusters opens the $6 million Badger-Rosen Youth Center, with eight squash courts and three classrooms, on the campus of Northeastern University... Groton School, a boarding school in Groton, MA, hosts the inaugural Urban Individual Nationals. The event draws more than 100 players from the country’s four urban squash programs.

2004 – The inaugural Urban Team Nationals is held in Boston at SquashBusters, drawing students from Boston, Harlem, the Bronx and Philadelphia.

2005 – The leaders of the country’s four urban squash programs — Steve Gregg, George Polsky, Tim Wyant, and Greg Zaff — co-found the National Urban Squash and Education Association in partnership with U.S. SQUASH... Conor O’Malley, a teaching pro in Chicago, founds METROsquash. Based at the University of Chicago, the program is the first outside of the East Coast.

2006 – SquashSmarts's Tempest Bowden becomes the first urban squash player to qualify for the U.S. Nationals, an event open to the country’s top 32 players.

2007 – Annick Winokur, Pug Winokur and a group of Yale University-affiliated squash supporters launch Squash Haven at Yale in New Haven, CT... Led by Greg Scherman and Chris Walker, a group of San Diego squash enthusiasts start Surf City Squash, now Access Youth Academy, giving the West Coast its first urban squash program ... SquashSmarts’s $12 million Lenfest Center, with eight squash courts and three classrooms, opens in North Philadelphia.
Urban Squash History (cont.)

2008 – With Hillary Clinton in attendance, the $9 million S.L. Green StreetSquash Youth Center, with eight courts and four classrooms, opens in Harlem. MileHigh Squash, founded by Greg Courter, launches at the Denver Athletic Club... Assisted by a NUSEA challenge grant, a group of squash players in Baltimore, including Charlie Wise, Nancy Cushman, Peter Heffernan, and Abby Markoe, launch SquashWise at the Meadow Mill Athletic Club.

2009 – Days after being admitted to Cornell University, CitySquash's Jesse Pacheco finishes 5th in the Under 19 division of the U.S. Open, one of the world's most competitive junior squash tournaments.

2010 – NUSEA launches Racquet Up, its 10th member program, at the Northwest Activities Center in Detroit... The $1 million renovation of the Fordham University-CitySquash Squash Center is completed.

2011 – NUSEA launches Beyond Walls Twin Cities in Minneapolis – St. Paul... SquashBuster Yuleissy Ramirez begins her freshman year at Harvard University, becoming the first urban squash player to attend the country's oldest college.

2012 – First Lady Michelle Obama promotes Let's Move!, her nutrition and health initiative, at SquashSmarts's Lenfest Center... Access Youth Academy's Reyna Pacheco is admitted to Columbia University on a Gates Millennium Scholarship... The Santa Barbara School of Squash becomes NUSEA's 12th member program and the West Coast's 2nd... StreetSquash and SquashBusters launch satellite programs, in Newark, NJ and Lawrence, MA respectively... The Urban Squads program is launched to provide more intensive training opportunities for urban squash's hardest working and most accomplished players... The combined enrollment of year-round students at NUSEA's 12 member programs tops 1,000 students.

2013 – Oakland's SquashDrive, founded by executive director Lauren Patrizio; Urban Squash Cleveland, led by Max Laverty; and StreetSquash Newark, led by Leah Brown, become NUSEA's 13th, 14th, and 15th members, respectively... The Midwestern Urban Squash Championships, the first major urban squash tournament held outside the northeastern United States, takes place at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio... NUSEA's International Fund, aimed at developing and engaging urban squash programs abroad, is launched.