

VENUS & SERENA WILLIAMS TUTORIAL / TENNIS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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RICHARD WILLIAMS TO BE SALUTED



On Sunday, August 5, at the Marriott Hotel in Manhattan Beach, tennis coach Richard Williams will be saluted at a reception. The reception will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Richard Williams has coached his daughters, Venus and Serena, to become two of the top players in the world. Together they have won three grand slams and many other titles. They are the first two sisters to ever be ranked in the top five at the same time and they are constantly setting new records.

Proceeds from the salute will benefit the Venus and Serena Williams Tutorial/Tennis Academy's program designed to help inner city high school players earn tennis scholarships to college. The program will start this fall for players at twelve high schools at four sites. Players in the program will be provided with lessons, rackets, tutoring, and mentors.



Richard Williams shown above with members of his daughters' academy during a visit last May.

Mr. Williams visits the academy five times a year. He hits with academy members as well as gives them lectures

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ACADEMY MEMBER TO BE AWARDED THE SCTA'S



On Wednesday, June 27, at the Southern California Tennis Association's 13th Annual Juniors Award Banquet, academy member, K. Brown, will receive the association's 2000 Most Improved Player Award.

K. Brown

Brown will be entering 12th grade this fall. He would like to attend Morehouse College after completing high school.

ACADEMY MEMBER LESLIE KOFFI AWARDED \$1,000 FROM



L. Koffi recently received a \$1,000 grant from the USTA junior development committee. The grants were awarded to up and coming players that the USTA feels need financial assistance for lessons, entry fees, etc. Koffi is presently ranked No. 4 in the Girls' 14 division and also in the top 25 in the Girls' 16 singles division.

L. Koffi

ACADEMY'S STAFF

Executive Director *Richard P. Williams*

Director *Terry Chambers*

Coaches *Kyra Johnson, Wayne Pulliam,
Robert Robinson*

Volunteer Coaches *Fred Brown, Charles Thomas,
Dr. Roy Johnson, Mary Ann Madison,
Rick Peterson, Paul Ozaki, C.B. Simba, Leona Dove*

Coordinator *Fred Williams*

ACADEMY MEMBER, MICHELLE BROWN, RECEIVES PERFECT REPORT CARD



M. Brown

Academy member, Michelle Brown, recently received a perfect report card of all A's. The Academy and Browns's parents, Fred and Catherine Brown, are proud of her high achievement.

Brown is presently ranked No. 11 in the Girls' 10 singles by the SCTA and No. 9 in the Girls' 12 singles. In 2000 her final ranking was No. 30 in Southern California. Michelle has been in the Academy for approximately three years.

GOALS AND PURPOSES OF THE ACADEMY

- Provide an opportunity for youths to fully develop their games.
- Provide tutoring to help the students maintain scholastic excellence.
- Help provide students with lessons, rackets, and transportation to tournaments.
- Provide mentors for members.
- Provide seminars for members to help them prepare for PSAT and SAT examinations.

CALENDAR

- June:** ◇ Summer camp begin
- July:** ◇ Summer camp (on-going)
 ◇ Field trip to Kids Day at Mercedes Benz Cup (UCLA)
 ◇ Field trip to Kids Day at Acura Tennis Classic (San Diego)
- August:** ◇ Salute to Richard Williams, Sunday, August 5, Marriott Hotel in Manhattan Beach
 ◇ Summer camp (on-going)
 ◇ First Annual Satellite Tournament
 ◇ Youth Tennis Day - August 6
- September:** ◇ After school program begins (3:30 to 6:30)
- October:** ◇ After school program (on-going)

Summer "Youth Tennis Day"

The Academy's summer gala, "Youth Tennis Day", will be held August 6. Activities during the affair will include free lessons, a free raffle, and the popular hit for prizes. Rackets will be provided for all children.

Last summer over 400 youths attended. Venus and Serena signed autographs for children and their parents.



2000 Youth Tennis Day
"Hit for Prizes"

ACADEMY MEMBERS ARE WINNERS AND RUNNER-UPS IN



J. Harvey

Winner of Girls' 10 singles division of the Annual Santa Monica Junior Tennis Tournament



B. Koffi

Winner of Girls' 12 singles division of the annual Santa Barbara Junior Tennis Tournament



H. Moore

Runner-up in the Girls' 12 singles of the Annual Santa Barbara Tournament



S. Greene

Winner of the Girls' 14 singles division of the Annual Santa Monica Junior Tennis Tournament



L. Koffi

Runner-up in the Girls' 16 singles division of the Annual Fullerton Tournament

FORMER PROGRAM MEMBER GRADUATES FROM THE PRESTIGIOUS WHARTON SCHOOL IN PHILADELPHIA

Richard P. Williams, III recently received his MBA from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Williams was a member of the Academy before it became known as the Venus and Serena Williams Tennis / Tutorial Academy.

Before attending Wharton, he graduated from Morehouse College while earning a full tennis scholarship and being inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. As a junior tennis player, Williams was a top ranked junior in Southern California. In September, he will begin working for AT Kearney as a consultant in New York.



Richard Williams pictured with fiancée, Loren Compton. She received her MBA from Wharton as well.

MENTORS NEEDED FOR ACADEMY MEMBERS

The academy is in need of adults to serve as mentors for members of the Academy (especially for the girls in the Academy). A mentor spends a minimum of one hour per week with an Academy member. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us at (323) 292-6844.

Yes, I would like to make a contribution to the
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