

SquashDrive

Annual Report
2018



Raji, 10th grade
(Center)
England Squash Tour
Scholarship Recipient

Dear SquashDrive Family and Friends,

Once again we are delighted to convey that the 2017-18 year was an incredible one for SquashDrive. As you'll see throughout this report, we met or exceeded our goals and expectations in so many ways - achievements that were made possible only because of your steadfast and generous support.

SquashDrive's Mission is focused on helping our student athletes reach their full academic, athletic and personal potential, and to help each student achieve success in high school, college and beyond. To that end, we are thrilled to be embarking on our first year with seniors in high school, and helping them grow and strive to see what their future holds.

Thank you for all you do to support the SquashDrive mission, our program and our students. We would like to thank each one of you personally for all you give, both in dollars and countless other forms of support. You are making a true and lasting difference in the lives of these young people, and for that we are deeply grateful.

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2010-12

12

2012-13

24

2013-14

36

2014-15

49

2015-16

60

2016-17

72

This past year, SquashDrive served 84 students in 4th through 11th grades. That number is projected to grow to 90 students next year.

2017-2018

84

Our Partner Schools



ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Aspire Berkley Maynard Academy, Oakland



PRIVATE INDEPENDENT HIGH SCHOOL

- Lick-Wilmerding High School, San Francisco



DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS

- Berkeley High School, Berkeley
- El Cerrito High School, El Cerrito
- Emery Secondary School, Emeryville
- Oakland Technical High School, Oakland



CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS

- Aspire Richmond California College Preparatory Academy, Richmond
- Envision Academy of Arts & Technology, Oakland
- Realm Charter School, Berkeley



PRIVATE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

- Salesian College Preparatory, Richmond

Scholarships

\$950,000

have been earned in scholarships by SquashDrive students

Demographics

HISPANIC 58%

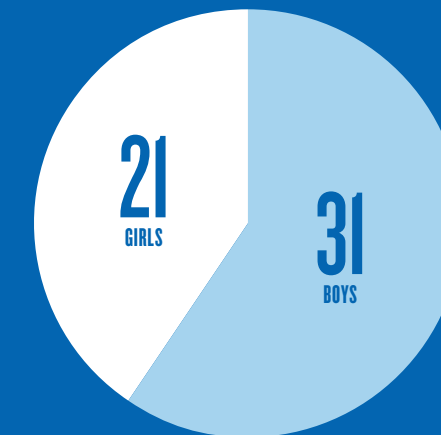
AFRICAN AMERICAN 37%

ASIAN 5%

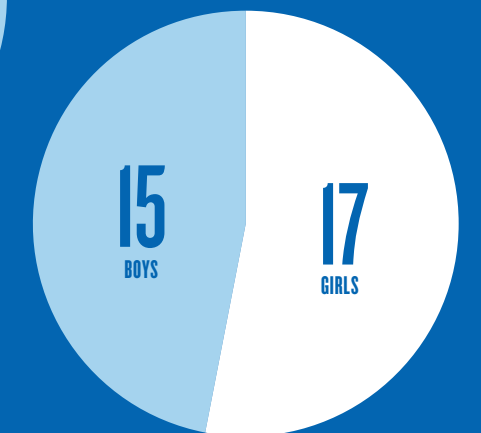
Gender*

*Students of all gender identities and backgrounds are welcome at SquashDrive.

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL



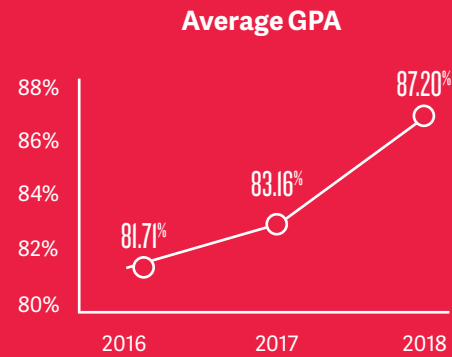
Family Income

SQUASHDRIVE STUDENTS WHO COME FROM LOW, VERY LOW, OR EXTREMELY LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

94%

College readiness begins in the classroom

SquashDrive students enter our College Prep Program in 9th grade. Throughout high school they participate in individualized tutoring, college prep sessions, campus tours, test prep classes, and group mentoring sessions with college students and graduates. Our goal is to ensure every student is prepared for college success.



High schoolers work to complete their homework assignments.



Students visit Vista Equity Partners to participate in *code.org*'s "Hour of Code."

Tutoring and so much more

In addition to working with tutors in the classroom each day, SquashDrive students receive extensive STEM enrichment in the form of camps, field trips, and summer program placements that focus on science, technology, engineering, and math.

Guest speakers from the UC Berkeley and Bay Area business communities regularly lead interactive STEM sessions that introduce students to their fields of work or study. Careers in these area are growing quickly and the communities to which our students belong are under-represented in the STEM workforce. SquashDrive is working to change this by raising awareness and knowledge of STEM subject matter and sparking interest in STEM fields of study.

Our STEM Partners

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| Berkeley ANova | Creekcats Environmental Consulting | Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots |
| Cal Rotaract | Del Monte Foods | NASA |
| California Council for Environmental & Economic Balance | Exeter Summer School | San Francisco Zoo |
| Cate Summer Institute | Exploratorium | School Earthquake Safety Initiative |
| Code.org | Fund II Foundation | UC Berkeley |
| | Gartner | Vista Equity Partners |



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT Finding Motivation

Nijah (pictured right) wasn't satisfied with her grades last fall. She knew she could do better in math and reading, but hadn't discovered the internal motivation to improve her academic performance. Upon hearing that SquashDrive would be sending a squad of girls to the Urban Team Nationals tournament in New York in January, Nijah fought to improve her grades so that she would qualify. She was ultimately selected and has never looked back. She's maintained a 3.5 GPA ever since.

SQUASH



Alex, Alfredo, and Isa bring home wins from Urban Individual Nationals at Williams.



Leo and Hannah with SquashDrive supporter Asher at the Olympic Club.

800

hours of coaching from
6 Bay Area pros

104

tournament entries throughout
this 2017-2018 season

30

squash volunteers

Squash, squash, everywhere...

This year marked another exciting squash season with a record number of tournament entries and growing relationships with new coaches and clubs. In addition to training at UC Berkeley, Active Sports in Oakland, and The University Club in San Francisco, SquashDrive began training at Oakwood Athletic Club in Lafayette on Fridays and Sundays.

Throughout the year, students benefited from daily instruction, specialized elite team practices, fitness training, team matches, and tournament play. Students earned scholarships to elite squash training camps at Deerfield Academy, University of Virginia, Stanford, MetroSquash (Chicago), and SquashBusters (Boston).

Top-ranked SquashDrive scholar-athlete, Raji, was fortunate to tour England this summer thanks to a generous scholarship (see *inside front page*). The highlight of the season was Urban Individual Nationals at Williams College where SquashDrive boys took home a championship and a consolation plate win.

Partnerships with Coaching Corps and Up2Us Sports have been invaluable sources of coaches and coach training over the past few years. We look forward to continuing and expanding these relationships as we move into 2019.



Playing Around the Bay
SquashDrive students played all throughout the Bay Area.

📍 Training courts
 📍 Courts visited

Tournaments & Team Matches

- Urban Individual Nationals, Williamstown
- California Junior Bronze, Redwood Shores
- NetSuite Open Junior Gold, San Francisco
- Bay Club Santa Clara Junior Silver
- 7th RKHISA CSF Silicon Valley Junior Bronze, Fremont
- Access Youth Academy Match, Berkeley
- NorCal High School Championships, Santa Clara
- Bay Club Cupertino Silver
- Cate Junior Bronze 2017, Santa Barbara
- Urban Team Nationals, New York
- Santa Clara Junior Gold 2018
- Squash Zone Junior Silver, Redwood Shores
- Oakwood Squash Academy Junior Bronze, Lafayette
- Squash Zone Squash Mixer, Redwood Shores
- Bay Club Redwood Shores Junior Bronze
- 2018 California Summer Gold, San Francisco
- MetroSquash Junior Gold, Chicago

Fourth graders learn how to protect the planet at Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Day of Service.

the Jane Goodall Institute



NATHALY, 4TH GRADE

“To me, community service means learning about problems in the world around me and then helping people and the earth.”

Building character through leadership and service

SquashDrive students each spend a minimum of 10 hours per year serving others and their communities. This year's highlight was SquashDrive's partnership with Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots.

Our youngest team planted a playground garden and showed off their horticulture skills to 800 young people at a Roots & Shoots exhibition in San Francisco. They learned about environmental preservation from other exhibitors and had the opportunity to meet Jane and hear her message of hope for the planet.

To help students build confidence and leadership skills, SquashDrive provides its high schoolers with paid internship opportunities. The interns serve as camp counselors during SquashDrive summer camps and impress us with their professionalism, energy, and ability to provide necessary leadership to younger students.

Mentoring happens on so many levels at SquashDrive and each year new bonds are formed. Whether its the individual pairings or group mentoring events, students love having adults take an interest in them and their academic and athletic development.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Becoming a Leader

Elijah (*middle with black sweatshirt*) was hired as a camp counselor this summer to lead a team of middle school scholar-athletes on the courts and in the classroom.

The Road to College

Students prepare to climb the high ropes at the Fort Miley Adventure Challenge Course.



FRESHMAN YEAR

Intro to college access

As 9th grade begins, students experience a team-building workshop to develop leadership, confidence and self-advocacy skills. From there, students learn about what college can offer, the application process, and how to take charge of their own learning pathways.



Shyaun hones her writing skills at UC Berkeley.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Begin SAT prep and attend college-based summer programs

Shyaun worked to improve her writing and verbal skills this summer at a UC Berkeley Writing Camp. The skills she learned on campus will help her with her English grades, college applications, and SAT scores.

Students attend the SEA Citizenship Tour in Washington, D.C.



JUNIOR YEAR

Summer college opportunities and citizenship tours

Piera and Sidzel were selected for the highly competitive SEA Citizenship Tour where they traveled to Washington, D.C., New York, and Philadelphia to meet with renowned lawmakers and journalists to learn about how our country works. They also took time to tour Drexel University and University of Pennsylvania.

OTHER COLLEGES VISITED

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|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| George Washington | Springfield College | University of California Berkeley |
| Georgetown | Stanford University | University of Virginia |
| Harvard University | Sonoma State University | Williams College |
| Howard University | | |

Rising seniors Sidzel and Piera attend the Colleges That Change Lives fair.

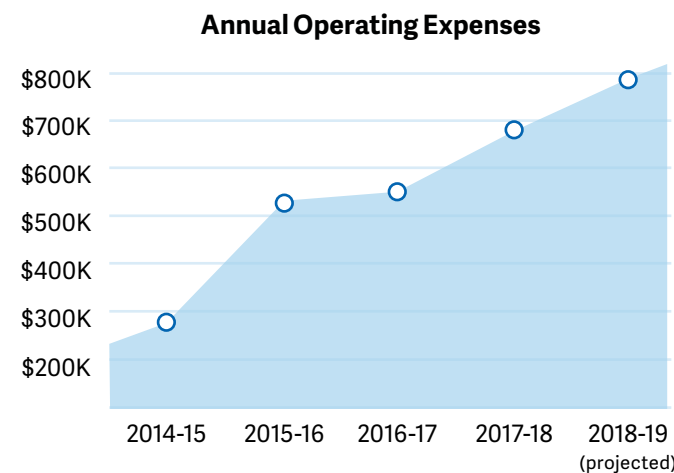
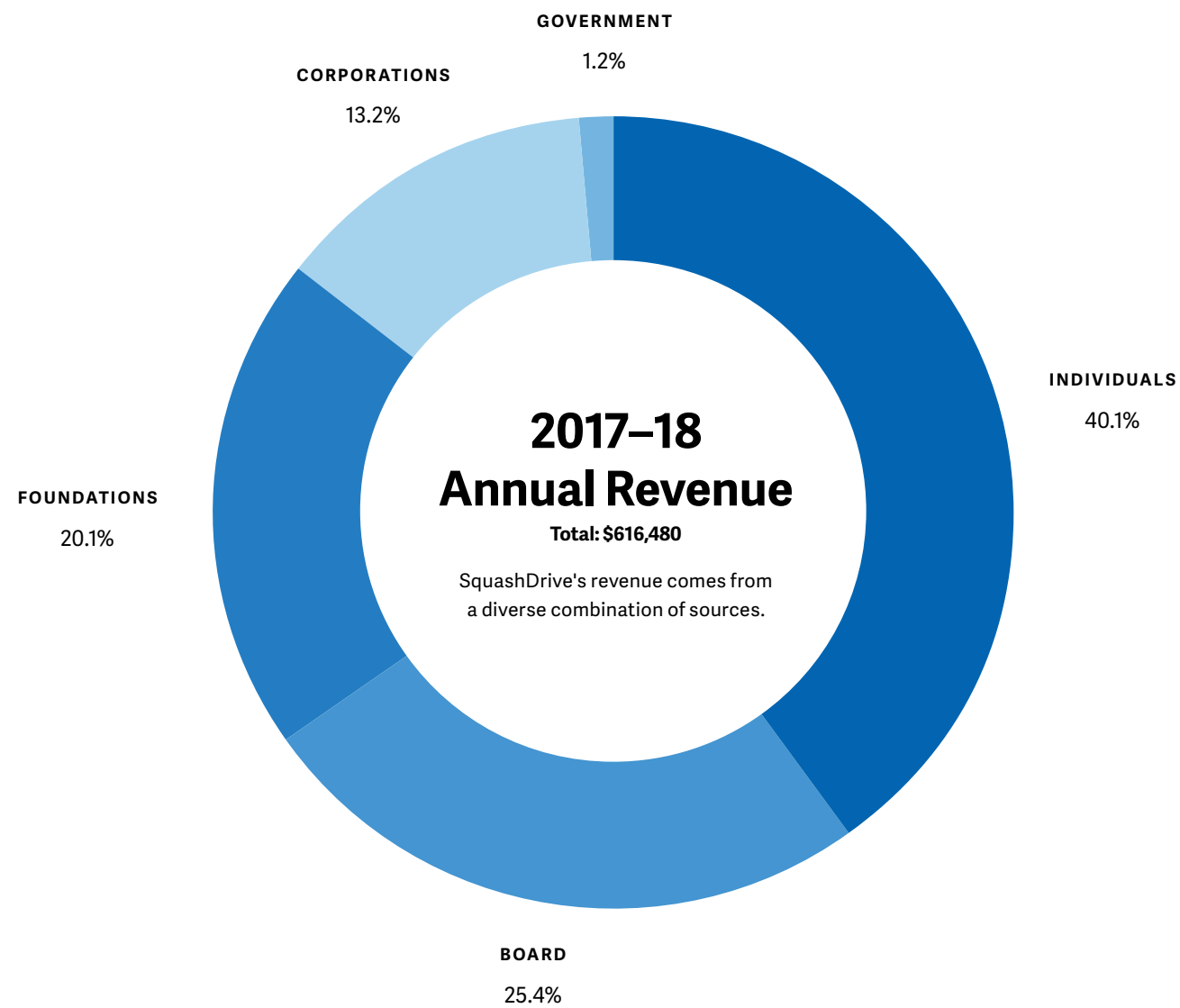


SENIOR YEAR

Apply to college and scholarships

In fall 2018, SquashDrive will help its seniors strategically submit applications to their stretch, match, and safety schools across the country. Students will also apply for a range of scholarships to ensure financial burdens can be met.

100%
college bound



Projections for the future

As SquashDrive continues to grow in size, the program is extending its hours, expanding to more courts and classrooms, and increasing staffing to meet the needs of not only the middle and high school students, but also those who are college bound next fall. To support these requirements, SquashDrive will continue to grow its fundraising and expand its donor community.

SquashDrive's fundraising calendar is anchored by three annual events.

1 **IN SEPTEMBER**, the Oracle NetSuite Open Professional Squash Championships provides a platform for SquashDrive to raise money via a Corporate Squash Challenge and on-site fundraising activities. This world-class event is staged outdoors in front of San Francisco's iconic Ferry Building. The tournament also gives SquashDrivers the chance to play with top-ranked squash players from around the world.

2 **IN DECEMBER**, the SquashDrive Holiday Party, hosted each year by SquashDrive's dedicated Young Professionals Board, is a lively cocktail party celebrating the program and toasting its supporters.

3 **IN THE SPRING**, SquashDrive's premier duo of events occur: The SquashDrive Slam Dinner and the SquashDrive Slam Team Tournament. The dinner highlights the past year's successes and inspires donors to support the program's bright future. The team tournament invites players from around the Bay Area to compete in both a fundraising challenge and a squash competition where they can earn bragging rights as well as the coveted SquashDrive Cup.

Teams celebrate following the 2018 SquashDrive Slam Team Tournament.



Lauren, SquashDrive Executive Director, is presented with a check by Oracle NetSuite Open Tournament Director John Nimick.

SquashDrive Slam Dinner

May 2018



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(Our fiscal year is July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.)

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