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Spring Tour to Ireland!

Travel has always been one of the most important parts of the CitySquash program. Over spring break, eight students and two staff members traveled to Ireland. While there, **they stayed with host families in Howth and had the chance to play squash at the Fitzwilliam Club and the Sutton Lawn Tennis Club, both located in Dublin**. Along with playing squash, the group visited farms, toured Butler's Chocolate Factory, explored the green Irish country side, tried new foods, and learned about Irish culture and life. They shared a huge adventure and have brought many stories back to the rest of the team.

LATEST NEWS

ON THE COURT Tita Wins CSA Ann Wetzel Award!



We are thrilled to celebrate CitySquasher, Tita Hicks, who was awarded the prestigious Ann Wetzel Award by the College Squash Association. This award is given to a senior women's player who has shown the greatest level of improvement over her 4-year career. When Tita began her squash career at St. Lawrence University, she was not strong enough to be on the team and was at the bottom of the ladder. By her senior season, she was consistently winning challenge matches and played as high as number seven on the roster. "And she did all of this with a smile," said her coach Dave Morrish. Tita was also this year's CitySquash Bash speaker. Here is the speech she gave that tells her CitySquash story!

our graduates High School Seniors Celebrate



In early June, CitySquash high school seniors and their families celebrated the milestone of their high school graduations at the home of CitySquash board member, Laura Trevelyan, and her husband, James Goldston. The group got to swim, play tennis, and spend time together reflecting on all the work they have done to get to this juncture. In September, CitySquashers will matriculate to the following colleges: Bard College, Brooklyn College, Franklin & Marshall College, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, John Jay College, Kenyon College, Mercy College, St. Lawrence University, and Trinity College.

Mentors at the Museum



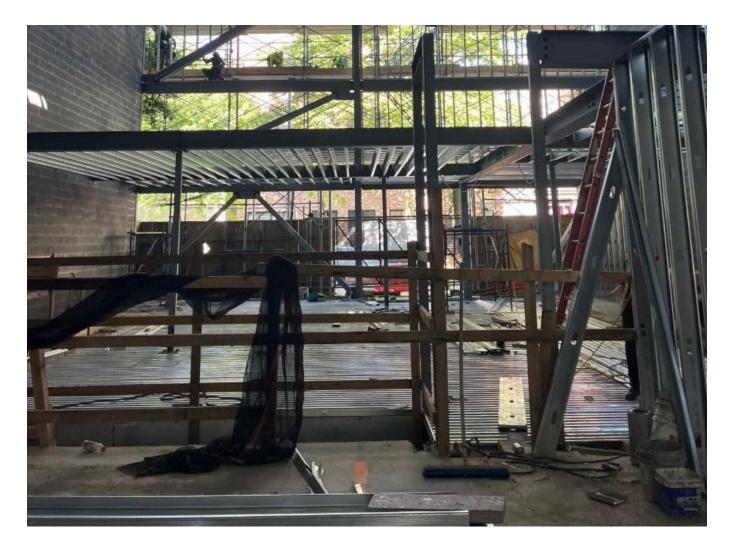


Mentors and mentees met at the American Museum of Natural History and particiapted in a scavenger hunt together! They navigated through the museum's diverse exhibits and collaboratively solved clues that highlighted key historical artifacts and scientific wonders. This was just one of our recent mentor-mentee outings. Others included a picnic in Central Park and a movie night at Alamo Drafthouse Cinema. Upcoming events include a community service day and a dumpling tour in Chinatown. We strive to pair all of our students with a mentor and are always in search of new people interested in supporting our work in this way. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, here is a form to fill out.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION The Walls Are Up!



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Construction continues on the Julian H. Robertson Jr. CitySquash Center! **The foundation, first floor slab, and exterior walls are complete, and the roof deck is installed.** Currently, the interior walls and second floor are being framed. Watching the building come together brick by break, beam by beam is truly inspiring. All are welcome to come up for a tour with our architects while work is in progress. The building remains on track to open in March 2025!

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 14-16, 2024 SEA Individual Nationals

This weekend, 47 students will travel to compete in the Squash and Education Alliance Individual Nationals held at The Berkshire School and Suffield Academy. These students will have the chance to compete against students from our sister programs around the country and the world. Good luck and have fun!

JULY 2024 CitySquash Summer Camp

July is a busy month for CitySquash. Students take place in our five-week summer camp filled with opportuities for academic enrichment, squash skill building, cultural outings, and quality time spent together while school is out. While the camp is based at Fordham, our students travel all over the city during the month.

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Interested in making a difference in the Bronx? We are currently looking for tutors (virtual or in-person), mentors, and squash volunteers. There are many ways to further our mission, and we'd love to discuss your interests. <u>Click to get in touch.</u>



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