



2021-2022

IMPACT REPORT



Kent School
2022



WHO WE ARE

September 2021 - August 2022

OUR MISSION

716 Squash empowers youth in the City of Buffalo to achieve their full potential as students, athletes, and positive community members by providing life-changing opportunities through education, mentoring, service, and coaching in the sport of squash.

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FACILITY PARTNER

The Nardin Academy Athletic Center
at the Kevin T. Keane Sports Park

PARTNER SCHOOLS

West Buffalo Charter School
West Hertel Academy

93%

Students of Color

45

Students served in Grades 5-9

33%

Refugees or
Immigrants

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The 2021-2022 school year saw the return of in-person, full-scale programming, travel tournaments, and external summer opportunities. In the spring of 2022, 716 Squash added a new class of twelve eager 5th graders (pictured above) to our team for the first time since pre-COVID.

Neekoh, (pictured on cover), joined 716 Squash as part of our original 2018 cohort of 4th and 5th graders from West Hertel Academy, all of whom are now in high school. Now a 10th grader at Tapestry Charter High School, Neekoh and his high school teammates remain actively engaged and serve as role models and coaches to our newly added middle schoolers.

Our programming is constantly evolving to meet the needs of

our students. In 2019 we started high school prep and 2020/2021 brought virtual sessions and outdoor activities. Last year we increased mental health services and social/emotional supports, and in 2023, we are launching our college and career access program to help our students feel prepared for post-secondary success.

Thank you to all of our students, families, volunteers, partners, and supporters for making our first five years a success. I can't wait for you to see what we can accomplish together moving forward.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hope B Lynch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

HOPE BLINKOFF LYNCH

Executive Director

SCHOOL YEAR

September 2021 - June 2022



One of the 18 squash competitions during the school year included a trip to the Specter Center in Philadelphia. 10 students attended and competed on two teams. Our Girls' High School team brought home the championship in the "C" division.

100%

Of participants think adults in this program care about them as a person*

95%

Of participants say this program helps them do better in school*

100%

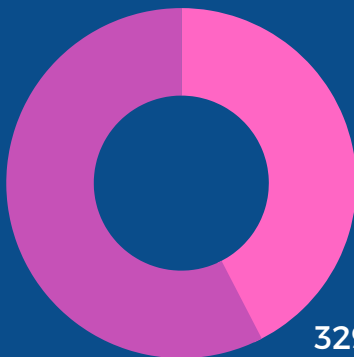
Of participants want to come back to the program next year*

*Responses from the Cullen Foundation Student Feedback survey collected by VIA Evaluation



776 Hours of enrichment programming

447 Hours of Health & Wellness



329 Hours of Academics



“ I love 716 Squash because I feel comfortable here. ”

Téa, 6th Grade

SUMMER

July - August 2022



For five weeks, 716 Squash students improved their squash game, worked on common core math and science projects, and received social-emotional support. Our themed weeks of Outer Space, Survivor, World Cultures, The Arts, and “B3”, the culmination of summer camps from Boston (Lawrence), Baltimore, and Buffalo kept our students engaged both in and out of the Nardin Academy Athletic Center.

90%

Average
Attendance

228

Hours of
Programming

5

Weeks of Full Day
Programming



ABOVE CPR with MedicZero BELOW Buffalo State Planetarium



“ I love 716 squash because the coaches are amazing and very helpful when I need help with my work and we learn new skills, like Spanish. ”

Joseph, 6th Grade

EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

Summer 2022



ABOVE Zaharree, Coach Daniel (City Squash Alum and 716 Squash Coach 2018-2019), and Neekoh at the Kent School

In addition to our in-house summer camp, seven scholar-athletes earned sleep-away summer academic, squash, and leadership opportunities at Taft, Hotchkiss, Phillips Exeter, The Kent School, and Camp Kiniya.

19

Weeks of
sleep away
camp

\$42,000

Awarded in Summer Camp
Scholarships

7

Scholarships



ABOVE Snow at Phillips Exeter **BELOW** Jela at Summer at Taft



“

Exeter's summer program gave me the opportunity to explore my interests and meet amazing people. It also gave me a glimpse of what college life would be like.

”

Snow, 10th Grade

HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

School Year 2021-2022



“ 716 Squash helped me tremendously when it came time to apply for high school. From late nights studying, to essay revisions, the staff was there for me and encouraged me to reach for my greatest potential. ”

Jela, 2022 Oishei Scholarship Recipient,
Nardin Academy, 9th Grade

19

High School
Students

\$118,000

Scholarships for School Year
2022-2023

3

Full tuition
scholarships
for class of
2026



LEFT Snow + Teresa at a SEM v. Nichols squash match **RIGHT** Neekoh + Jacob leading our high school team in Philadelphia

High School Enrollment #s by School Type:

Traditional Public

2

Charter

7

Private

7

19

Public with Entry Requirements

3



WITH GRATITUDE

September 2021 - August 2022



\$100,000



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427

Donors

\$344,000

Raised

240

1st Time Donors

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\$1,000 - \$2,499

\$500 - \$999

\$250 - \$499

WITH GRATITUDE

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\$100- \$249

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WITH GRATITUDE

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