



1988-2013: Transforming Lives for 25 years

About EPATT

EPATT is a non-profit youth development organization for K-12th grade students. Our program creates effective partnerships with families, schools and volunteers to achieve academic and athletic success. Through one-on-one tutoring, tennis lessons, direct instruction, college counseling and parent education, we prepare students for a productive future. Learn more about EPATT by visiting www.epatt.org.

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Save the Date!
Wednesday, May 8, 2013
EPATT's Annual Dinner
with special guest Patrick McEnroe



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EPATT is celebrating its 25th year! It all began in 1988 when former Stanford All-American tennis player, Jeff Arons, started a summer tennis program for students in East Palo Alto. Jeff has a big personality and before long, kids were lining up to try a sport new to the EPA community: tennis. Although tennis was the main attraction, Jeff aspired to impact children through both tennis and academics.

Fast forward 25 years, and what started out as a humble tennis program is now a program with widespread IMPACT. EPATT has not only influenced its participants and the local community, but the program model has been copied across the country. Today, EPATT is considered one of the top inner-city education and tennis programs and we are very proud of this distinction.

You are a part of our history! Your investments have made a difference. We couldn't have achieved this level of impact without our caring supporters, partners, and volunteers. We look forward to celebrating our 25th anniversary with you at our Annual Dinner in May.

Warmly,
Dave



Dave Higaki, EPATT
Executive Director

EPATT Turns 25!

On Wednesday, May 8, we will commemorate 25 years of transforming the lives of students and their families from East Palo Alto and neighboring communities at our Annual Dinner at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton. We are thrilled and honored that Patrick McEnroe will be this year's special guest. Patrick, a former All-American Stanford tennis player, touring professional player, current TV commentator, and the USTA's general manager of player development, will provide remarks. The evening will include student speakers, our staff-produced video, and much, much more. Look for your invitation in March.



Patrick McEnroe

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Student - Athlete Profile

Menlo-Atherton High School junior, Bryant Menjivar, is a shining example of how EPATT can help students reach their potential. Bryant joined EPATT over seven years ago and today is an accomplished student at M-A. Our tennis coaches say Bryant is one of the better players to come out of EPATT. He's currently taking four AP-level courses and has applied to several summer school programs at top universities and colleges.



Yolanda Barraza and Luz Elicea

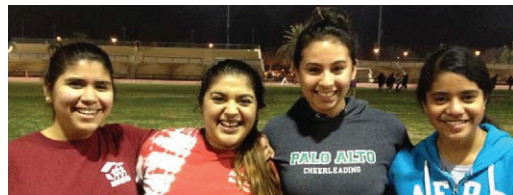


Seniors Update

Two Menlo-Atherton High School seniors in EPATT are on their way to college. Yolanda Barraza has a 3.6 cumulative GPA and has been accepted to Cal State East Bay and San Francisco State. Luz Elicea has a 3.9 cumulative GPA and also has been accepted to Cal State East Bay. As they wait to hear from other schools, they are busy applying for local scholarships.

Congratulations, Girls!

This year, EPATT girls have been playing inspired tennis on their high school tennis teams. EPATT students Veronica Barazza (Menlo-Atherton), Idalys Nava Monje (Menlo School), Elena Chavez (Palo Alto), and Falahola Vaka (Menlo School) were outstanding players on their respective teams.



Veronica, Idalys, Elena and Falahola

2013 GSB Speaker Series

For the fourth year running, Challenge for Charity (C4C), a non-profit organization started at Stanford's Graduate School of Business to develop a commitment to community involvement and social responsibility in MBA candidates, has selected EPATT as one of its three charities, raising nearly \$60,000 for EPATT. Stanford MBA candidates volunteer at EPATT through the GSB Speaker Series. Every Wednesday one speaker presents to the High School Group (HSG) about career exploration, and another speaker addresses the Middle School Group (MSG) on more general topics. This year's series got off to a thrilling start when MBA-candidate Savannah McCoy, chair of this year's C4C program, described her experience testing the Mars Rover for NASA. The EPATT audience was rapt and asked terrific questions.

Lita Anderson, USTA Manager of Outreach, says of EPATT:

"EPATT really sets the bar...especially its structure and that it reaches the whole family, not just the student...The kids take a lot of pride in the program and the organization really makes a difference in their lives, their families' lives, and in the community."

2011-2012 Annual Report

In November we published our Annual Report. To view, please click the link below:

[2011-2012 EPATT Annual Report](#)

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2012 Year-End Campaign

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Year-end campaign. We raised over \$50,000!



Mike Bryan & USTA Serves Big Gift

Mike Bryan, former Stanford tennis standout and one-half of the world's top doubles team, was on hand in EPA to present EPATT with a "game-changer" donation of \$21,000, on behalf of USTA Serves and Esurance. Thanks, Mike, for your continued efforts on EPATT's behalf!

EPATT Alumni Scores

Dave Higaki was having dinner when he received a text from EPATT alum, Marco Amaral, saying that his brother, Benito Amaral, another EPATT alum, was on ESPN playing a soccer match for Creighton University against Princeton University. Dave went to the nearest TV and tuned into the game. Minutes later, Benito scored the winning goal in overtime! Dave is rumored to have shed a tear or two of pride! Benito's older brother, Adrian, says of Benito, "Benny's success is the result of his hard work. But EPATT had everything to do with his maturing as an adult."



Benito Amaral

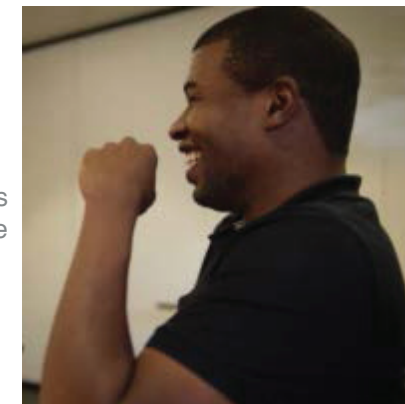


Franklin Matthews

Welcome Franklin and Joseph!

In 2012, we hired two staff members, Franklin Matthews and Joseph Lester, to replace the irreplaceable Kaitlin Beaver and Kara Guzman. Franklin, who recently received his teaching credential from Sonoma State University, was a Student Recruiter at Eastside College Preparatory High School in EPA. He assumed the High School Group Coordinator position this fall. Franklin is also an EPATT alumni, having joined EPATT when he was in 2nd grade! We are overjoyed to have him back. He's a vibrant addition to the team!

Joseph, who started tutoring at EPATT



Joseph Lester

Kids Helping Kids



Thank you to EPATT volunteer and Palo Alto High School junior, Payton Dwight, who recently donated his summer wages to EPATT!