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USTA TO LAUNCH INAUGURAL NET GENERATION ACES PROGRAM AT THE 2019 US OPEN

Program Recognizes Youth Players Who Positively Impact Their Communities Through Tennis Programs

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., August 14, 2019 – The United States Tennis Association (USTA) today announced that the inaugural Net Generation Aces Program will launch at the 2019 US Open. The program identified athletes between the ages of 13 and 17 who are making a positive difference in their local communities through creative and impactful tennis programs. The 17 Net Generation Aces were selected by their respective USTA section for embodying the youth tennis program's character pillars: respect, responsibility, listening, effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

The Net Generation Aces will attend the US Open as part of a four-day VIP trip which includes a suite experience at Arthur Ashe Kids' Day and a working session with USTA senior management and professional players, where the Aces will provide feedback on current USTA initiatives and discuss ideas for future programming.

Following the US Open, Net Generation Aces will represent the USTA by showcasing positivity, sportsmanship, and leadership in their local communities, providing continuing feedback, collaborating with fellow Aces on Net Generation projects, and participating in quarterly video webinars.

This year's Net Generation Aces are:

- Madeleine Au of Honolulu (USTA Hawaii Pacific)
- Brooklyn Bindas of Rochester, MASS (USTA New England)
- Maeve Cassidy of Monroe, NY (USTA Eastern)
- Sophie Davidson of Greenwood, IN (USTA Midwest)
- Angelina Fosbinder of Charlotte, NC (USTA Southern)
- Jack Garchik of Highland Beach, FL (USTA Florida)
- Kyle Garner of Eagle, ID (USTA Intermountain)
- Eli Gilbert Susser of Corpus Christi, TX (USTA Texas)
- Oskar Jansson of Minneapolis, MN (USTA Northern)
- Kane Kelley of Tarzana, CA (USTA Southern California)
- Ethan Lee of Tucson, AZ (USTA Southwest)
- Brooks Lerfald of Eugene, OR (USTA Pacific Northwest)
- Santiago Montgomery of San Jose, CA (USTA Northern California)
- Andrea Pérez Díaz, of Guaynabo, PR (USTA Caribbean)
- Clare Plachy of Lincoln, NE (USTA Missouri Valley)
- Saige Roshkoff of Haverford, PA (USTA Middle States)
- Derek Yan of Potomac, MD (USTA Mid-Atlantic)

"We are honored to recognize these young leaders and athletes who are inspiring positive change in their local communities," said Craig Morris, USTA's Chief Executive of Community Tennis. "Some of the noteworthy contributions these outstanding individuals have made include creating community-based

programs, bringing awareness to adaptive tennis play, and implementing tennis ball recycling initiatives. The USTA plans to work with the Net Generation Aces, to learn more about the impact tennis has on young players' lives. We feel reaching young athletes through their peers is a powerful and effective way to continue growing the sport."

The new Net Generation Aces Program marks the two-year anniversary of Net Generation, the USTA's official youth tennis brand, which empowers and equips kids ages 5-18 to play tennis while providing resources to parents, coaches, and providers to help set new standards and drive participation across the country. For more information on Net Generation and the Aces Program, visit netgeneration.com and follow #NetGeneration on social media.

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The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the U.S. and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level -- from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. A not-for-profit organization with more than 655,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. It owns and operates the US Open, one of the highest-attended annual sporting events in the world, and launched the US Open Series, linking seven summer WTA and ATP World Tour tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns approximately 90 Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S. and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. The USTA's philanthropic entity, the USTA Foundation, provides grants and scholarships in addition to supporting tennis and education programs nationwide to benefit under-resourced youth through the National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) network. For more information about the USTA, go to [USTA.com](https://usta.com) or follow the official accounts on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and Snapchat.

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