

## 2014 USTA NorCal Scholarship Recipients Named

The USTA Northern California Diversity and Inclusion Committee named the 2014 recipients of the Champions of Character scholarships which support the Level One strategic priority of Diversity with a Multicultural focus. These four scholarships are offered to support and encourage multicultural participation among high school students entering college.



### **Kayla Perry - 2014 Althea Gibson College Scholarship Recipient**

I am new this year, but I have played tennis on my high school team for all four years. In my senior year I was elected captain of the team.

This fall I will start school at Loyola Marymount University, where I plan to play either on an intra-mural tennis team or simply just on the campus during my free time.



### **Letitia Edwards - 2014 Michael Chang College Scholarship Recipient**

I created and developed Livermore's Future Tennis Stars (LiFTS). With these tennis clinics that I have run I am working to expose under privileged students in the Livermore school district to the sport of tennis.

I am currently working together with a Livermore school to try to incorporate tennis into their school Physical Education program. In college, I plan to be an active member of the UC Irvine Tennis Club, while continuing to work on LiFTS.



### **Zerena Shaw - 2014 Arthur Ashe College Scholarship Recipient**

My name is Zerena Shaw and I will be attending San Francisco State University in the fall. Currently, I am playing tennis recreationally with my former high school tennis teammates. We try and get together at least once a week, at a local park, to play matches against each other or sometimes just for fun.

Even though tennis season is over we all try and play as much as we can. Although my family doesn't know how to play tennis we go to the park and play, where I teach them a few skills I learned as a tennis player in high school. This is particularly hard because they just know how to hit the ball to the other side, but actual skills are being incorporated in the game. Every time we play I like to teach them a new skill to work on, like hitting the ball in the sweet

spot on the racket or their footwork.

When I enter college I plan to join my school's tennis club. Tennis has been running through my blood as it has been for the past 3 years in high school and it will continue to running through by blood for the rest of my life.



**Bryan Menjivar - 2014 Pancho Gonzalez College Scholarship Recipient**

I am currently training at my tennis program, East Palo Alto Tennis and Tutoring to try to walk-on the Loyola Marymount Tennis team. If that doesn't work out then i will play club tennis.

I will keep on pursuing to play on the team and try every year. I am currently coaching tennis to the younger kids in the program and also to the middle schoolers in the program.

At the end of summer I will be coaching and instructing at a tennis camp with Alan Margot. I will also be working at the Bank of the West Classic later this month. I try to play tennis every day or do something tennis related.