

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2016

Riley Harrison- 2016 Arthur Ashe College Scholarship

I began playing tennis at a young age, but really hit my stride when I joined my high school team. During the summers I volunteered at a USTA program teaching tennis. It was so rewarding that I joined my county's Committee called *Keeping Kids in School* to do my part in making a difference in someone's life. Other volunteer passions of mine are animal shelter, local food bank and the Interkey Club.

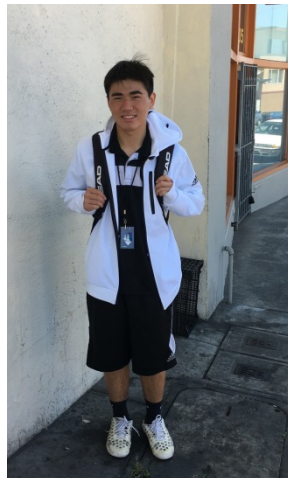
In the fall I will attend San Diego State University.



Beagon Nguy- 2016 Michael Chang College Scholarship

When I was 12 my parents took me to see college tennis at Berkeley. The intensity and excitement of the event sparked a lifetime dedication to tennis. I had to overcome my parent's initial disapproval. I became determined to learn quickly and become the best. Soon after joining the high school team, I started teaching kids ages 10 and under. Teaching gave me a new tennis perspective and developed my leadership skills. This eventually led to me becoming president of my tennis club.

In the fall I will attend UC Santa Cruz.



Emily Franco- 2016 Pancho Gonzalez College Scholarship

I started playing tennis as a freshman. I have always loved challenging myself. While nervous about joining a sport I had no experience in, I worked endlessly to train and learn. By junior year, I had joined varsity. In addition to playing varsity, I volunteered at Orangevale Food Bank and worked

after school at Round Table. All these endeavors have taught me how to be more confident and independent. Whenever I lose my motivation, I think of my future. I think of all the possibilities it hold and the lives I can improve.

In the fall I'll be attending University of San Francisco majoring in Psychology.



Graham Williams- Althea Gibson Scholarship

Graham first played tennis during sophomore year and immediately fell in love with it despite his rough start. He became very engrossed in playing and learning that he worked for his coach during the summers. The hard work paid off and Graham became captain of his JV team. He relished in his leadership role. He's thankful to Althea's efforts in making it possible for someone like him to participate in the game he loves. Through her he learned to value perseverance, leadership and diversity. When asked what impact tennis had on him, he said, "By playing tennis, I grew as a person." Graham is currently attending Diablo Valley College.

