

USTA EASTERN INDUCTS TENNIS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

David Benjamin, Lloyd Emanuel, Robert Kenas and Nadine Netter Levy

New York, N.Y., April 28, 2018 – USTA Eastern and the Junior Tennis Foundation (JTF) inducted four extraordinary new members into the Eastern Hall of Fame Class of 2018 on Saturday, April 28, at the historic New York Athletic Club in Manhattan. Eastern legends **David Benjamin, Lloyd Emanuel, Robert Kenas** and **Nadine Netter Levy** were celebrated for their outstanding lifetime achievements and contributions to the game, and their legacies will now be enshrined in Eastern tennis history.

“This year’s four inductees have made extraordinary contributions that perpetuate Eastern’s heritage of tennis excellence, preserve its visual history and contributed to the growth of the Eastern tennis enterprise,” said Jenny Schnitzer, Executive Director and COO of USTA Eastern. “Each has left a unique mark on Eastern tennis, and it is our pleasure to bestow upon them the Eastern section’s highest honor.”

The USTA Eastern Tennis Hall of Fame exists to recognize those tennis players and non-players in the Eastern section whose achievements as sportsmen or sportswomen or whose contributions to tennis are worthy of the highest commendation and recognition. More than 125 guests, including USTA Eastern Board members, past Hall of Fame inductees and friends and family of the incoming class, were in attendance for the 31st annual celebration.

Proceeds from the celebration will benefit JTF, which provides scholarships and grants for junior and adaptive tennis players throughout the Eastern Section. At the event, two junior players, Christopher Perez Santiago and Nicole Massa, are receiving the David N. Dinkins Scholarship Awards for their accomplishments both athletically and academically.

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David A. Benjamin, Skillman, NJ, presented by Bob Ingersole, JTF President

With his 26-year tenure as Princeton University’s Varsity Men’s Tennis Coach and four decades leading the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA), Benjamin has been a guiding force and shaper of today’s world of collegiate tennis.

Lloyd Emanuel, Rye, NY, presented by Bob Litwin, 18-time US National Champion and 8-time member of the US Senior Davis Cup

A former varsity captain of Columbia University Men’s Tennis Team, Emanuel founded the Eastern Masters Grand Prix Circuit, establishing a thriving forum for adult players to continue competing at the highest levels. During his 40 years volunteering in the section, Emanuel served on the USTA Eastern Board of Trustees and built the foundation for the ranking system that we continue to use today.

Robert Kenas, Marlboro, NJ, presented by his children, Jennifer Kenas Arianas and David Kenas

Kenas’s beautiful photography chronicled the Eastern Tennis Association junior circuit and section special events in the 80’s and 90’s. His pictures have been featured in national tennis publications including Tennis Week and World Tennis, as well as national newspapers like the *New York Times* and serve as the gold standard for other section photographers to follow.



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Nadine Netter Levy, Palm Beach, FL, presented by her children, Sharon Kalb, Gus Levy, Kate Levy, Vanessa Seide

Born in New York City and raised in Scarsdale, New York, Netter is a former tour player and co-captain of USTA Eastern's Addie Cup.

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The Junior Tennis Foundation (JTF) was incorporated in 1979 as a nonprofit organization to raise funds for junior tennis and for adaptive tennis within the Eastern Section. The JTF board of directors is comprised of tennis dignitaries and patrons who volunteer their service for the love the game and support making it available to all. More than \$2 million has been granted to worthy programs and scholarships to junior tennis players since its founding. JTF's generosity affords opportunities for children to attend tennis camps, sectional and national competitions, and educational workshops.

The USTA Eastern Section, based in White Plains, N.Y., is a not-for-profit community service organization whose mission is to promote and develop the growth of tennis. The section encompasses all of New York State, Northern New Jersey and Greenwich, Conn. It is one of 17 geographic sections of the United States Tennis Association, the governing body of tennis in the United States, and supports more than 49,000 members. The section also establishes and maintains rules of fair play, high standards of sportsmanship and represents, in its jurisdiction, the programs and policies of the USTA. More information about the USTA Eastern Section is available by visiting: www.usta.com/Eastern

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