Annual Report
2021

Access Youth Academy
Potential Made Powerful
OUR MISSION
We believe every child should have equal access to achieve their full potential.

Access Youth Academy’s mission is to transform the lives of underserved youth through academic enrichment, health and wellness, social responsibility, and leadership development using the sport of squash as a catalyst.
WHO WE ARE

ACCESS STAFF

Shelby Coopwood
Program Director

Renato Paiva
Executive Director

Cindy Sweeney
Development Director

Deon Saffery
Squash Coach

Nate Cambridge
Academic Coordinator

Jaimie McBReady
Operations Director

Siarah Reed
Academic Coordinator

Jashua Sweeney
Facility Manager

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Zachary Smith – Director of Development, Jacobs School of Engineering
Josh Swigart – Partner, Swigart Law Group
Julie Visser – VP Executive Search & Coaching, The Toft Group
Mary Walshok – Associate Vice Chancellor, UCSD Extension
During the height of the pandemic, Access programming was delivered 100% virtually with remarkable results. Reflecting the close bond that Access has created with its students, we experienced an over 90% daily participation rate in programming.
In May we reached the end of the 2020-2021 school year. While it was a challenging year, we are so proud of our students for their resilience and dedication to their community of supporters. Our seniors persevered through the challenges of, not only the pandemic and distance learning but also of their senior year – which can be challenging under any circumstances! (aka...senioritis)

We are so inspired by their ambition and commitment to education and are thrilled to see them go on to achieve even greater success in college and beyond.

Here’s a list of schools our students will be attending in the Fall

- Maria – Princeton University (Valedictorian)
- Carolina – UC Berkeley
- Elisa – UC Berkeley
- Angel – UC San Diego
- Lexa – UC San Diego
- Vivian – UC San Diego
- Richard – UC San Diego
CONSTRUCTION OF OUR NEW COMMUNITY CENTER!

Despite pandemic-related challenges, Access was able to complete construction of our beautiful new academic & athletic community center in Southeastern San Diego on budget and on time!!

Our first day open to the public was June 15th
THE COMMUNITY CENTER IS OPEN!
Through a highly diversified donor base made up of deeply committed individuals, national and local foundations, corporations, government agencies, and earned revenue, Access Youth Academy can ensure the continued sustainability and expansion of our programming.
THANK YOU!!

[Image of a group of people wearing matching t-shirts]