



**2008 USTA/ NJTL ARTHUR ASHE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS
TO ATTEND ARTHUR ASHE KIDS' DAY IN NEW YORK**

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., August 13, 2008 – The USTA today announced the 10 winners of the tenth annual USTA/NJTL Arthur Ashe Essay Contest. The 10 winners, ranging in ages 10 to 18 will receive a travel package from August 22 - August 24 that includes: round-trip coach airfare to New York City for themselves and a parent/legal guardian; two nights lodging at the New York Grand Hyatt Hotel; an honorary plaque; lunch with the 106th Mayor of New York City and USTA Board Member David Dinkins; two tickets to a New York Mets baseball game vs. the Houston Astros; tickets to Broadway's "The Lion King;" and tickets to 2008 Arthur Ashe Kids' Day presented by Hess on August 23 at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. Arthur Ashe Kids' Day is the official kick-off for the 2008 US Open that runs August 25 – September 7.

The USTA/NJTL Arthur Ashe Essay Contest was open to children, 18 or younger. Each participant had to write an essay responding to the question "How do you exemplify Arthur Ashe?" A USTA sub-committee selected the winning essays based on the author's knowledge of Arthur Ashe, message clarity, and writing style.

"The ten Arthur Ashe Essay Contest winners truly captured the legacy of Arthur Ashe and the endless contributions he made both on and off the tennis court," said Barry Ford, Director, Outreach and Advocacy, USTA. "We are proud to recognize these winners and congratulate the more than 2,300 participants who have submitted essays and have used tennis as a vehicle to better their lives and the lives of those in their community."

The 10 winners of the 2008 USTA/NJTL Arthur Ashe Essay Contest are:

Name	Age	NJTL/Hometown
Emma Crush	10	Rising Stars of Kentucky / Prospect, Ky.
Andrew Yip	10	Kilauea Junior Tennis Club / Honolulu, Hawaii
Caitlyn Harris	12	Chicago Prairie / Chicago, Ill.
Ethan Turner	12	Butler Junior Tennis Association / Renfrew, Pa.
Michelle Matoke	14	Raleigh NJTL / Raleigh, N.C.
Zach Elliott	14	Robinswood Tennis Center / Mercer Island, Wash.
Chelsey Windham	16	Highland Elementary School / Seaside, Calif.
Kedzie J. White	16	Tennis Memphis / Memphis, Tenn.
Nacona Davis	18	Dallas Tennis Association / Desoto, Texas
Tajh Jones	18	NYJTL / Jamaica, New York

A portion of the proceeds from Arthur Ashe Kids' Day benefit the NJTL (National Junior Tennis League), which was established by Arthur Ashe, Charlie Pasarell and Sheridan Snyder in 1969. NJTL is a community-driven program supported by the USTA, that significantly impacts the lives of America's youth. NJTL seeks to develop the character of young people through tennis and to emphasize the ideals and life of Arthur Ashe.

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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. It owns and operates the US Open, the largest annually attended sporting event in the world, and launched the Olympus US Open Series linking 10 summer tournaments to the US Open. A not-for-profit organization with more than 725,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. In addition, it owns the 94 Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S., and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. For more information on the USTA, log on to usta.com.

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