# URBAN SQUASH TORONTO

2021 IMPACT REPORT













## URBAN SQUASH TORONTO

BY THE NUMBERS

89 FAMILIES SUPPORTED IN 2021

600



Hours of Training
Per Student Each Year

100



Nutritious Meals
Served Each Week

600



Hours of Tutoring
Per Student Each Year

90%

Of Our Students Pursue Post-Secondary Education

\$80,000

Of Food Support & Academic Materials Provided in 2021

**UST FACILITY** 

Seat Classroom

Singles Courts

**STAFF** 

Full Time
Positions

Part Time
Alumni

#### **OUR MISSION**

To empower and inspire under served youth in the Jane and Finch area to improved academic and athletic achievement through intensive educational programming, squash training, mentorship and character development.

Dear Urban Squash Toronto Supporters,

This past year UST's students, families, staff, and supporters have demonstrated their resilience and passion for our community.

As the pandemic continued throughout the year, our students have persevered through changing learning environments, isolation and uncertainty and our staff continues to adapt and deliver impactful programming.

We can proudly say UST programming not only continued without interruption but thrived and we expanded our outreach when our community needed it the most.

While we head into another year of the unknown, what is certain is the distinguishable sound of a squash ball hitting the front wall, the contagious laugh of a student and the quietness of students deep in their studies that has returned to our Downsview Park facility.

We want to take this time to thank you, our supporter, who rose to the occasion every step of the way, none of this would have been possible without you.

We would also like to thank our students and families for prioritizing this community and taking on every opportunity, you are what makes UST great. And we would like to thank our staff, volunteers, and board members, with this team we move forward with great confidence.

We hope you enjoy this year's impact report highlighting the success of our students and the program. We wish everyone a safe 2022 and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Clive Caldwell
Board Chairman

Brent Adamson
Executive Director

# untroducing UST's Squash Scholars Program

The Squash Scholars Program is your opportunity to support UST students.

As a Squash Scholar you will receive:

- Regular updates on UST student achievements
- Quarterly invitations to Squash Scholars Days at the UST facility
- Invitation to the annual Squash Scholars appreciation event
- Student mentorship opportunities

As a Squash Scholar, your <u>annual donation of \$500</u> will go directly to supporting UST students, including:

- Squash tournament entry fees
- Academic supplies and athletic equipment
- Healthy after school meals

Interested in becoming an inaugural Squash Scholar?

Contact Brent Adamson, Executive Director brent@urbansquashtoronto.org









# ACADEMICS

GOAL: To empower students to reach their full academic potential.

Every UST student receives daily academic tutoring in our classroom from our full-time academic director and volunteers. In addition to homework help, each student is cognitively assessed, through our partnership with Oxford Learning, to develop individualized learning plans. These plans outline specific learning strategies for each student to become independent learners, build their self-esteem and confidence.



600

hours of tutoring per student each year



92%

of Grade 8 students accepted to specialty high school programs



100%

high school graduation rate













78%

of UST students on academic honour roll













hours of squash training per student each year



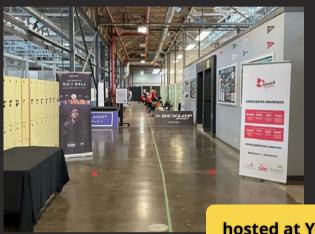


## SQUASH TRAINING

GOAL: To promote students to be fit, healthy and active while having fun.

Squash is used as a vehicle to help students learn about decision-making, commitment, and hard work. It includes strategies to build strength, resilience, discipline and good sportsmanship. The program serves to improve every student's agility, flexibility, hand-eye coordination, cardiovascular health, general wellness and of course, it is fun!





hosted at Yorkdale Mall & UST's facility

### **Official Charitable Partner**

of the Canadian Squash Championships







# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

GOAL: To support UST families & students with resources and opportunities to lead a healthy and fulfilling life.

With a particular emphasis put on addressing the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Community Support program reaches beyond in-person programming to meet the needs of students & families in areas other than in the classroom and on the squash court.

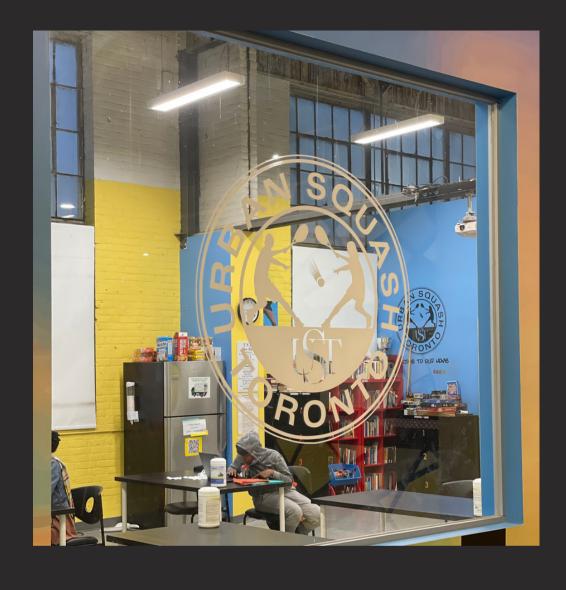




distributed daily







\$32,000

\$48,000

of academic materials provided to students

of food support provided to UST families

**Made Possible By:** 





















Graduate Class of 2021

Firdaus Shallo .W. Jeffries Collegiate Institute

Niddleburu College '25



Graduate Class of 2021

Lisa Doan

obicoke School of the Arts Iniversity of Toronto '25

ic One Education Stream

## ALUMNI & SCHOLARSHIPS

GOAL: To provide support, guidance and opportunity for students to pursue post-secondary education of their choice.

In our 11th year of operation UST supports our Alumni through yearly internal scholarships (with each student eligible to receive \$1000 for each year in the program), post-secondary institution partnerships, application support, academic guidance and employment opportunities.

100%

class of 2021 post-secondary enrollment



Class of 2021

Julie Do

Brock University '25



<u>Graduate</u> Class of 2021

Jimmy Wu

Westview Centennial Secondary School

luron University '25

\$7,000

of scholarships awarded to **UST students each year** 



JAMIE NICHOLLS **SCHOLARSHIP** 



**UST students currently** receiving full academic scholarships







## Where Are They Now?

**UST Alumni Are Currently Attending:** 































alumni employed by UST







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