

Harlem Junior Tennis & Education Program Annual Gala Fact Sheet

Who/What:	Harlem Junior Tennis & Education Program Annual Gala
Concept:	Harlem Junior Tennis and Education Program (HJTEP) continues to bring tennis to youth from high-risk, low-income inner-city neighborhoods while offering opportunities for self-development, emphasizing education and a positive code of behavior, as it has for the past 52 years. HJTEP was founded in 1972 by two Harlem residents and tennis enthusiasts, Claude Cargill and Bill Brown, at the local 369th Regiment Armory.
Honorees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Evert <i>Former World #1 tennis player, 17-time Grand Slam winner, and broadcaster</i> • Alice Milligan <i>Chief Marketing Officer, Morgan Stanley</i>
Master of Ceremonies:	TBD
Gala Steering Committee:	Eugenia Kovalev, Co-Chair Carolina Velez, Co-Chair Katrina Adams Ruediger Albers Cinta Del Monaco Kemp Dr. Philippe Douyon David Tyree Michelle Blake Wilson
Ambassador of the Year:	James Blake
Where:	Ziegfeld Ballroom (New York City)
When:	May 12, 2025 5:45PM Reception with 7:00PM Dinner & Program
Tables & Seats:	\$100,000 \$75,000 \$50,000 \$25,000 \$12,500 \$5,000 (<i>Seat</i>) \$2,500 (<i>Seat</i>) \$1,000 (<i>Seat</i>)
Past Honorees Include:	Seth Bernstein Peter Bicks Black Enterprise Magazine James Blake Geoffrey Canada Steve Clark / British Airways Jim Courier Zack Davis Cinta Del Monaco-Kemp David N. Dinkins Benjamin Doller Roberta Graves James R. Kelly III Billie Jean King Philip Lajaunie Jeanine Liburd / BET Earl Monroe Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe Martina Navratilova Chanda Rubin George Seegers Monica Seles Tony Signore Stanley Vickers Leon & Leesa Wagner Anne Williams-Isom Vanessa Williams Assemblyman Keith Wright
Gala Event Beneficiary:	<p>HJTEP is committed to fostering champions in tennis, education, and wellness. After-school programs serve youth from high-risk, low-income neighborhoods, creating opportunities for self-development while emphasizing education and positive behavior. support is vital in helping HJTEP enhance its academic and athletic services for those in the Harlem community who need it most.</p> <p>HJTEP's philosophy is rooted in the belief that tennis teaches essential life skills, sportsmanship, self-discipline, and social and emotional competence, all while promoting healthier lifestyles. The average GPA of its 800 enrolled students is 3.1, and HJTEP serves an additional 150-300 students during its summer program.</p> <p>Since its inception, HJTEP has positively impacted the lives of more than 22,000 youth, with 95% of student-athletes graduating from high school. Remarkably, 80% of graduates go on to attend prestigious colleges, with 65% receiving non-athletic financial aid and 25% earning tennis scholarships.</p>
HJTEP Board:	Cinta Del Monaco Kemp, Chairman ; Andre Benjamin, Vice Chairman & Treasurer ; Peter Bicks, Secretary ; Katrina Adams, President ; Ruediger Albers, Kristopher Burrell, Steve Clark, Dr. Philippe Douyon, Jonathan Feigelson, Valerie Hartman, James R. Kelly III, Eugenia Kovalev, Mark Michael, Alex Meditz, Mario Scordia, David Tyree, Michelle Blake Wilson, Carolina Velez
HJTEP Advisory Board:	Jeffrey Appel, David Dinkins Jr., Mark Shwartz, Woody Victor
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