



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 50 years. HJTEP was founded in 1972 by two Harlem residents and tennis enthusiasts, Claude Cargill and Bill Brown, at the local 369th Regiment Armory.
Honorary Chair:	Stan Smith
Honorary Committee:	Jeffrey Appel Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe James Blake Thomas Blake Jim Courier Chris Evert Allan Houston Alexei Kovalev Chanda Rubin Vanessa L. Williams
Gala Co-Chairs:	BET Networks
Honorees To Date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rennae Stubbs <i>Former World #1 Doubles Player, 6 Grand Slam Titleholder, ESPN Analyst and Host of The Power Hour, Sports Talk on Amazon Prime</i>• James R. Kelly III <i>Former Chairman of the Board, HJTEP</i>
Master of Ceremonies:	Maurice DuBois <i>Co-anchor, CBS-2 News at 5 and 11</i>
Gala Steering Committee:	David Tyree, Chair Katrina Adams Cinta Del Monaco-Kemp Dr. Philippe Douyon Eugenia Kovalev Carolina Velez
Where:	Ziegfeld Ballroom (New York City)
When:	May 22, 2023 6:00PM Reception with 7:00PM Dinner & Program (Business Attire)
Tables & Seats:	\$100,000 \$75,000 \$50,000 \$25,000 \$12,500 \$5,000 (Seat) \$2,500 (Seat)
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>The Harlem Junior Tennis & Education Program develops champions in tennis, education, and wellness. 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. Tennis teaches kids essential life skills, sportsmanship, self-discipline, social and emotional competence and how to lead healthier lives. HJTEP insists on academic achievement, and the average GPA of participants is 3.1. About 800 students are served annually during the school year, and 150 – 300 are served in the summer program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 95% of participants earn a high school diploma, compared to the 67% of students who graduate from high school citywide and only 25% in Central Harlem• 25% earn tennis scholarships to leading colleges• 65% receive non-athletic financial aid• 80% attend college at leading private and public institutions
HJTEP Board:	Cinta Del Monaco Kemp, Chairman; Andre Benjamin, Vice Chairman & Treasurer; Peter Bicks, Secretary; Katrina Adams, President; Ruediger Albers, Steve Clark, Dr. Philippe Douyon, Jonathan Feigelson, Valerie Hartman, Dr. David Hodges, James R. Kelly III, Eugenia Kovalev, Alex Meditz, Mario Scoria, Tony Signore, David Tyree, Carolina Velez, Michelle Blake Wilson
HJTEP Advisory Board:	Jeffrey Appel, David Dinkins Jr., Woody Victor
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