

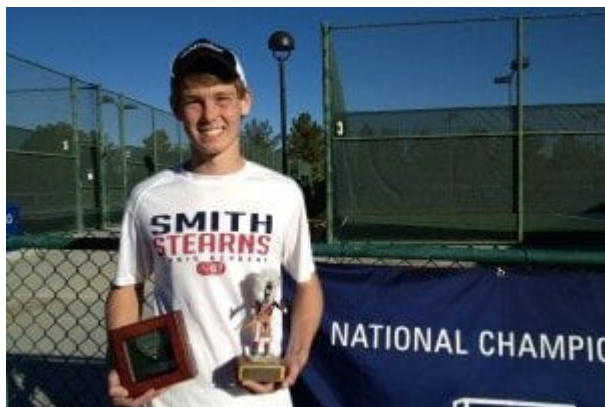
What an awesome school year this has been! Our students have posted excellent results winning titles at ITF, National, Sectional, and State tournaments.

We have been very fortunate to have a great group of students who work hard every day, pushing each other, making the academy a great place to be. A special thanks goes to our coaching staff who dedicate themselves every day to helping each student become a better player and person. Their influence is seen in every student's success story.

Summer camp is quickly approaching and will be here before we know it (May 27<sup>th</sup>). But before we start the summer let's take a look at a few of our success stories from the past year.



**Hayley Carter** has once again continued to impress by having another successful year. She won a bronze ball in doubles at the USTA Nationals in the girls 18's. Hayley then won the South Carolina ITF in October and was a doubles finalist at a \$25,000 pro circuit event that same month. In December she became the recipient of the Wilter McKinney Award for USTA South Carolina. In February, Hayley won a wildcard to compete at the WTA Family Circle Cup and most recently made the quarterfinals of a \$50,000 pro circuit event in Raleigh. Hayley is looking to capture her 15<sup>th</sup> state title at the upcoming Palmetto Championships.



**Hampton Drake** has had a fantastic year winning a total of three of the prestigious USTA balls. Last summer, he won a silver ball in doubles at the boys 16's National Clay Courts. Hampton then won his first Bullfrog Designated in the boys 18's. In December, Hampton was a Finalist in singles and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in doubles at the USTA Winter Nationals earning another silver and bronze ball. He was also presented with the South Carolina Player of the Year Award. Hampton's success earned him a career high ranking of #4 in the nation in the boys 16'.



Gould wins gold was the saying for a second year in a row when **Mariana Gould** captured her 2<sup>nd</sup> gold ball winning the doubles title at the girls 16's Nationals in San Diego. After a foot surgery that has kept her out of competition recently she is looking forward to getting back out there and winning more titles! Mariana most recently made an early commitment to play at the University of Georgia in the fall of 2014.



One of our hardest workers at the academy, **Andrew Schafer** has always had great success and this year is no different. This past month he qualified for his first pro circuit event beating the #1 seed in qualifying Spencer Papa before falling to former French Open Junior Champion, Bjorn Fratangelo in the main draw. Last weekend he won the boys 18's National Open in Norcross.



**Katelyn Jackson** has continued to be a success story since the day she came to Smith Stearns. At that time she was rated #121 on tennis recruiting and after a year and a half she is rated a career high #44 and is on the way up! Last fall, she won the Fall Southern Closed in the girls 18's. In March she was a finalist at the Columbus Bullfrog Designated and in April placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Spring Southern Closed. Katelyn is currently ranked #4 in the Southern Section in the girls 18's.



**Harrison O'Keefe** has risen up the ranks this past year becoming the #1 player in the USTA Mid-Atlantic Section winning their fall and winter sectional championship. He also made the quarterfinals of two ITF's and won the boys 18's USTA Regional in January. Most recently Harrison moved up to a career high of #25 in the junior class on tennis recruiting and made an early college commitment to play at the University of South Carolina.

## Now onto our amazing Senior Class...

We have always prided ourselves in our **college placement program** and the success we have had. This year is no exception as we have placed our seniors at the following schools:

**Colby Burke - Bucknell University**

**Hayley Carter - University of North Carolina**

**Kelly Dodd - Villanova University**

**Tiffany Dorau - undecided**

**Charlie Drake - Stevens Institute of Technology**

**Christian Harris - Clemson University**

**Jimmy Lange - George Mason University**

**Barbara Rodriguez - Boston University**

**Andrew Schafer - University of South Carolina**

**Juan Sheppard - Furman University**

**Margaret Anne Smith - Carnegie Mellon University**

**Perry Williams - Otterbein University**

Beyond these six students who were highlighted above and the rest of our senior class, we have had over 50 other students who have their own similar success stories. We are so proud of everyone at the academy and look forward to continued success this summer and in the future.

This is the end of a great school year but the beginning of something greater.