



VAN DER MEER TENNIS ACADEMY

MAY, 2018 NEWSLETTER



Dennis Van der Meer
Founder

Pat Van der Meer
Academy Co-Director

Brian DeVilliers
Academy Director

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Head Pro, Academy
Fitness Director

Etienne Dumas
Head Pro, WTA/ATP
Coach

Elizma Nortje
Head Pro, Mental
Training Director

Reggie Sanderson
Sr Academy Coach
Tournament Director

Ryan Kreis
Sr Academy Coach

Phil O'Sullivan
Haris Poric
Intissar Rassif
Josh Smith
Vlad Yanchenko
Academy Coaches

Sally Droop
Quickstart Instructor

Melissa Marchetta
Head of Housing

GRADUATING SENIORS

The end of each academy year is always a time to look back and ahead. We reflect on the growth of our players over the past year, and think ahead to the next stage of development for each. We have high hopes for our graduating seniors as they depart for college or a gap year. We will miss seeing them daily, but know they have gotten the base for success they need. Success is within their grasp; they just need to use the tools we've given them. Remember, "The harder you work, the luckier you get..."

We congratulate the following VDM Academy Seniors and wish you all the best for bright futures. Hopefully we'll see you reaching the pinnacle of college/pro tennis then entering the workforce in the career of your choice!



Priya Sukhanha
Savannah College
of Art & Design



Nebyou Minassie
Wooster



Meklit Manassie
Wooster



Matthew Oliver
Univ. of Western Ontario



Anna Letto
Xavier



Andrea Brignacca
Gap Year



Frankie Trella
Boise State



Cooper Steinour
James Madison



Joseph Kvint
Purdue NW



Jordan Phelps
Ashford



Colt Tegtmeier
Brandeis



Alexander Morrison
Gap Year

JUNIOR SUMMER CAMPS — TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Van Der Meer Academy has an awesome summer in store for you - full camps with lots of great match play on clay and hard court surfaces. Boarding was full last summer, and many weeks are already sold out for 2018. Make your reservations quickly!

We are pleased to announce that Brian De Villiers is returning as Academy Director. Brian travelled the world with Dennis and Pat, training coaches and players in more than 50 countries. He also helped develop VDM Academy from its inception in 1985 as a touring coach. Brian's extensive experience at all levels of player development plus his knowledge of the many tournament pathways will be a tremendous asset to both US and International students training with us. Like his mentors, U of Redlands Hall of Famer, Coach Jim Verdieck and the legendary Dennis Van der Meer, Brian is passionate about getting the best from his students.

Visit vdmtennis.com or call our sales department for more information on our Junior Summer Camp programs.



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VDM TOURNAMENT STARS SPRING 2018



VDM ACADEMY AWARD CEREMONY AT YEAR END BARBECUE

At the end of each semester, VDM Academy recognizes outstanding effort in fitness training: the male & female Fitness Stars & Most Improved Fitness Stars. This year, we added a very special new Award, the Dennis Van der Meer Spirit Award. This was given to a girl & boy who consistently demonstrated training values instilled by our Founder, the legendary Dennis Van der Meer. These individuals gave 100% effort without complaining day in & day out. They also showed great character and sportsmanship in match play (whether winning or losing), respect for their opponents & support of their VDM Teammates. These awards reflect their coachability as well.



ALEX ARAGON
SPIRIT AWARD



BROOKE WRIGLEY
SPIRIT AWARD



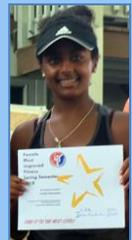
NEHEMIA MOLLA
FITNESS STAR



FRANKIE TRELLA
FITNESS STAR



MC GEE ISGETT
MOST IMP. FITNESS



MEKLIT MINASSIE
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