



VAN DER MEER TENNIS ACADEMY

MAY, 2021 NEWSLETTER



END OF THE ACADEMY YEAR 2020/2021

Another VDM Academy Year has come to a close. We always look back with an eye to what Dennis would think of our efforts to create the best possible experience for our students. We are very happy about his upcoming induction into the International Tennis Hall of Fame on July 17. His spirit lives on and his contributions are legendary. While there is no one who can replace him, our staff follows his lead in their commitment to excellence. We strive to implement daily workouts that are fun, will lead to solid improvements, and will enable our students to reach the top of their game.

We are always happy to see our students return to train or work for us, and are proud of an ever growing VDM Family. We hope the vaccine success leads to more international travel but recognize that much of the world is still fighting this awful virus. We must still be vigilant; it's much better, but not over even here in the US. We are cautiously optimistic at VDM and are looking forward to a great summer on the courts and at the beach!

CONGRATULATIONS ON OUR COLLEGE SIGNINGS 2021

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Founders

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Academy Director

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Head Pro
Director of Fitness

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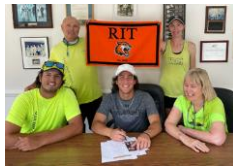
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MCKENZIE DANIEL
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

JUNIOR SUMMER CAMPS — TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

New for this summer and Academy year 21-22 – UTR Match Play available. [More Information](#)

Summer is approaching fast! Our spring camps were awesome, and we are expecting full summer camps as well. We have suspended supervised boarding due to the increased demand for families who wish to remain in their own pods. We have nearly fully booked our rental units across the street at Beach Arbor. These units have proved popular for their convenience, proximity to the Tennis Center, beach and shopping. Starting in mid-August when the academy year starts up, several of these units will be available for families of Academy players to rent long term, while others will be reserved for groups, gap year or professional players attending the Academy who are 18 or older to rent for longer periods of time.



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TEAM VDM CHAMPS



VDM ACADEMY YEAR END AWARDS



EMERSON DEAN
MALE MOST IMPROVED



KENSINGTON PAYNE
FEMALE MOST IMPROVED



JOEL PHO
MALE FITNESS STAR



MAYUKA AIKAWA
FEMALE FITNESS STAR



KENKO VICIAN-FLECHLER
MALE MENTAL
TOUGHNESS STAR



MIA YAMAKITA
FEMALE MENTAL
TOUGHNESS STAR



CHRISTIAN CLAIR
DENNIS VDM SPIRIT
AWARD (MALE)



EMILY RUCKNO
DENNIS VDM SPIRIT
AWARD (FEMALE)



PATRICK MIHAI
MOST CONSISTENT
EFFORT (MALE)



MCKENNA SHAEFBAUER
MOST CONSISTENT
EFFORT (FEMALE)



MIKA SHIMADA
YOUNG PLAYER TO WATCH

