

NATIONAL JUNIOR TENNIS LEAGUE OF INDIANAPOLIS ANNOUNCES AREA WINNERS OF ARTHUR ASHE ESSAY CONTEST



Four National Junior Tennis League of Indianapolis participants were named USTA/Midwest Section Winners in the 2009 Arthur Ashe Essay Contest. The contest is conducted by the United States Tennis Association (USTA). The 2009 Essay Contest required players to explain what Arthur Ashe's quote meant to them.

“From what we get, we make a living; what we give, however, makes a life.”

Colt Hackstadt was an NJTL participant at Decatur Central High School. Colt is a homeschooled student from Mooresville. Lauren Hedges was an NJTL participant at Ellenberger Park. Lauren is a student at IPS CFI School #2, from Indianapolis. Breonna Ledford was an NJTL participant at Oscar Charleston Park. Breonna is from Indianapolis and a student at Fall Creek Valley. Dee Slagle was an NJTL participant at Perry Park. Dee is a student at Douglas MacArthur, from Indianapolis.

Colt Hackstadt wrote “Arthur, I think that if you were with us today, you would be both the soil for us to grow into, and the water that keeps us going. Thank you, Arthur for helping to sprout kids like us.”

Essay winners were recognized at NJTL's 40-Love Gala on Sunday, November 15, 2009. They each received a plaque and Arthur Ashe US-Open bag. Congratulations on all of your hard work; what an honorable achievement!