



SquashScholars News Letter

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SquashScholars Opens its Doors



The first Monday of October, 2007, a Minneapolis Public Schools bus rolled up to the University of Minnesota Recreation Center at 2:45pm with six excited, but somewhat apprehensive middle schoolers from Anne Sullivan School. For most, this was their first visit to that huge place called “the University”, but they marched in with heads up and a sense of pride amid the wonder surrounding this adventure. They met the coaching staff, John, Peter, Arjun, and Ashu and the academic staff

Serina, Kiersha, Nadhia, Matha, Eric, Khadijo, Jennifer, and Pa. Since then, the ranks of our students have grown from six to nine as the program has taken hold and become better known at Sullivan School. A second formal round of recruiting will be held in the January/February time frame to reach our target of 12 – 15 students.



Boston Scientific Foundation Comes Through



Monday, November 12, 2007, Ms. Joanne Cryer, representing the Boston Scientific Corporation Foundation, presented Executive Director John Stever a grant award check for \$10,000. The award presentation culminated a lengthy evaluation process which began with our grant proposal submission on June 18, 2007. Ms. Cryer noted that her local Twin Cities committee initially evaluated the grant proposal and then recommended it to the corporate-wide

Foundation committee. She also stressed the importance Boston Scientific placed on the combination of academic excellence and personal fitness goals targeted by SquashScholars. Mr. Greg Maisel, a senior scientific auditor at Boston Scientific and member of

SquashScholars' Board of Directors, commented that "Boston Scientific is in the cardiovascular health business and good science education is what helps our business succeed. It is only natural that we commit ourselves to SquashScholars because of [your] commitment to preventing cardiovascular disease through fitness and education; what we strive to do everyday." Several representatives of our key partners, the University of Minnesota Rec Sports Department and Youth Sports Programs and the YMCA of Minneapolis Beacons Program at Sullivan School participated in receiving recognition for their roles in SquashScholars' initial success.



Upcoming Events

Our SquashScholars students have been invited to attend and hand out program literature at two major upcoming Twin Cities squash tournaments. On Saturday, November 17th, they will attend the Indian Summer Tournament held at the Commodore Squash Club located on Western Avenue near downtown St. Paul. Then on Saturday, December 8th, they will help the University of Minnesota Squash Club host its annual Minnesota Classic tournament held on campus at the Recreation Center.

