



College Tennis Advocacy Network

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) have joined forces to build an Advocacy Network for support of varsity collegiate tennis. This Network has been established as a response to varsity tennis programs being dropped on college campuses across the country (over 350 in the past two decades). The Network is comprised of tennis “advocates” who want to insure tennis programs continue to thrive on college campuses.

The Advocacy Network has already made a difference. The decision to NOT drop the varsity tennis programs made by institutional administrators at Irvine Valley College in the spring of 2007, at the University of Hawaii-Hilo in 2008-2009 and at the University of California-Davis and Wheaton College (Illinois) in 2010; all demonstrate that the focused and coordinated efforts of many tennis advocates at the national, sectional and local levels can make an enormous difference. Ongoing efforts to reinstate the Rutgers men’s varsity tennis team (among six sports eliminated at Rutgers) are being made by advocates, as well.

The ITA has a database of more than 2500 tennis “advocates”, from the community at-large, who are supporters of college tennis. We are asking each ITA coach member to show their support for college tennis by giving us the name, city of residence and contact information (email address preferred) of several influential people within their community at-large who might be willing to be part of the College Tennis Advocacy Network!

The ITA will contact your referrals to invite them to become part of the College Tennis Advocacy Network. Members of the College Tennis Advocacy Network are not solicited and their contact information is kept confidential and will only be used for the purpose of college tennis advocacy.

Please complete the contact information below and return it via Fax (609-497-9586) or Email (rkushma@itatennis.com) or visit the ITA website at www.itatennis.com to complete the online Advocacy Network form (located under the “About ITA” tab on the top right-hand side of the home page. You may also contact Rachel Kushma, ITA Membership Manager, at 609-497-6920 for more information.

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