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QuickStart Kid Going to Harvard

Ivy, Virginia (8/10/2023) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is sad to report Vivi Hui's Summer 2023 QCV internship will soon be ending, but we are happy to envision her future. Vivi has been a QuickStart kid since age seven and was the original Go Bananas! role model for the "WHY do tennis players like to read?" card. When she was eight, she was the #1 ranked girl in the 10-and-under category in the USTA Mid-Atlantic Section.

Vivi is headed to Harvard later this month where she plans to major in computer science and mathematics. Harvard has an internship initiative for incoming freshmen to volunteer with a nonprofit in their community. Vivi immediately thought of QCV and we jumped at the opportunity and put her right to work. Vivi set up a Facebook page for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) in Charlottesville/Albemarle, researched and wrote several grants requests for DPIL, learned a lot about third-grade reading scores and how to use artificial intelligence (AI), participated in Dolly Rocks the Sox! at a Charlottesville Tom Sox baseball game and worked closely with Jennifer King, local DPIL Administrator. We greatly appreciated Vivi's outstanding work as our intern, and we presented her with our "Top Banana" award. She's a real self-starter and a go-getter!



Lynda Harrill, QCV Founder, says, "I remember the first time I saw Vivi with a racquet at age seven. She loved tennis and as I later found out she also loved reading. When she contacted me about interning with us this summer, it made me happy and sad at the same time. I was happy she has done so well in school and in sports (she's a terrific golfer too),

but I was sad the time has flown by so quickly. How could little Vivi be going off to college in the fall?

“It was an absolute pleasure to work with Vivi. She has blossomed into a caring and capable young woman who has unlimited potential to do good in this world. Her heart is in the right place, and she has the smarts to back it up.”



Go Bananas for QuickStart!

WHY do tennis players like to read?

BECAUSE . . . READING

- Keeps our brains active and sharp
- Increases knowledge about tennis and lots of other things and builds vocabulary
- Improves memory, focus and concentration and makes us play better
- Promotes critical and strategic thinking, essential for playing tennis
- Helps us analyze our game and our opponent
- Is relaxing before a match
- Helps us fill down-time at tournaments
- Can help us unwind at night and sleep better
- Is interesting and FUN!

HOW MUCH READING IS ENOUGH?

Just like any other muscle in the body, brains benefit from a good workout. Reading is the best way to do that. Kids should read at least 20 minutes every day.

**Want to be a great tennis player?
Read like a great tennis player!**

We all need to read. Kids need to exercise their brains and learn new information. Tennis players need to read too! Our brains never stop loving to learn! Reading and learning is a lifelong activity just like tennis. Reading also gives tennis players a chance to “chill out” and relax, and they can learn about new tennis techniques and improve their game by reading. President Thomas Jefferson said, “*I cannot live without books.*” He was a very smart man and he grew “tennis ball” lettuce in his garden at Monticello.



Matilda Blue QuickStart Kid Goes Bananas for QuickStart!

Vivian (Vivi) Hui *Goes Bananas!* for reading books and eating lots of fruits and vegetables. Vivi also drinks lots of water, plays lots of tennis and reads lots of books. Her favorite book is *Scat* by Carl Hiaassen.

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Reading Routine Check: Vivi reads 25 minutes each day. On-court Vivi always has water, squeezable fruit pouches and bananas. She likes to start her day with Grandma’s zucchini pancakes. Her favorite lunch is a turkey wrap with steamed broccoli and fruit. For dinner Vivi likes chicken and pasta with vegetables. On special occasions she has ice cream or brownies.

Vivi Hui

Ranked #8 in 10U Girls in the Mid-Atlantic Rose from #508 to #8 in eight months
Virginia State Orange Ball Champion
Started tennis at age 7

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Play tennis! Read books! Eat healthy! Have FUN!!!
Be a QuickStart kid!**

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