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QCV Awards First QuickSTARS Stipends to Three Players

Charlottesville, Virginia (4/23/2015) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia ([QCV](http://www.quickstartcentral.org)) is pleased to report QuickSTARS stipends for tournament play have been awarded to Vivi Hui, Joshua Johnson and Nicole King. The QuickSTARS were recommended by their respective coaches Christopher Cabbage of Matilda Blue Tennis and Alina Ackenbom of Friendship Tennis Academy. Nine year-old Vivi has been playing tournaments for 18 months and is now ranked #3 in the Girls 10 and Under in the Mid-Atlantic Section. Eight year-old Joshua has been playing tournaments for about a year and is ranked #19 in the Boys 10 and Under. Nicole is just starting her tournament play and shows great promise according to her coach Alina.



Vivi Hui and Joshua Johnson



Coach Ackenbom and Nicole King

Lynda Harrill, QuickStart Coordinator, says, “We are so thrilled to be able to help these QuickSTARS pay for entry fees for tournaments. Expenses mount up with one or two tournaments each month. We also want our support to show how proud we are of what they’re doing. Playing on a team at an early age is one thing, but having the desire and determination to play an individual sport at their age is very special.”

QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia is an all-volunteer, grassroots Community Tennis Association established in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization to promote, develop and grow QuickStart Tennis in the heart of Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved youth, using the kid-sized QuickStart Tennis format.

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