

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2023

SEPT 1, 2022 - AUG 31, 2023



Valentino Martinez
Dos Pueblos High School

Class of 2023

Jasmine DeJesus
San Marcos High School

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I write the welcome letter for this year's annual report I am encouraged by life for all of us becoming more "normal" post-Covid, and our students and their families facing less challenges than the past couple of years, though the nonprofit fundraising world has definitely become more unpredictable than it used to be.

I am also excited about the future for SBSOS. We are now spending three days a week at the YMCA, where one racquetball court will be converted to squash early in the 2023/24 school year, with hopefully more to follow as they see good usage.

Additionally, we are still in talks with the City of Santa Barbara with regard to installing an outdoor squash court (or two) in a local park, and we have quietly started an \$8M capital campaign to fund building our own community squash center!

We continued our 100% high school graduation record with our two seniors - Valentino Martinez and Jasmine DeJesus - heading off to CSU Chico and Santa Barbara City College respectively (see inside this report). This (together with Laguna Blanca School taking another 7th grade SBSOS student on scholarship) means that SBSOS students have now received almost \$5.5 million in private school and college grants and financial aid!

We continue to support 18 college students, and are very proud of our five college graduates - Daisy Altamirano (UC Berkeley 2018) working with underserved students for another nonprofit in Santa Barbara, David Quintero (Bates 2020) working in Miami in Real Estate, Camilla Altamirano (Westmont 2020) working in Los Angeles as a Marketing Director for a beauty company, Zaira Paredes (USC 2021) working in Los Angeles in Stage/Theatre Management, and Merith Velazquez (Lehigh 2022) working in New York in Chemical Engineering.

I was a founding Board Member of SBSOS 18 years ago and have been Executive Director for over 9 years now. I love my job. I am so proud of how far we have come and what we do, and it's heart-warming to hear so many students, both past and current, continually refer to SBSOS as their "second family". If you have not watched our "I Love SBSOS" video please look for it on our website. Every time I watch it I have a big grin on my face.

Thank you for your support, please continue it through these uncertain times, please help us continue to grow, and enjoy reading about our last year in the following pages...

Robert Graham

Executive Director

Robert@sbsos.org





Helping underserved students succeed in life through squash, education, and mentoring

Santa Barbara School of Squash (SBSOS) was founded in 2006 by a small group of Santa Barbara area squash players who recognized the need for expanding youth enrichment opportunities through academics and sport for low-income students committed to self-improvement. SBSOS is based on a "squash and education" model operating successfully in other areas of the country, overseen by the Squash & Education Alliance (SEA).

From humble beginnings with 6 students and an annual budget of \$12K, SBSOS now serves 30+ students from 10 Santa Barbara and Goleta schools, supports 25 students in college and 6 college graduates, and has an annual budget of almost \$300K. We monitor student attendance, grades, behavior, and fitness to document our success. Academic and behavioral progress is tracked through report cards, attendance records, interviews, in-home meetings with parents, and discussions with teachers.

Squash skills and fitness are also assessed regularly. Two of our students won their divisions (BU17 & BU13) at the SEA National Squash Championships in 2013 and another the BU19s in 2018 - amazing achievements - but the accomplishment that we are most proud of is that we have helped 25 students become the first members of their family to go to college, and 23 students receive scholarships to local private schools (Laguna Blanca, Crane, and Garden Street Academy), with a combined total of over \$5 million in grants and financial aid.



ABOUT SBSOS

SBSOS is a year-round sports, education, and mentoring program serving committed Santa Barbara youth (5th-12th grade) who qualify for the National School Lunch Program. SBSOS pillars include **squash, academic tutoring, community service, enrichment opportunities,** and **mentoring**. We operate after school, on weekends, and during holidays. By using squash as a motivator, we guide students to realize their academic, athletic, and personal potential. Our goal is for each student to graduate from high school prepared for their next step: college or to launch a career. We stay in contact with graduates as they work toward their post-high school goals, and offer guidance and support through age 25. We are closely involved with each student and their families on many levels, and describe the program as **“an inch wide but a mile deep”**.

SBSOS Team
30 students

16 girls and **14** boys enrolled in program
52 total students and alumni served all year
25 college students
27 students returned from the prior year
100% of our students qualify for the federal free lunch program
\$434,089 in financial aid for college and independent schools
2 high school graduates



1932 combined hours of activities and squash played
2143 combined hours of academics and enrichment
320 total volunteer hours
21 one-on-one tutoring hours received by students



SQUASH + EDUCATION ALLIANCE



SBSOS is a part of the greater Squash & Education Alliance (SEA) consisting of 20 member programs and 5 international affiliates spanning the globe. SEA's mission is to lead, launch, and strengthen youth programs that enable and empower students from under-resourced communities to access and succeed in quality educational, athletic, and career opportunities. SEA achieves their mission, through focusing on three primary areas — growth, program quality, and student and alumni opportunities. SBSOS goes beyond SEA's guidance to create unique programming tailored to its students and provides various opportunities for them to grow in all areas.

1,240 SEA high school graduates

31 SBSOS high school graduates

195 high school graduates from our programs have played on college squash teams

1 SBSOS high school graduate played on Bates College Varsity Men's Squash Team

2,500+ young people in elementary school through college supported by SEA member programs and international affiliates

2,019 elementary, middle, and high school students across the U.S. enrolled in SEA programs

94 percent of students who stay in SEA member programs graduate high school and enroll in post-secondary schools

100 percent of SBSOS students graduate from high school and enroll in post-secondary schools

SEA & SBSOS BY THE NUMBERS

25 million dollars in college scholarships won by students from SEA member programs

5 million dollars in private school, college scholarships and financial aid awarded to SBSOS students

20 million dollars invested in SEA network students annually

27 alumni from SEA network work at SEA member programs today

1 SBSOS alum worked at an SEA sister program



36 percent of high school graduates in SEA network attend U.S News & Report top 100 colleges and universities, **27** percent attend top **50** colleges and universities, and **9** percent attend colleges and universities in the top **25** on the list.

Every year, SEA's network connects students from around the country with opportunities to attend **3** summer camps at **2** universities and **1** private school as well as participate in **2** national tournaments.



Valentino Martinez
Dos Pueblos High School



Valentino joined SBSOS as a 9th grader in 2019. He quickly became popular with staff, volunteers, and his peers with his positive can-do attitude and infectious laugh. Determined to succeed in the classroom and on the squash court he put in many extra hours of work, as he also did starting a business in his final year of school. His attitude and entrepreneurial skills will take him far in life!

- Robert Graham, SBSOS Executive Director

“Four years ago I found myself plunging into a sport entirely unknown to me. The thought of doing something completely new was terrifying, but also intriguing. Little did I know that it would give me the opportunity to travel to countless tournaments in LA and San Diego where I got to make friends with other students from our sister programs. SBSOS is much more than just playing squash though...the staff and volunteers are great mentors. They made sure I didn’t fall behind in school by setting me up with one-on-one tutoring beyond usual programing hours. Their commitment to my education made me feel confident about attending college.”

SBSOS became my second family. Reflecting upon my journey, it's undeniable that SBSOS's unwavering support was pivotal. The invaluable life lessons and the growth I experienced moulded me into the resilient young adult I am proud to be today.”

- Valentino Martinez



CLASS OF 2023

Jasmine joined SBSOS as a 6th grader in 2016. She matured from a quiet and shy student into a dedicated, hard-working, quick-witted, young woman with an enjoyable sense of humor. A tough competitor on the squash courts too she peaked in the top 3 SBSOS squash players. We are sure will succeed in whatever she chooses to do in life!

- Robert Graham, SBSOS Executive Director

“I can proudly say that Santa Barbara School of Squash has helped me for the better. They’ve helped shape me into the young woman I am today, always encouraging me to strive for the best no matter the obstacles on and off the squash court. Squash has become a sport I love dearly. It is always a fun time getting to play on court and practice skills off court as well.”

I greatly appreciate all that SBSOS has done for all of us, from taking us to squash tournaments, making sure we get help with our school work, and making connections not only within our team but with staff, volunteers, and people in the business world.”

- Jasmine DeJesus

Jasmine DeJesus
San Marcos High School





California State
University **Chico**



Valentino Martinez '27

COLLEGE BOUND



Jasmine DeJesus '25

CHANGEMAKERS TOUR



The Changemakers Tour was the opportunity of a lifetime for me. Cities like New York, Philadelphia and Washington D.C seemed like worlds away from someone like me, however SBSOS made traveling to those places something tangible for me. While solely being in those cities is enough to take my breath away, SEA went a step further and connected me with people I have dreamed of speaking to. Through the trip I have made lifelong connections with both the faculty and the students that attended the trip.

The tour started with a visit to the New York City Botanical Gardens where we got to meet with Arvolyn Hill who speaks on the impact the agricultural industry has on communities of color. While we were conversing with her she explained that she makes it her mission to introduce families of color—especially those located in The Bronx—to the beauty of nature. She spoke on her experience growing up in a family that thrived in nature, one that regularly went on hikes and enjoyed camping. I, and many other students, found ourselves relating to her when she spoke about the imposter syndrome she faced when in the White-dominated space of nature. Later that day we went to visit the NBC studio. While it was jaw-dropping to see Jimmy Fallon's desk, and fascinating to see how desolate the studio had become since the writers strike, it was the NBC Nightly studio that took my breath away. In the modern age of fake news it is difficult to find news outlets that deliver unbiased coverage, however NBC is one of them. For years now I have sat down to watch the nightly news and now, suddenly I was in the studio.

The next day felt like a fever dream. If I had to choose between going to Disneyland or going back into the New York Times building, it wouldn't even be a competition. As a student journalist I had gazed dreamily at photos of the NYT building, but nothing could have prepared me for the awe I felt as I walked through those doors. I was speechless as I walked through the halls and peered at the desks where world renowned journalists conjured ground breaking stories. As I listened to the Opinion Editor, Katie Kingsbury speak I realized that this is where I wanted to be, so as I walked out of the building I turned towards the security personnel and told them, "I'll be back."

As the days went by the trip did not fail to deliver, we got to meet with politicians, lawyers, the Dean of NYU and even the man who wrote Mandela's Way (2009). While the places that we visited, and the people we met were incredible, it was the other students and the staff that truly elevated the tour. Despite only being in each other's company for a little over a week, we truly formed a tight knit community. I truly believe that despite the distance, the friends that I have made on the tour will continue with me through the next years of my life. From watching the sunset over the Hudson River to walking the halls of the White House, I made no shortage of memories during this trip. I don't think I can thank SBSOS and SEA enough for this life-altering opportunity.

- Sofie Ramirez - Laguna Blanca School, 10th grade



Tom Llamas
American Journalist



Angie Kamath
Dean of NYU





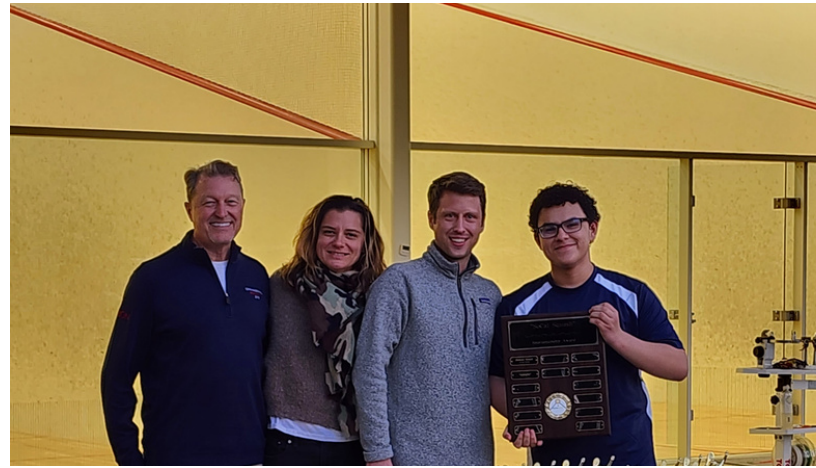
SBSOS FAMILY

At SBSOS we foster a community of local Santa Barbara youth and mentors to create a home away from home. A common phrase used by many students over the years is that we become their “second family”. We provide our students with many varied opportunities they otherwise would not have. We focus individually on each student carefully as we support them in their academics, enrichment, the sport of squash, and their mental and physical wellbeing. We strive to exceed our mission by not only supporting our students, but also their families, offering advice and support in any area we can help with.

We are the SBSOS Family.



SPORTS & FITNESS



Four times a week our students engaged in a variety of sports, including basketball, soccer, badminton, volleyball, and our innovative game called “spongeball squash” using a sport wall in a park, as well as occasional circuit training workout sessions, yoga, and stretching.

In addition to these activities, students spent an incredible week in Yosemite National Park, as well as traveling to Los Angeles and San Diego for squash tournaments and to compete in the Southern California High School Squash League.







ACADEMICS

For the 2022-2023 academic year SBSOS returned to full-time in-person programming. We maintained our collaborations with the Westside Neighborhood Center, the Santa Barbara downtown YMCA, and Garden Street Academy for our activities.

These academic sessions play a pivotal role at SBSOS, providing our students with dedicated time to concentrate on their homework, collaborate on school projects, and receive additional tutoring in areas where they need assistance.



SBSOS Student Schools

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Washington Elementary
Cleveland Elementary

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

La Colina Junior High School
Santa Barbara Junior High School

HIGH SCHOOLS

Dos Pueblos High School
San Marcos High School
Santa Barbara High School
Peak Prep Pleasant Valley

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Laguna Blanca School



ACADEMIC PARTNERS

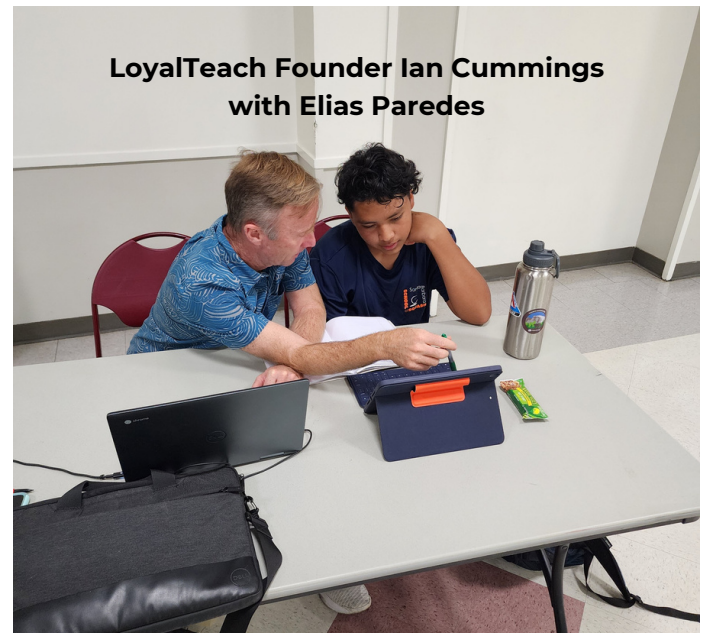


2023 Mission Scholars Cohort



"Mission Scholars uses comprehensive college admissions guidance, mentorship, and career development training to help exceptional low-income students reach their full potential and become a force for change in their communities."

SBSOS nurtures partnerships with fellow non-profit organizations to provide extra academic support for our students. Over the last few years, we have especially strengthened our ties with Mission Scholars and LoyalTeach to support a greater number of our students.



LoyalTeach Founder Ian Cummings with Elias Paredes

"LoyalTeach provides one-on-one tutoring, guidance, and college counseling that empowers students of all income levels to imagine and complete affordable journeys to their educational goals."



EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

SBSOS distinguishes itself from other programs with its strong ties to local independent schools. Entering the 2022-2023 school year, we had seven students enrolled at Laguna Blanca School on scholarship. We strive to connect our students with the best possible educational opportunities by nurturing lasting partnerships.



Nayeli Peralta
10th Grade



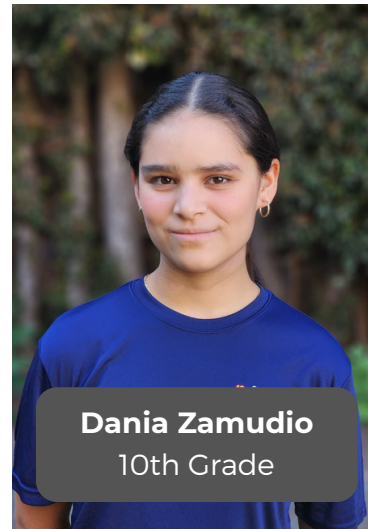
Jesús Arriaga
11th Grade



Sofi Ramírez
10th Grade



Monica Paredes
10th Grade



Dania Zamudio
10th Grade



Kevin Castillo
7th Grade



Jorge González
8th Grade

YOSEMITE



15 years ago a small group of SBSOS students were fortunate enough to visit Yosemite and some still talk about the experience today. Last year SBSOS supporter Don Fuhrer donated the seed money for us to take 20 students back there and it was without a doubt the highlight of the year, so when he offered us the same opportunity this year we jumped at it, and with his donation plus that of Geof and Laura Wyatt and some other supporters we took 18 students once again. And once again it was an amazing trip and experience! Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible.

The 18 students, 11 boys and 7 girls, ranged in age from 7 th graders to one in her second year of college, and were accompanied by 4 chaperones - SBSOS Executive Director Robert Graham, SBSOS Academic Director Jennifer Sotelo, long time SBSOS volunteer Daniel Reisman, and the fiancée of SBSOS Program Director Miguel Nava, Alex Guerrero, who still went despite Miguel having to drop out at the last minute.

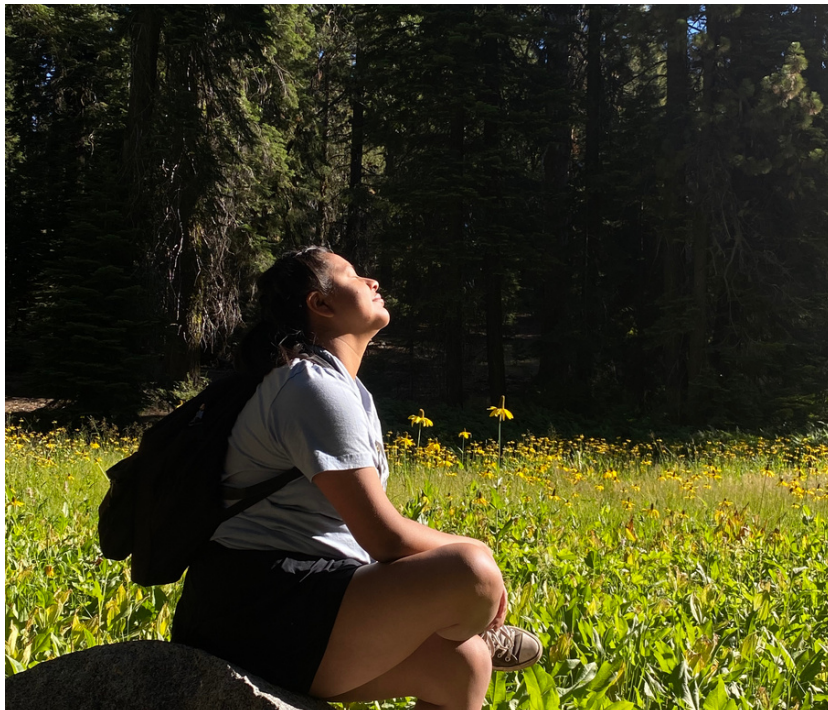
Our five days and four nights were managed and overseen by Yosemite's NatureBridge program who did an excellent job of combining fun activities with educational ones every day from 7am to 8pm. There were daily hikes and nature walks together with team-building games, adventures, and competitions. In between and after these activities the students and chaperones found many varied ways to enjoy their free time.

Home base where we stayed was a private NatureBridge site with dormitory-style cabins for sleeping plus bathroom facilities, and a dining hall. Breakfast and dinner at the camp site were amazing, and they provided packed lunches for us each day to take on our hikes, some of which were close by and some of which we drove to.

A new feature this year was a two hour photography class provided by the Ansel Adams Gallery, that we also got to tour, thanks to SBSOS Board member Frank Huerta, which really helped us improve the quality of the already stunning scenic photos we were taking.

With the massive amount of snow that fell this year there was a lot more water than last year so our trips to the river and the falls were very memorable, as was the climb to the top of Lambert Dome that almost all of us made (!!) where there were stunning views across the park and valleys.

Most SBSOS students already consider and speak of SBSOS as their "second family" and they have a great relationship with each other. This trip strengthened that bond even more. With barely a cross word spoken the camaraderie and joy was abundant and so great to see.



COMMUNITY SERVICE



SB Channelkeeper Beach Cleanup

As one of the pillars of the program, the students give back to the community that gives so much to them. SBSOS supports fellow non-profit organizations and others at different events and activities throughout the year.



**Mission Villa
Senior Care Home**

ENRICHMENT



To kick off summer programming we took a group of students to explore the California Science Center in Los Angeles. They learned about the Mayans and civilizations throughout Central America in the Center's featured exhibit that included some amazing original artifacts. There were also many other fun and interactive exhibits and experiences, including the original Endeavour Space Shuttle that took 25 trips to space before it was retired in 2011!





ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

SBSOS brought back "Viva Las Vegas" in La Arcada Plaza in May. There was a silent auction filled with incredible prizes, including getaways, exclusive private cooking classes, rounds of golf, jewelry, clothing, restaurant gift certificates, wine, gift baskets, and much more. Andrew Firestone was an amazing emcee encouraging bidding on auction items and paddle raise donations as only he can. Guests ended the evening playing poker, blackjack, craps, and roulette, exchanging their winnings for raffle tickets for other prizes. A heartfelt thank you to La Arcada Plaza and Eleven14 restaurant for hosting the event, Eji Experiences for orchestrating it, the dedicated volunteers who worked so hard, our table sponsors, and the 120+ guests who created an awesome atmosphere and helped us raise over \$30,000!



YEAR-END PARTY



David Farber
Volunteer of the Year

SBSOS recognizes the students and volunteers with annual awards for their incredible hard work, dedication and commitment to the program throughout the year. At times it can be difficult to balance SBSOS with other extracurricular activities, but all of these students have similar qualities that make them good teammates and roles models to the younger students in the program.



Jesus Arriaga
Team A MVP
& Community Service Award



Elias Paredes
Team A Most Improved Player
& Attendance Award



Daphne Miranda
Team B MVP



Kevin Castillo
Team B Most Improved Player Award

DAVID FARBER



David has been working with SBSOS since its inception in 2006, usually coming to at least three sessions per week to help with the most common subject students struggle with - Math! He has a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics from the University of California, Santa Cruz, as well as a California teaching credential in Mathematics. He is also a retirement plan actuary. David loves working with SBSOS kids, helping them with their academic lives, and watching them grow through the years and ultimately attend college.

VOLUNTEERS

SBSOS is a community based program that relies greatly on the kindness and generosity of its supporters and especially its volunteers who work closely with the students on a daily basis. The volunteers assist the students to improve their squash game and off the court with their academic needs. They also provide invaluable mentorship to nurture growth into responsible and engaged citizens.

Brian has been helping with the SBSOS program since 2015, when he retired from his career in the environmental sciences. SBSOS was a natural fit given his interest in helping and mentoring children along with his love of racquet sports. Brian has a Bachelor's of Science degree from Penn State and a Master's Degree in Engineering from University of Michigan. Brian enjoys tennis, pickleball, yoga, art, and chess. Brian's squash game continues to evolve, but more importantly he is committed to the goals of SBSOS and the continued development of the students.

BRIAN SHAFRITZ



Dennis became a Level 2 Squash Coach in 1980 in England, working primarily at Cannons Club in Bath and Millfield School, where he was an assistant to squash legend, Jonah Barrington (8-time World Champion), helping them become the High School National Champions in 1988. After moving to the US he became the Head Squash Pro at Santa Barbara Athletic Club from 1989 to 1992. As a player Dennis achieved a highest world ranking of 169, was a semifinalist in the 1986 British Open 35+, won the US National 35+ Championship five times and the US National 45+ Championship once. He is also a certified referee. Dennis has been a valuable asset to the SBSOS squash program as a squash coach since 2012, claiming, ***“I have taken a lot from this sport that I love to play and teach, and I am so pleased to have the time to give back to these kids.”***

DENNIS MARABLE



KATY GRAHAM



Katy was an SBSOS founder and original academic coordinator. She now provides academic support. She is an appellate attorney with the Complex Appellate Litigation Group, handling select complex civil cases after a career in public service as a research attorney for the Santa Barbara Superior Court and the California Court of Appeals. She is an adjunct legal professor and a member of the UCSB Paralegal Studies Advisory Board. She has served on many boards and committees locally and statewide, including as President of the Montecito Education Foundation, Chair of the statewide Committee on Appellate Courts, Treasurer of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association, and member of the Academic Standards & Admissions Committee and the Curriculum & Assessment Committee of the Santa Barbara College of Law. Katy loves seeing the SBSOS kids play squash and succeed. She says, ***“The SBSOS kids demonstrate so much self-discipline, persistence, and kindness. They give us a glimpse of Santa Barbara’s bright future.”***

Bridget was born and raised in Carpinteria and graduated from Chapman University with a Bachelor’s in Athletic Training, minoring in Dance and Movement. She also captained the Chapman Women’s Soccer team. She then returned to CHS as the first full time Athletic Trainer and taught the Sports Medicine class. Quickly finding a stronger connection to teaching, she decided to get her teaching credential and moved to San Francisco where she spent 4 years as a high school PE teacher, Santa Barbara’s strong pull encouraged her back. It was here that she then completed her yoga teacher training and has since been teaching with the Santa Barbara Yoga Collective for about 4 years. Currently teaching for an online high school, she is most passionate about implementing Social Emotional Learning, mindfulness, and yoga to underserved populations.

BRIDGET THOMPSON



NEW SQUASH COURTS IN SANTA BARBARA

When we lost our squash courts in 2022, we quickly found new homes for our programming, adding additional days at the Westside Neighborhood Center and the YMCA as well as adding a new venue at Garden Street Academy. We replaced squash with soccer, basketball, volleyball, circuit training, spongeball squash, and badminton!

The SBSOS kids were amazing and took this change in their stride. Although they missed playing squash on a regular basis, their attendance remained strong, and it made our weekend trips to squash tournaments and events all the more special. Remarkably, they managed some impressive results without practicing too!

Although the loss of the courts was a harsh blow, it will result in a much better future for us in the long term. We are working on three options currently:

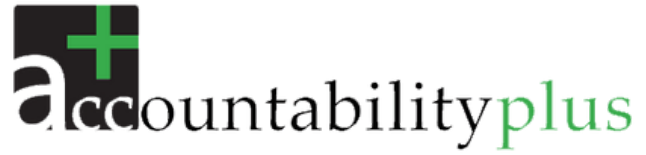
1) We will be embarking on an \$8M capital campaign towards the end of 2023 to fund construction of our own community squash center, similar to the facility of our sister program, Access Youth Academy, in San Diego.



2) The YMCA has agreed to convert one racquetball court to a squash court (and hopefully more to follow soon after.)

3) We have made good progress in talks with the City of Santa Barbara with regard to installing an outdoor court (or two) in a local park.





SANTA BARBARA FAMILY YMCA

Westside Neighborhood Center
 Parks & Recreation

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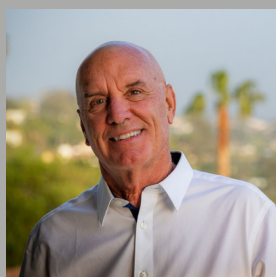
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*THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023

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Student Quotes



I think of SBSOS as my second family. They have helped me and supported me through tough times.”
~ **Leo Cortez, 8th grade**

SBSOS has changed my life and made me a better person. I now have a lot more conversations with people, and I discovered new places like Yosemite and San Francisco. Also, I learned how to help the community by doing the ‘Day of Caring’. SBSOS has made me a better student by giving me one-on-one tutoring for math that has improved my grade.”
~ **Javier Paredes, Freshman**

There is a difference in my life because of SBSOS compared to my friends, because I’m more athletic and they just sit around. SBSOS helps me get my homework done, and also my grades up. SBSOS has helped me make new friends. They have also made me less shy and have helped me to talk to people without being as quiet as I used to be.”
~ **Ivett Lazaro, 7th grade**

I like to think of SBSOS as my second family. It has changed my life. Not many people are as lucky as me and get to do what I do. Many of my friends just sit at home while I play in squash tournaments or practice, get help with my school work, and do other fun stuff.”
~ **Yari Gonzalez, 6th grade**

SBSOS has made a difference in my life by changing my grades. SBSOS had made me less shy than I was before. SBSOS has changed my life by teaching me never to give up, and by making me more active.”
~ **Vivian Mendoza, 7th grade**

SBSOS has changed me by teaching me to be a good person in life, helping me with my grades and getting me to overcome my fears. SBSOS has improved me in school and in so many other ways.”
~ **Christian Hernandez, 7th grade**

SBSOS squash coaches taught me the importance of teamwork and to learn from each other’s mistakes. SBSOS has also helped me get a full scholarship to Laguna Blanca School for my remaining three years of high school, and I am really thankful for that.”
~ **Merith Velazquez, Sophomore**

SBSOS has helped me because it gave me a sport that excites me to play every day. Also in academic sessions, the volunteers help me concentrate. SBSOS has taken me to places that I have never been able to go. And we’ve done so many fun things. SBSOS has changed my life and my sister’s.”
~ **Diego Velazquez, 6th grade**

SBSOS has made my life healthier and happier. These past 4 years I have made many new friends that I see as family. SBSOS helps me keep my grades up and try new things I would have never done. This program is filled with wonderful opportunities that will affect one’s life. You create memories that you will never forget and fall in love with the people and the sport.”
~ **Daisy Machean, Sophomore**

SBSOS has changed my life in many ways. I know now how to respect my elders. I’ve learned how to play a unique sport and I love it. Another reason why I love this program is because you get to meet different people. Because of this program I met my best friend. We get to have fun activities together and enjoy squash tournaments with each other and other people.”
~ **Angela Lopez, Freshman**

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