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Speaker Bios



Tracy Almeda-Singian

Tracy Almeda-Singian is the Director of Product Marketing for the New Orleans Pelicans of the National Basketball Association. She previously served as an Athlete Marketing Manager for Red Bull, where she worked with athletes including NBA All-Star Anthony Davis, LPGA golfer Lexi Thompson, MLB All-Star Evan Longoria and more. While working at Wilson Sporting Goods, Almeda-Singian won a NATAS Emmy as a producer for Wilson's brand anthem. A former WTA Tour player, Almeda-Singian also served as the tournament director for the USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Indian Harbour Beach, Florida. She is a USPTA Elite Professional and has been a member for 17 years.



Dr. Karl Davies

Karl Davies, Ph.D. is the Program Education National Manager for the USTA, where he creates and implements training programs designed to increase youth participation in the USTA's American Development Model. Previously, Davies served as a programming consultant for the International Tennis Federation, working with national tennis federations and Olympic committees in over 50 countries around the world. Davies is an ITF Level 3 coach, the highest qualification attainable, and earned his doctorate in Human Movement Science from the University of Pretoria. He is a USPTA Elite Professional.



Todd Ellenbecker

Todd Ellenbecker is a physical therapist who joined Rehab Plus Sports Therapy Scottsdale in August of 2018 after serving as Clinic Director and Director of Clinical Research for Physiotherapy Associates Scottsdale Sports Clinic for 23 years. He is also the Vice President of Medical Services for the ATP World Tour. Ellenbecker completed his Doctor of Physical Therapy from MGH Institute of Health Professions in 2006. His research focuses on musculoskeletal adaptations in elite tennis players and overhead athletes. He has authored or edited 15 books and 75 individual chapters, and has published over 55 peer reviewed articles in scientific journals. Ellenbecker currently serves as Sports Medicine Advisor to the Arizona State University men's tennis team. He is a USPTA Master Professional and a 30-year member.



Gigi Fernandez

Gigi Fernandez is one of the most accomplished female tennis players of all time, capturing 71 titles on the WTA Tour, including 17 Grand Slam doubles titles. Fernandez represented the United States at the 1992 and 1996 Summer Olympics, where she won gold medals in doubles. She was named Puerto Rican Female Athlete of the 20th Century and was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2010.

Since retiring, Fernandez has dedicated herself to sharing her knowledge of doubles. She coached the Puerto Rico National Team, the University of South Florida women's tennis team and Grand Slam champions Lisa Raymond and Sam Stosur. Fernandez developed the "Gigi Method" to teach doubles, which is now available on Doubles.TV. Fernandez is a USPTA Elite Professional and has been a member for eight years.

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Zina Garrison

Zina Garrison is a three-time doubles Grand Slam champion, capturing the Australian Open in 1987 and Wimbledon in 1988 and '90, an Olympic gold and bronze medalist and two-time Fed Cup champion with the United States. She earned a career-high ranking of No. 4 in the world in singles, No. 5 in doubles, and spent 14 uninterrupted years ranked in the top-25. She is the co-host of Game.Set.Chat alongside American tennis star Chanda Rubin. Garrison is the founder and CEO of the Zina Garrison Academy, a non-profit organization that provides free tennis instruction, college preparatory classes, nutrition lessons and more for young people in her native Houston.



Rita Gladstone

Rita Gladstone leads programming at the USTA National Campus' Nemours Family Zone. Gladstone is a nationally recognized USTA trainer and a lead faculty coach of USTA early development camps. She played collegiately at the University of South Carolina. She is a USPTA Elite Professional and has been a member for 22 years.



Jon Glover

Jon Glover is a USTA Player Development coach, where he led the 2004 boys to the 2018 World Junior Team Championship, the Americans' first championship since 2012, as well as the 2017 America's Cup. Previously, he worked as Director of Player Development at Legacy Youth Tennis & Education in Philadelphia, where he coached four players to the No. 1 spot in the USTA national rankings. As a player, Glover was a team captain at the University of Florida, and hold the fifth-most wins in program history.



Sven Groeneveld

For the past 30 years, Sven Groeneveld has coached some of the most accomplished names in tennis, including Monica Seles, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, Caroline Wozniacki, Tommy Haas and Maria Sharapova, among others. He also coached Olympic wheelchair tennis gold medalist Esther Vergeer. Previously, Groeneveld was the Head Coach for Swiss Tennis and the Adidas player development program, and owned his own academy in his native Netherlands. Groeneveld is a USPTA Elite Professional and the co-owner of Orange Coach, the worlds largest tennis professional career platform. He currently coaches ATP Tour player Taro Daniel of Japan.



Ann Grossman Wunderlich

Ann Grossman Wunderlich is the president of the Women's Tennis Coaching Association (WTCA). She competed on the WTA Tour for over a decade from 1987 to 1998. Twice she reached the fourth round of the French Open and once at the US Open, and earned a career-high ranking of No. 29 in singles and No. 131 in doubles. She retired with an even 185-185 career record, and immediately started coaching players of all ages at a country club. She has served on the USTA Olympic and Fed Cup committees, and currently coaches American Francesca Di Lorenzo, ranked No. 128 on the WTA Tour.

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Mark McMahon

Mark McMahon is a USPTA Master Professional and the founder of McMahon10s, which assists clubs find the best professionals to be Directors of Tennis and Racquet Sports and provides career coaching and executive education for racquet sports professionals. The USPTA recently partnered with McMahon10s to power the new USPTA DirectorSearch career development service for members and clubs looking to hire at the director level and above. For more information, visit USPTADirectorSearch.com or McMahon10s.com.



Ellen Miller

Ellen Miller currently serves as the Director of Coaching Education and Player Development at the Houston Tennis Association NJTL in Texas, where she manages the coaching education for over 60 teaching professionals that work with over 10,000 children per year in the NJTL programs at Houston's 34 Parks and Recreation sites. She also directs the Tournament Player Group for aspiring competitive junior players. Miller is a USTA 10-and-under faculty coach and trainer and a USPTA Elite Professional.



Craig O'Shannessy

Craig O'Shannessy is the strategy analyst for the ATP World Tour, Wimbledon, The Italian Tennis Federation, The New York Times and Tennishead Magazine. O'Shannessy spent three years on Team Djokovic from 2017-19, helping guide the Serbian back to the World No. 1 ranking. With O'Shannessy as his coach, Djokovic captured four Grand Slam championships, including three in a row and back-to-back Wimbledon titles. O'Shannessy runs a tennis strategy website at braingametennis.com and is widely recognized as the global leader in tennis strategy. He is a USPTA Elite Professional and has been a member for 24 years.



Johnny Parkes

Johnny Parkes is the USTA Senior Manager of Player ID and Development, overseeing Team USA Junior training structure for 15-and-under athletes across the U.S. and building connections between athletes, coaches and parents. A Master Tennis Performance Specialist, Parkes is an expert in using a holistic approach linking athletic development to tennis skills development. Previously, Parkes worked in grass roots tennis initiatives around the world, and also coached juniors and professional tennis players. Originally from Great Britain, Parkes played tennis at the University of New Mexico and earned a Master's Degree in Sport Management from the University of East London. He is a USPTA Elite Professional.



Lori Riffice

Lori Riffice is a National Coach for USTA Player Development at the USTA National Campus in Lake Nona, Fla., and brings over 30 years of professional coaching experience. In her role with the USTA, she identifies junior girls and helps establish relationships between the USTA and players, coaches and parents. She also work with Player ID and Development, creating sectional, regional and national camps. A former tennis player at UC Santa Barbara, Riffice is a USPTA Elite Professional and has been a member for 27 years.

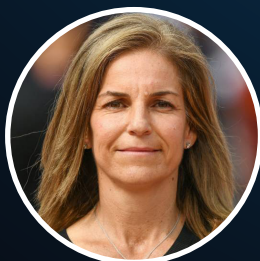
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Chanda Rubin

Chanda Rubin is a former World No. 6 in singles and No. 10 in doubles. She reached the semifinals of the 1996 Australian Open and the quarterfinals at Roland Garros three times. She recorded victories over World No. 1s Serena Williams and Martina Hingis. She won the 1996 Australian Open Doubles title, and was a runner-up in doubles at the 1999 U.S. Open. Rubin also represented the U.S. at the Fed Cup and the 2004 Olympic Games. Rubin is currently a commentator on the Tennis Channel and co-host of the "Game.Set.Chat!" podcast alongside Zina Garrison. She was inducted into the USTA Southern Tennis Hall of Fame in 2009.



Arantxa Sánchez Vicario

Arantxa Sánchez Vicario is a former World No. 1 and 14-time Grand Slam champion, having won four in singles, six in doubles and four in mixed doubles. Sánchez Vicario won 29 singles titles and 69 doubles titles over her 17-year professional career. She is the only tennis player to play in five Olympic Games and is the most decorated Spanish Olympian in history, with two silver and two bronze medals. In 2005, TENNIS Magazine ranked her No. 27 on its list of the 40 Greatest Players of the previous four decades. In 2015, Sánchez Vicario started her professional coaching career, working with Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark.



Emilio Sánchez Vicario

Emilio Sánchez Vicario is a former World No. 7 in singles and No. 1 in doubles. During his career, he won three Grand Slam doubles titles, 15 ATP men's singles titles and 50 men's doubles titles. At the 1988 Olympic Games he won the men's doubles silver medal. He was the captain of the Spain's Davis Cup team in 2008 when Spain won the World Championship. Sánchez Vicario is a USPTA Master Professional and co-founder of Academia Sánchez-Casal, an elite youth tennis academy, in Barcelona, Spain; Naples, Florida; and Nanjing, China.



Sarah Stone

Sarah Stone is a co-founder and the CEO of the Women's Tennis Coaching Association (WTCA). Stone is a USPTA Professional and a WTA Gold Coach with over 15 years of experience working with the world's best juniors and WTA Tour players. Stone coached Samantha Stosur to three Grand Slam championships, and has also coached six WTA top-100 players and multiple world-ranked men. She is recognized for developing exceptional stroke technique in her players and as an industry leader who has inspired significant growth in women's tennis.



Mats Wilander

Mats Wilander is a former World No. 1 and eight-time Grand Slam champion, with three singles titles at Roland Garros and the Australian Open and one U.S. Open singles title, as well as a men's doubles championship at Wimbledon. Wilander helped his native Sweden capture three Davis Cup championships in 1984, '85 and '87, and was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2002. Wilander hosts "Game, Set and Mats" on Eurosport, where he covers every angle at every Grand Slam, and co-hosts KickServeRadio, a Tennis Channel podcast. Wilander is the owner and director of Gravity Fitness & Tennis in Hailey, Idaho.