

## Vallan's Final Push to NYC Marathon!!!

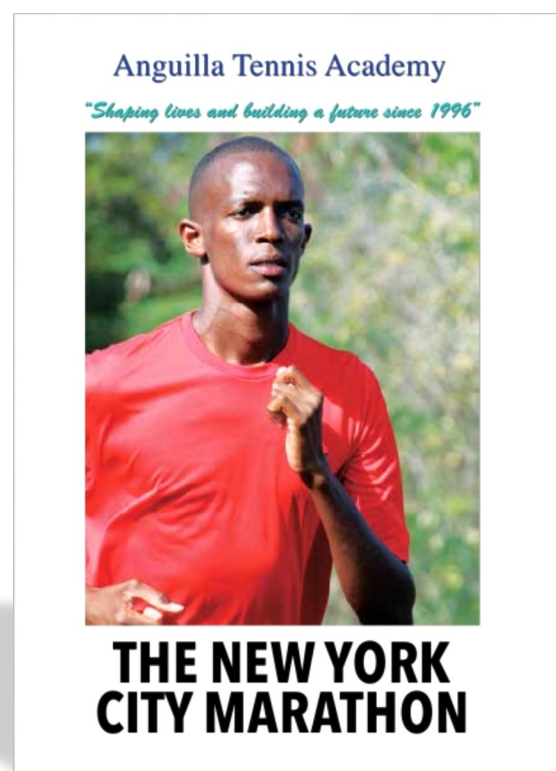
On 3rd November 2013 Coach Vallan Hodge, (graduate of the ATA program), will be running the New York City Marathon to raise funds for the Anguilla Tennis Academy. These are the last days leading up to the 26.2 miles. He will be training and preparing intensely to accomplish this goal.

The mission is to raise money to assist with the Anguilla Tennis Academy's Capital Campaign. In addition, all money raised will be used to facilitate ongoing operations and help to sustain the children's After School Programs.

Help us to advance the mission and philosophy of the Anguilla Tennis Academy.

Please visit us at [www.anguillatennis/nycmarathon](http://www.anguillatennis/nycmarathon)  
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<https://vimeo.com/67091692> to view our  
promotional video for the NYC Marathon.



# ATA Players' Collegiate Prowess and Dreams

## Nzingha Banks on President's Honour Roll



Nzingha entered Washburn University in August 2012 on a full scholarship obtained through the Anguilla Tennis Academy!

## Avern Gumbs attends College Orientation



In August 2013, Avern began her college life at Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia on a full scholarship obtained through the Anguilla Tennis Academy!

## SUMMER CAMP 2013

The eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) Annual Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA) Summer Camp organized by CEO and President, Mitchelle Lake started on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 2013. With over 70 children between the ages of 4 and 17 participating, this camp was a combination of great fun, intense instruction and relationship building. International coaches Chris and Becky Wade (Dallas, TX), Nick Plum (Dallas, TX), Lavinia Lowerre (Boston, MA), and Chris Wettengel (Las Vegas, Nevada) were on island for this week of the tennis camp and their contribution was outstanding.

Also at the camp was a group from Tortola, BVI headed by Mr. Paul Oliver. Mr. Oliver stated the following about the camp: "As this was our first time attending a camp in Anguilla we were impressed. The professionals that came down were experienced and had good advice. The exhibition matches the professionals played were thrilling and intense. In the morning we did drills and in the afternoon we played matches and played games. The camp was a great experience and I would love to thank the ATA for their continued support".

Organizer Lake commented, "This year the Summer Camp has reached a much higher level than in the past. This is a testament to the fact that the ATA's Summer Camp is improving and is heading in the right direction. Our students are demonstrating their ability to play and compete amongst themselves, players from the region and players from the United States. We are very pleased to have the visiting coaches and students here with us to share in this year's camp. The exhibition matches are also very exciting and is an opportunity for us to say thanks to our sponsors and supporters by displaying talented tennis players. We appreciate the loyalty of the international coaches, our sponsors, the students and parents to our summer camp and to the development of our children through the sport of tennis."

The ATA's coaches and staff have worked hard to organize the camp and ensure that the camp was a success. This year many of the senior players worked as assistant coaches and gave back to the ATA in this special way. The ATA thanks all the sponsors: The Windsong Foundation, Picante Restaurant, Gorgeous Scilly Cay, Smokey's Restaurant, B and D's Barbecue, Caribbean Commercial Bank, Caribbean Juris Chambers, Caribbean Cable Communications, Caracabaai Supermarket, Triple K Car Rental, High-Way Rent A Car, Aronel Inc., Caribbean Silk Screen, Tropical Distributors, National Bank of Anguilla, Anguilla Social Security Board, Anguilla Great House, Tasty's Restaurant, E's Oven, Cuisinart Golf Resort and Spa, Viceroy Anguilla, ABC Supplies, Fun Time Charters, ABC Supplies and Lime, for their continued support.





## ATA @ the US OPEN



### ATA Represented at Arthur Ashe Kids' Day and US Open

The ATA was represented at the Arthur Ashe Kids' Day at the US Open. Alysha Carty who earlier this year won the Girls' Junior's Under 10 Championship in Anguilla and her mother Jocelyn Johnson were able to attend this event which officially opened the US Open.



The Arthur Ashe Kids' Day is the U.S. Open's great pre-tournament celebration for families. It was held on August 24, 2013, and many of the day's events were free. The free Grounds Festival offered interactive games, music and tennis activities for all ages. Kids could test their skills, watch top tennis pros and have a chance to win prizes. The Grounds Festival also featured a free concert with exciting up-and-coming talent on the Hess Express Stage.

The Stadium Show inside Arthur Ashe Stadium required tickets and was the highlight of the day's events for Alysha. She was able to see Ariana Grande in performance, the First Lady Michelle Obama and a number of the tennis stars including Serena Williams and her favorite Novak Djokovic.

Alysha and her mother wish to extend profound thanks to Mitch Lake Founder and CEO of ATA for his assistance in arranging the tickets that made it possible for them to attend these events. Having been exposed to tennis on this level Alysha is more excited about tennis and vows to work harder on her game. ATA Founder and President, Mitch Lake said "The ATA continues to provide memorable experiences for its youth and expose them to international tennis events whereby they can be inspired and motivated to develop their game of tennis."

Alysha with the National Spelling Bee Champion.  
And she stumps him with the word  
'ANGUILLA'!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

