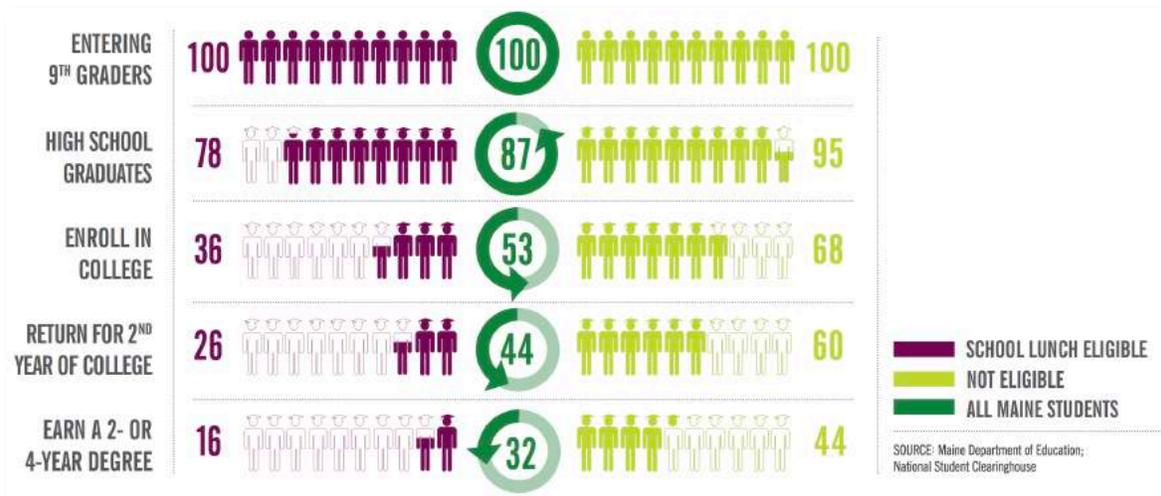




Portland Community Squash (PCS) uses squash as a hook to work with young people from 10 - 25 years old. We are a leader in long-term education and college access work. In this document, you will learn why our work is important, how we recruit and retain students, our four unique programs, and our one-student-at-a-time funding approach.

### Why is our work important?

50% of Portland students qualify for free or reduced lunch at school; meaning, their families earn less than \$46,000 per year. In Maine, students that are school lunch eligible have a 16% chance of graduating from college, and students that are not eligible have a 44% chance of graduating from college. PCS makes college a reality for all of our students by engaging students in elementary school and increasing our investment in each student as they make their way through middle school, high school, college, and into their career.



### Elementary School Squash:

During the school year, PCS partners with the Elementary Schools and LearningWorks to identify students that are testing below grade level. Each year, 100 fourth and fifth grade students travel to PCS to try out the programs.

4th + 5th Graders (Elementary)	Transportation	Squash Coaching	100 Elementary Students each Year
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### Summer Camp:

PCS extends summer camp opportunities to the most dedicated elementary school students. During camp, staff determine which rising sixth graders love to be at PCS. The most enthusiastic students earn a place on the year-round teams. Returning students also get to participate in summer camps to play squash and explore Portland and Casco Bay.

Summer Camp	Transportation	Squash Coaching	Team Building
Outdoor Adventures	Sailing	Tournament Play	100 Campers each

**Name a Junior Squash League Scholarships:** Provide an aspirational student with the following resources from sixth grade until they head off to college!

Junior Squash League	Transportation	Squash Coaching	Critical Conversations
Yoga + Fitness	Nutrition + Cooking	Behavior Tracking	Team Building
Homework Help	Access to the PCS Network	Weekend Matches at PCS	Seeking 60 JSL Scholarships

**\$180/month**, monthly amount can be split by up to 10 donors, collected via credit card or ACH  
**\$2,160/year**, collected with annual invoice :: **\$15,120/seven years**, single gift



## ASKAR AZEEZ CLASS OF 2024

*Born in Iraq and raised in Portland, ME. Loves being busy, making new friends, and exploring new places. Known for his deep love of squash, hipsters, and puns, he describes himself as unpredictable, calm, and sarcastic.*

Dream College: Harvard University

Dream Job: Squash Coach and Pro Squash Player

Favorite Part of PCS: The community. We all get along with each other and work together

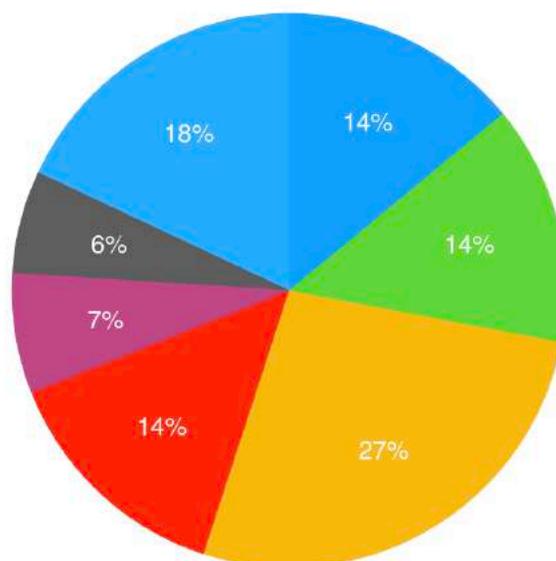
Role Models: Barrett Takesian, Ali Farag, and Nick Wagg

Favorite Subject: Math

Spirit Animal: Bumblebee

### Junior Squash League Cost Breakdown

● Program Director   
 ● Academic Staff   
 ● Squash Staff   
 ● Wellness Staff  
● Supplies + Food   
 ● Transportation   
 ● Facilities



In the 2017-2018 academic year, we served 200 youth in grades 4-12 from 19 different schools

Of the middle school and high school youth, 49% identify as students of color and 44% are multilingual

Our kids represent 26 different countries (including Somalia, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Djibouti, South Sudan, Burundi, Vietnam, Cambodia, and many others) and speak over 18 different languages

In addition, 52% are considered low-income/free-lunch eligible, yet thanks to our generous donors, we were able to provide partial or full scholarships to 60% of participants

**Name a Rally Portland Scholarships:** Our most dedicated students want more. Provide a Rally Portland student with the following additional resources from sixth grade until they are off to college!

Rally Portland	Additional Coaching	Longterm Mentor	Personalized Academic Support
Weekend Regional Tournaments	Weekend Community Service	Weekend College Visits	Staff Home Visits
Grade Tracking	Harvard’s Holistic Student Assessment	Summer Opportunities	SAT Prep
College Counseling	College Support	Career Support	Seeking 40 Rally Portland Scholarships

**\$360/month**, monthly amount can be split by up to 10 donors, collected via credit card or ACH  
**\$4,320/year**, collected with annual invoice :: **\$30,240/seven years**, single gift



**MARIAM AL-HAMDANY**  
**CLASS OF 2023**

*Born and raised in Portland, ME. First-generation American with Iraqi roots. Lives with parents, older sister, and two younger brothers. Self-proclaimed nerd who describes herself as a confident and kind leader.*

Dream College: Bates College

Dream Job: Doctor

Future Goals: To become the first hijabi college squash player from the state of Maine. Travel to Egypt. End world hunger, war, and poverty

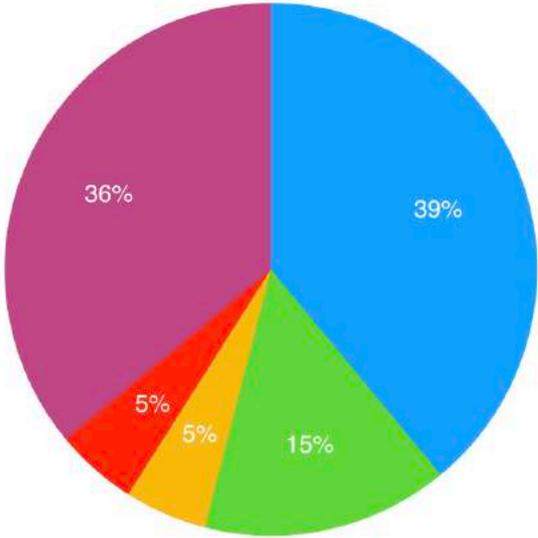
Favorite Part of PCS: Meeting new people and making new friends

Favorite Subjects: Math & Science

Activities: Squash, Track & Field, Civil Rights Club, Pihcintu Choir

**Rally Portland Cost Breakdown**

- Academic Staff
- Weekend Trips
- Summer Opportunities
- Supplies + Food
- Facilities



**100% of Rally Portland participants reported experiencing positive growth or impact in the following areas:**

- School Engagement & Academic Success
- Wellness + Positive Self-Identity
- Future-Oriented Thinking + College Potential
- Community Engagement + Global Awareness
- Adult Support + Peer Relationships

“I want to make a change in the community to show that kids can do anything, especially hijabi girls. I want to be the first hijabi college squash player from Portland, Maine” Mariam



## NAME A JUNIOR SQUASH LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP OR A RALLY PORTLAND SCHOLARSHIP

Portland Community Squash (PCS) makes a formal commitment to each student from 10 - 25 years old. Many PCS students will remain active in the PCS community their entire lives. We are ideally positioned to leverage our facility, adult community, and curriculum to close the opportunity gap in our schools and the income gap in our city, one student at a time. Our focus has turned to sustaining our culture of excellence for generations.

**One student at a time also means one scholarship at a time.** PCS is inviting friend groups, individuals, companies, and teams to create 100 scholarships. By creating pay-as-you-go or single-gift scholarships, PCS will reach full-financial sustainability for our youth programs. Junior Squash League Scholarships and Rally Portland Scholarships support one student for the seven years they are in the program. Scholarships must be renewed every seven years.

### EXAMPLE:

The Spaulding Family Scholarship

\$180/month for a Junior Squash League

Donors: Barrett (monthly), Sandy (annual), Jill (monthly), Abby (monthly), Gus (monthly), Ellie (monthly)

Scholarship Award Letter (2-4 sentences): The Spaulding Family is honored to award you with a scholarship to The Junior Squash League. Squash has made our family closer, and we hope you find close friends, caring adults, and fun adventures during your time at Portland Community Squash!

### NEXT STEPS:

- 1) Name your scholarship and write a brief scholarship award letter to be awarded to a student in the program
- 2) Decide your scholarship level: Rally Portland (\$360/month) or Junior Squash League (\$180/month)
- 3) Decide your funding model:
  - Monthly, collected via credit card or ACH
  - Annually, collected with annual invoice
  - Seven Year Gift, single gift
- 4) Who are the donors supporting the scholarship? Can be split by up to 10 friends, teammates, coworkers, etc
- 5) Submit information to Barrett Takesian ([barrett@pcsquash.com](mailto:barrett@pcsquash.com)) or Sarah Stickney ([sarah@pcsquash.com](mailto:sarah@pcsquash.com))
- 6) Barrett will have each donor sign a Memorandum of Understanding and collect billing information
- 7) Once all donors signed the MOU, the Scholarship will be awarded to a student in the program
- 8) Student will write quarterly letters to all donors about how the PCS experience is going