

Saturday, November 8, 2025 Mouratoglou Academy of Zephyrhills

Sarah's Legacy

Sarah's tennis journey began when she was just six years old, hitting her first tennis balls at Zephyr Park. Even then, her natural talent was evident.

As she grew, so did her love for the game. By age 12, Sarah was already making waves, competing in USTA tournaments, training at Lake Jovita, and learning from renowned coaches like Tim Crosby, who had once coached tennis legend Jim Courier.

High school was a time of triumph for Sarah where she became a leader on the Zephyrhills High School tennis team. The four-year varsity player earned the title of All-Sunshine Athletic Conference and helped the Bulldogs secure district championships in 2010 and 2012. These successes paved the way for a tennis scholarship to the University of South Carolina Upstate, a dream come true for Sarah.



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At USC Upstate, Sarah was more than just a talented tennis player. She excelled in class, and her outgoing personality and genuine kindness made her a beloved figure on campus. She was a constant source of encouragement for her teammates, always there to lend a helping hand or a listening ear. Sarah's warmth extended beyond the tennis court; she and her family opened their home to teammates during holidays, ensuring no one felt alone during special times.

The tragic accident on October 11, 2015 that claimed Sarah's life and the lives of three other Upstate athletes left a void in the hearts of many. She was only 21, on the verge of graduating and returning to Florida, filled with dreams and aspirations. Those who knew her best – her parents, Todd and Charla, her sister Emily, and her countless friends in Florida and South Carolina – remember her infectious laugh, her unwavering competitive spirit, her deep love for her family and friends, and her passion for tennis.

Sarah's legacy lives on through the SVB Tennis Foundation, established in 2018. The foundation honors her memory by providing students with opportunities to experience the joy of tennis, develop their skills, and embrace the values that Sarah embodied: sportsmanship, dedication, and kindness. Through community-based programs, the SVB Tennis Foundation keeps Sarah's spirit alive, ensuring her love for the game inspires generations.





Grand Slam

City of Zephyrhills BRW Contractors

Champion

Bauducco Foods
Black Marlin Capital, LLC
Dr. Pettinato's Children's Dentistry

Centre Court

Century 21 Bill Nye Realty, Inc.
Kimley-Horn
Microtel Inn and Suites by Wyndham Zephyrhills
Pearlman Trial Group
Tibbetts Lumber Co.

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5L Properties, LLC • Bahr's Propane, Gas & AC • Edward Jones Zephyrhills • Furr, Wegman & Banks Architects P.A. • Intuitive Business Consultants • Lee Reed Insurance • New Walk Church • The Orbital Corporation • The Ramirez Family • Ryman Construction of Florida • R.B. Stewart Middle School Athletic Dept • USTA Florida





WELCOME

Todd Vande Berg

Board Chair, Father of Sarah Vande Berg

MISSION VIDEO

PROGRAMS AND IMPACT UPDATE

Nick Walton

Executive Director, SVB Tennis Foundation

MEMORIAL CHARACTER AWARD

Emily Vande Berg

Sister of Sarah Vande Berg

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Shae Davis

Board Member, Retired Pasco Schools Principal

RAISE A RACQUET LIVE AUCTION









Mission

Our mission is to provide tennis and education programming in Pasco County communities through character building, physical activity and mentoring.



Vision

Our vision is for all students to have personal growth and positive relationships through tennis.





600+ Students Each Year

We makes an impact on student's lives, providing them with valuable life skills and experiences through tennis.



16 Program Locations

We partner with 12 schools and 4 rec centers to break down transportation barriers and ensure equitable access to programs.



500+ Volunteer Hours

The dedication of our volunteers is the heart of the Foundation. Their 500+ hours of service not only make our programs possible but also inspire students to give back to their own communities.



350 Tennis Racquets

We empower students by providing FREE tennis racquets and pickleball paddles to all who complete the program, ensuring they have the tools needed to succeed on court.



A Note from the Executive Director

Empowering students with the skills they need to succeed in sports and life.

The SVB Tennis Foundation is one of more than 250 National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) chapters across the country under the umbrella of the USTA Foundation. This network of organizations share resources, best practices and a united mission: to change lives through tennis and education. It also opens critical funding opportunities from the USTA Foundation allowing us to expand opportunities for students right here in our community.

SVB Foundation, like all NJTLs, is **more than tennis**. Our goal is to provide accessible, enriching programs that help students grow not only as athletes, but as individuals by



building maturity, communication skills, discipline, and confidence that lasts a lifetime.

We define our impact by the positive effect we have on each child. We believe that small changes in mindset and behavior at a young age can significantly alter a student's entire future. Your



support tonight helps make that transformation possible, shaping brighter futures and creating ripple effects that will be felt for generations to come. Thank you changing lives with us!

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Program Pathway

Every student's journey is unique. SVB Tennis Foundation provides a pathway to success through programs designed to meet our students where they're at. Our coaches guide students through each step of their personal journey, fostering growth on and off the court.



After-School

Tennis & Education Program

- 8-week sessions
- 2 days/week, 2 hours/day
- Target grades: 1st through 8th
- Volunteering and mentorship
- Takes place on school's campus

Ambassador Program

- Local high school tennis players
- Beginner/intermediate tennis players
- Volunteer as junior coaches
- Train/compete together
- Represent "SVB" in the community









Year-round group clinics and private lessons for highly motivated 3rd-8th graders

Student Highlights

Treye Hochstetler, a senior SVB Ambassador started in our After-School Tennis and Education Program at R.B. Stewart Middle School in 2020. Treye is applying to several local colleges focusing on a medical career.







Javaris (5th grade) and Lincoln (4th grade) became our youngest junior coaches during our San Antonio 'Tiny Tennis' program for 1st and 2nd graders.

Dalton, a sophomore SVB Ambassador, is in his 5th year of programs with us!



Dalton had just moved to the area shortly before joining our first programs at Zephyr Park. He quickly stepped up into a leadership position and is a rising young star in our Ambassador Program.



Scholarship Awardees, 2025

The SVB Tennis Foundation honors Sarah's legacy by awarding the **Sarah Grace Vande Berg Memorial Athletic Scholarship** to graduating senior student-athletes from her alma mater, Zephyrhills High School. In memory of Sarah and her classmates, scholarships are given to students pursuing higher education who have excelled in tennis, soccer and track & field.



Jonah Whalen
Tennis

Dylan Fleshood Jenna Goodman
Soccer
Tennis

2024 Recipients: Isabella Negrete, Billie Boyd, William Poe III

2023 Recipients: Rachel Diaz, Savannah Scheuerman

2022 Recipients: Emily Kirk, Madison Poe, Brooke Baldus

2021 Recipients: Emily Jennings, Christopher Mitchell

2018 Recipients: Briana Hutlin, Marus Smith 2017 Recipients: Brianna Dupre, Trey Owens



Immanuel Fair

Senior, FLVS

Anderson Harris

Senior, Homeschool

Jax Whalen

Junior, Zephyrhills High

Ethan Paolantonio

Junior, Pasco High

Dalton O'Donovan

Sophomore, Kirkland Ranch

Nikki Lang

Sophomore, Pasco High

Austin Scovill

Freshman, Zephyrhills High

Melany Morejon

Freshman, Zephyrhills High

Soha Bajaj

Freshman, Pasco High





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Senior, Kirkland Ranch

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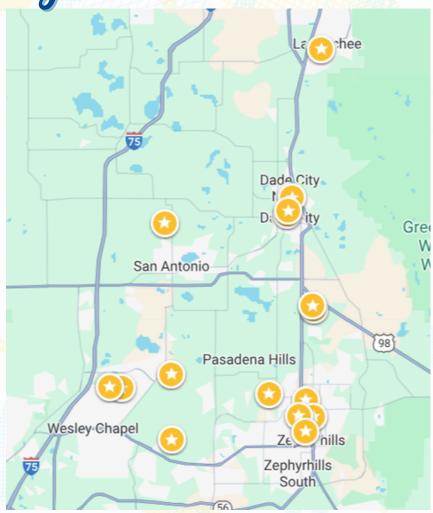
Coach

Eva Sambrano

Coach



Program Locations



- 1. Zephyr Park
- 2. West Zephyrhills Elementary
- 3. R.B. Stewart Middle
- 4. Woodland Elementary
- 5. Chester Taylor Elementary
- 6. SVB Tennis Center
- 7. Centennial Elementary
- 8. Weightman Middle

- 9. Pasco Elementary
- 10. Pasco Middle
- 11. Rodney B. Cox Middle
- 12. San Antonio Elementary
- 13. Watergrass Elementary
- 14. New River Elementary
- 15. Wesley Chapel Elementary
- 16. Centennial Middle

Program Partners



Pasco County School District

SVB Foundation programs operate out of 14 local elementary and middle schools and recruit ambassadors from 5 local high schools.

USTA Foundation

As an NJTL (National Junior Tennis and Learning) chapter under the USTA Foundation umbrella, SVB is a part of a network of 250+ organizations on a similar mission - to change lives through tennis and education. SERVING UP DREAMS





Pasco County Parks and Rec

Pasco County Parks and Rec shares our goal of making programs accessible to all. By partnering with the county, we expand our reach to serve more students.

Love Serving Autism

We run inclusive programs year-round for all students, including those diagnosed with autism. LSA provides training, tools and network to help make this program a success!





Mouratoglou Academy of Zephyrhills

This key partnership unlocks opportunities for students excelling on court to pursue advanced training through world-class coaching and high-performance culture.

City of Zephyrhills

By joining forces with the City of Zephyrhills through Summer RÉC program, we provide FRÉE programs to students every summer. The City supports all programs within city limits including those at Stewart, Woodland and West!





INTENNSE Pro Tennis League

The new INTENNSE Pro Tennis League partners with SVB Foundation for league matches, and their pro players volunteer at our after-school programs.

UTR Sports

SVB Foundation is now on the UTR platform to run in-house ladders, match play and more.



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\$20 provides one student in our afterschool program with a brand new racquet, empowering them to train on their own!

\$125 provides one student with a full month of tennis at Mouratoglou Academy — twice a week!

\$390 provides 30 students with one full week of our after-school program.

\$800 provides 14 high school ambassadors with one month of training and SAT tutoring.

\$3,920 Provides the full 8-week After-School Tennis & Education Program to a partner school (30 students + equipment)!



Raise a Racquet for the Students of Pasco County!

We've come together tonight to raise the funds that will enable us expand and elevate our after-school and community programming to more schools and parks across Pasco County.

Missed the paddle raise?

Make a donation here:

