



2025-2026 PROGRAM IMPACT REPORT

THE LONG GAME:

HOW CONSISTENCY, CONNECTION, AND OPPORTUNITY
HELP A YOUNG PERSON TO BELIEVE IN WHAT IS POSSIBLE
FOR THEIR FUTURE



What began in 2018 as a middle school tennis program has grown into something larger: a community of support that accompanies young people through some of the most formative years of their lives.

That growth has been intentional and unhurried. TeamFAME doesn't measure success in a single season. It measures it in the student who returns year after year, the coach relationship that endures, and the moment a young person begins to see themselves differently.

From their first swing of a racquet to high school leadership, employment experiences, and future planning, TeamFAME helps students discover what they are capable of becoming — and stays with them long enough to find out.

TeamFAME at a Glance

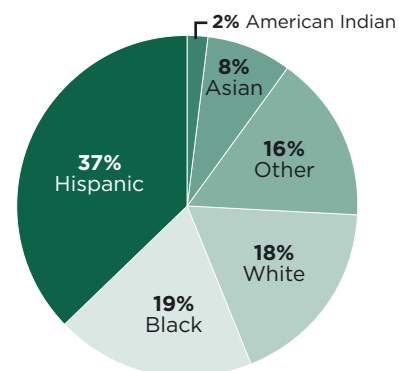
724
students served
this year

635
elementary
students

72
middle school
students

17
high school
students

TeamFAME serves a diverse population of Newport County youth, many of whom face unequal access to opportunity. Through year-round programming, mentorship, academic support, leadership development, and tennis, students gain access to experiences and relationships that help them thrive in school, sports, and life.



82% students of color

THE TEAMFAME JOURNEY

A program built to grow with students, not just meet them once.



DISCOVER

Elementary School

Students are introduced to tennis through free clinics and school-based programming. For many, it is their first experience with the sport and their first connection to the TeamFAME community.



GROW

Middle School

Students enter TeamFAME's year-round program, where tennis becomes a vehicle for mentorship, academic support, leadership development, and personal growth.



LEAD

High School

In recent years, TeamFAME has expanded to meet students as they move into high school, and the results have been remarkable. Students take on new responsibilities as mentors, role models, employees, teammates, and community leaders while preparing for life beyond high school.

The journey from the first clinic to high school leadership doesn't happen overnight. It is built year by year, student by student. And it is still growing.

A COMMUNITY BUILT OVER TIME

31%

of surveyed students have participated in TeamFAME for three years or more.

Meaningful growth takes time. So do meaningful relationships. As students move through TeamFAME, tennis becomes more than a sport. It becomes a source of mentorship, opportunity, leadership, and belonging.

THE FOUR PILLARS OF GROWTH

TENNIS & WELLNESS

A sport that builds people

Tennis is the entry point. But what accumulates over years of practice, competition, and coaching is harder to name: learning to lose gracefully, to push through, to start again. Year after year, students tell us the court is where they first discovered what they're capable of.

"Tennis has made me grow in personality, and physically. Finding my talent in tennis, the TeamFAME program, and my relationship with my friends has been one of the best things that has ever happened in my life."

— Middle school player

98% say TeamFAME improved their tennis skills

87% feel more confident because of the program

94% say it helped them be more physically active



CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Learning to lead yourself first

Before students can lead others, they learn to manage themselves — their emotions, their reactions, their inner voice. This doesn't happen in a single season. It happens through years of intentional coaching, honest relationships, and the slow accumulation of trust.

"I learned that allowing help and support from others is okay. I always was an independent person who didn't really like getting help — but now I've learned that the people who support me do have my best interest."

— High school player

95% say they have stronger relationships with coaches

81% manage their emotions better

95% say TeamFAME taught them the importance of gratitude



ACADEMIC SUPPORT & ENRICHMENT

Expanding what feels possible

For many students, TeamFAME is the place where the future first comes into focus. Field trips, financial literacy workshops, résumé help, and college visits aren't add-ons. They are intentional opportunities that help students imagine and prepare for their futures — opportunities that deepen the longer students stay.

"I learned how to make my resume. Coaches helped me create it, and now I can update it whenever something important happens in my life."

— High school player

82% say their grades improved

91% of high schoolers joined a school tennis team because of TeamFAME

100% of high schoolers feel more prepared for life beyond high school



COMMUNITY & BELONGING

A place where being known becomes the norm

Over time, students don't just participate in TeamFAME. They shape it. Many begin as participants and eventually become mentors, role models, and leaders for the students coming behind them. Alumni return. A community forms that is bigger than any single season or team.

"Being able to see the middle schoolers' matches and give advice to the younger kids — it makes me feel happy to be the coach that I am."

— High school player

94% say a trusted adult at TeamFAME makes them feel supported

97% made new friends through the program

100% say TeamFAME has provided leadership opportunities to help younger students



FROM FIFTH GRADE TO COLLEGE

Eight years in the making

When Millie joined TeamFAME in fifth grade, tennis was simply a new opportunity to try.

Over time, TeamFAME became one of the constants in her life. Through coaching, friendships, scholarship support, new experiences, and increasing leadership responsibilities, she gained confidence in who she was and who she wanted to become. By high school, she wasn't simply participating in the program; she was helping shape it — serving as a mentor and role model for younger students following the same path.

By the time she graduated, Millie was a varsity athlete, leader, mentor, and college-bound young woman.

Her story reflects what TeamFAME hopes for every student: not a particular outcome, but the confidence, perspective, and sense of purpose to pursue a future they once might not have imagined.

“No matter what, you have to remember where you came from and who helped make all of these experiences possible for you: your family, friends, mentors, coaches, teachers, and everyone supporting you along the way.”

— Millie



That is what the long game looks like. It is only possible because of the coaches, families, and donors who believe — year after year — that young people are worth the investment of time.



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