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Photo: Group before leaving Anguilla to attend the US Open

Five Anguillians leave to attend US Open Tennis Championship

ANGUILLA—As part of its professional development programme the Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA) has given two tennis students, two coaches and one parent, the opportunity to witness some of the US Open Tennis in Queens, New York. The group left here on Friday and included Rodney Ross, Marilyn Connor, Sabrina Connor, Melissa Mussington and Daniel Andrews.

Marilyn Connor was a parent selected because of her continued support and was selected by the Management team; Sabrina and Daniel were the students who were selected by the coaches based on their performance and progress throughout the year in the After School Programme. Rodney and Melissa are the two coaches who were selected by the management team to show appreciation for their services to the After School program and the ATA.

Tickets for two days during the Labour Day weekend were provided by David Robin who resides in New York and is a long time friend of the ATA. President and Founder of the ATA, Mitchell Lake who organized this tennis experience for the delegation said, “The US Open is one of the greatest Grand Slam events where champions are born and memorable matches are created. Indeed, by exposing our students and coaches to this atmosphere can only help to motivate them to work harder to enhance their tennis skills and to make the ATA a continued success.” He went on to say that the trip would not have been possible without the kind sponsorship of Caribbean Cable Communications, David Robin and family and Paul Lowerre and family. “I want to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to them for their continued generosity to the ATA and the development of the children over the many years.”

President of Caribbean Cable Communications, Lee Bertman, in commenting on his company’s support for the Academy said, “CCC has been a proud supporter of the development of tennis in Anguilla for many, many years. We remember the first summer tennis camps for Anguilla’s children, so long ago that many of those children are now adult players of the game. We have seen several of Anguilla’s youth go on to college with tennis scholarships. We were delighted to provide funds for some of our children and their coaches to attend the US Open in New York. What better way for them to maintain enthusiasm for the game and see what the possibilities are for their own futures with hard work and dedication to the game.”

Ursula and Paul Lowerre from New York City were excited to hear of the ATA visit and were eager to lend support. They helped organize the ground arrangements for the group and donated towards expenses.

The ATA is celebrating its 15th year and is committed to providing educational opportunities for children through the sport of tennis. It conducts a year round after school programme for children between the ages of five and seventeen and will start again on September 13 at the state-

of-the-art facility at Blowing Point.