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**Rockingham County Schools receive
USTA SOUTHERN Member Organization of the Year Award**

Madison – December 18 Rockingham County Tennis Association (RCTA) is pleased to announce that **Rockingham County Schools (RCS)** will receive the 2019 USTA SOUTHERN Member Organization of the Year Award. This award is presented to a member organization to recognize outstanding service to the local community, to the organization members, and to the game of tennis. RCS will be recognized during the USTA Southern Annual Meeting at the Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center, scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020.

Selected winners were nominated as candidates by USTA staff and volunteers in the section's nine states: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. The winners were then selected from among the nominees by volunteer members of the USTA Southern Awards Committee and numerous other committees.

Here are schools tennis highlights from Rockingham County.

- Seven RCS Elementary Schools, Holmes Middle School, and McMichael High School are registered www.NetGeneration.com providers who receive free or low-cost youth tennis equipment and SHAPE-approved tennis curriculum for their PE or School Age Childcare (SACC) programs.
- Using a free USTA Schools Line grant, eight elementary schools and Holmes Middle School have painted lines on their playgrounds for 39 youth-sized tennis courts. Each fall and spring RCS PE teachers and SACC partner with RCTA to offer after school Kids Tennis Clubs right outside the classroom door. Morehead High School PE teacher and Football Coach Lin Stadler sponsors a 10-day high school PE tennis class on the courts each spring.
- During the school year, RCTA community coaches and volunteers pop-up the nets on campus for Family Fit Nights, PE tennis demo days, and lead fun tennis activities for school festivals, PTO meetings, and field days.

- RCS High Schools offer NCHSA boys and girls tennis team programs and RCS Middle Schools field girls tennis teams each fall as part of a 5-school athletic conference that includes Dillard Middle School in Caswell County. Reidsville High School hosts Division II Mid-State Conference tournament play at Jaycee Park. All-County RCS Team tournaments for both boys and girls bring together players from all four high school teams to determine a county champion each year.
- Each summer, 15 middle and high school RCS students, most tennis players but not all, share their passion for connecting tennis and education with over 300 young summer campers at six summer day camps as part of a National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) network.
- RCS owns one tennis facility at Morehead High School and partners with Reidsville Parks & Recreation Department and Rockingham Community College to share their courts in Reidsville and Wentworth for team practice and match play. A new tennis facility at Western Rockingham Middle School in Madison is on the drawing board to serve the schools and tennis community in the western part of our county.

THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to Rockingham County Schools. You are creating the next generation of tennis greats in Rockingham County NC.

“Tennis gives kids the confidence to be champions on and off the court “ Signup today for Net Generation, the official youth tennis of the USTA. www.netgeneration.com

Rockingham County Tennis Association (RC Tennis), a 501c3 non-profit corporation, a USTA Community Tennis Association and National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) chapter.

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RCS Boys All County Tournament, April 2019



RCS Boys All County Tournament, September 2018



Western Rockingham Middle School girls, 2019 Middle School Champions



PK Kids Tennis Club, Huntsville Elementary School



Kids Tennis Club, Williamsburg Elementary School



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