MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by Arthur Ashe’s proactive life as a conscience leader, humanitarian, educator and athlete, the Arthur Ashe Learning Center promises his legacy to educate and motivate individuals — with an emphasis toward inspiring youth. By vividly focusing upon the areas of education, health and wellness, citizenship and self-reliance, the AALC fosters empowerment and leadership in the individual and the community, elevating their sense of purpose and quality of life.

2013 INSPIRATIONAL TOUR

This year, we will premiere the AALC Inspirational Tour, a dynamic, state-of-the-art exhibition which vividly tells the story of Arthur’s remarkable life and legacy while engaging visitors by using a combination of interactive experiences, personal memorabilia, photographs, video, games, cutting edge technology and more. This experience is timed to celebrate:

February 6, 2013
The 20th Anniversary of Arthur Ashe’s passing
July 10, 2013
The 70th Anniversary of Arthur’s birth
August 23-28, 2013
The 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington
September 9, 2013
The 45th Anniversary of Arthur winning the 1st US Open as an American amateur and Lieutenant in the US Army

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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

• Won the AIA National Championship for boys 12 years and under in 1953.
• Graduated 1st in his class from high school.
• Awarded a full scholarship to attend college at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).
• Elected as President of ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) in 1974.
• Selected as captain of the U.S. Davis Cup Team in 1981.
• Inducted into the Tennis Hall of Fame in 1985.
• Named Sport Illustrated Sportman of the Year in 1992.
• He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1993.
• Arthur Ashe died in 1993. His body was displayed in the Governor’s Mansion in Virginia for public viewing. The last time this had been done was for Stonewall Jackson, a general of the Confederate Army during the Civil War.
• The main stadium at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows Park is named Arthur Ashe Stadium in his honor. This is where the U.S. Open is played during which the annual Arthur Ashe Kids Day is held.
• In 2003, the United States Postal Service released an Arthur Ashe commemorative post stamp, the first stamp ever to feature the cover of a Sports Illustrated magazine.
• Also in 2003, TENNIS Magazine put him in 30th place in its list of 40 Greatest Players of the TENNIS era.
• In 2007 Arthur Ashe was killed at 41 1/4 in USA Today’s list of 25 Most Inspiring People of the Last 25 Years.
• In 2009, he was inducted into the US Open Court of Champions by President Bill Clinton.
• Numerous honorary degrees were bestowed on him during his life and posthumously including ones from: Amherst College, Bard College, The College of William and Mary, Columbia University, Dartmouth College, Harvard College, Howard University, Kansas State University, Le Moyne College, New York University, Northwestern University, Princeton University, Saint John's University, Trinity University, University of Wisconsin, Virginia Union University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Wake Forest University, Yale University

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Arthur Ashe was hospitalized again in 1988, at which point he learned he had AIDS. A newspaper forced Arthur to announce he had AIDS in December 1988. After his death, the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Deaf established AIDS, raising money for research to cure, prevent and treat AIDS, and spoke before the U.N. imperiling delegates to address AIDS as a global issue.

He continued his activism, including being amongst while protesting the U.S. policy toward Haitian refugees outside the White House. Two months before his death he founded the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health, to address issues of inadequate health care delivery in urban minority populations. He also dedicated time to write his memoirs; Days of Grace, which was finished only days before his passing, in 1992 Sports illustrated named him Sportsman of the Year.

On February 6, 1993 Arthur Ashe died of AIDS related pneumonia in New York at the age of 49. He was laid in state at the Governor's Mansion in Richmond, VA, the first person to lay in state since the Confederate general Stonewall Jackson in 1863.

On what would have been Arthur's 53rd birthday, July 10, 1996, a statue of him was dedicated on Richmond's Monument Avenue. Previously, Monument Avenue had commemorated Confederate war heroes, in fact, as a child Arthur was not able to visit Monument Avenue because of the color of his skin. In 1997, the USA named the new center stadium at the National Tennis Center Arthur Ashe Stadium, commemorating the first U.S. Open men's champion.