

**LETTER FROM
HONORARY CHAIR BRANDON NAKASHIMA**

Dear junior competitors,

I am thrilled to serve as the Honorary Chair for the 2022 Junior Orange Bowl International Tennis Championship. As one of the most prestigious junior tennis tournaments in the world, the Junior Orange Bowl serves as a significant step for you on your tennis journey, and each and every one of you should be incredibly proud of the work that you have put in to qualify for this storied event!

The Junior Orange Bowl is one of the most decorated tournaments in the world. Since its inception in 1947, the tournament has played host to some of tennis' greatest stars. The likes of Roger Federer, Monica Seles, Arthur Ashe, Chris Evert and many other Grand Slam champions have been in your shoes preparing to compete at this very event. I was lucky enough to play in the Junior Orange Bowl for the first time at just 11-years-old back in 2012, and it has had a special place in my heart ever since.

Whether it be dreams of playing college tennis or getting all the way to the professional circuit, this tournament can be a critical stepping stone for many of today's top players. Your incredible talent, dedication and hard work in tennis have gotten you all the way to this point, and I challenge you to maintain that same level of focus and effort as you compete in this year's Junior Orange Bowl tournament.

When I was your age, the best advice I received from my coaches was the importance of keeping a positive attitude on the court. I always stayed true to my work ethic and remained relentlessly focused to get to where I am today. My biggest piece of advice to you now as the tournament commences is to believe in yourself and soak in every special moment out there on the court.

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