

May 29, 2007

To Whom It may Concern,

We just became aware that Joe Arias has been nominated for the National Industry Excellence Award and would like to offer our support of this nomination. We have known Joe for at least 8 years, when our children began taking group lessons at Sportime in Kings Park, New York. Through Joe, all three of our children Danielle former hs #1 now playing college tennis), Marysa (USTA top 5 LI Region ranking) and Andrew (#1 USTA LI Region Boys 10), began participating in the Suffolk County Junior Tennis League, and all of the programs that SCJTL has to offer. They have taken part in the summer league, the challenge series, the competition squad and the SCJTL tennis academy. The programs that Joe has put together have allowed so many children to participate in the sport in an affordable way.

Through Joe's support and encouragement, our children's abilities and knowledge of the game have grown tremendously. He has educated them (and us) not only about the technicalities of the game, but about the opportunities available to them through the USTA. He is extremely knowledgeable about the world of tennis in general and has shared that knowledge with us to the benefit of our children. We know that he has done the same for so many families.

Joe's enthusiasm for the game is contagious. It is rare to meet someone who is as passionate about, nor who has as much energy for, their chosen profession. We have never seen him give any less than 100% of himself in any of his endeavors.

We believe that Joe Arias embodies all of the attributes that would make him the perfect choice for recipient of the Award for Excellence.

Sincerely,

Daniel Walsh  
Ann Walsh