

*THE*  
**PETER WESTBROOK**  
*FOUNDATION*

*SUCCESS IN*  
**FENCING**



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**LIFE**

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Isis Washington at the  
2022 World Championships in Egypt  
Courtesy of Augusto Bizzi





Academic Enrichment Program  
Courtesy of Tinea Little



Coaching at Saturday Fencing Program  
with demo by Lauren Scruggs



Khalil Thompson at World Championships in Egypt  
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**PETER WESTBROOK**  
CEO and Founder

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*No matter how much  
I give back  
—it's never enough.*

**2022 George M. Steinbrenner III  
Sports Leadership Award Winner:  
Peter Westbrook**

The United States Olympic Endowment Committee honored Peter Westbrook for his long-standing contributions to sport, including achievements in fencing, support for the Olympic Movement, and commitment to underserved youth through the Peter Westbrook Foundation, while exhibiting leadership, ethical conduct and dedicated responsibility.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO AND FOUNDER

### CREATING OLYMPIANS ON AND OFF THE STRIP

In 2022, the Peter Westbrook Foundation renewed our commitment to fostering success in fencing and in life. We returned to full in-person learning and fencing instruction while continuing to follow safety guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), even as we exceeded pre-pandemic enrollment numbers.

We welcomed a record number of students to our Saturday Fencing Program thanks to the support of our competitive athletes, 100% of whom volunteer their time and expertise to train the next generation of elite fencers. We also saw a significant increase in the number of enrolled students in the Academic Enrichment Program (AEP), while keeping a 1:3 educator-to-student ratio.

The Peter Westbrook Foundation has an amazing culture, where parents and grandparents accompany their children every Saturday. Brenda Adams exemplified that spirit this year. She came to the Saturday Fencing Program with her grandson Amari every week without fail, brightened the mood for everybody and baked two cakes for our final Saturday together before the summer break.

That culture of giving and mutual uplifting is why youth and grownups continue to be a part of the Foundation. PWF scholar-athletes who have been with us for over 30 years are now parents, coaches, captains of industry and past Olympians. Yet, every Saturday they are here, giving back to the next generation. That is why we dedicate the 2022 Annual Report to the men and women who embody what it means to succeed in fencing and in life.



Flèche attack lands on point during a Saturday bout

## WHAT WE STAND FOR

At the Peter Westbrook Foundation, we believe all youth, no matter their income, race or gender, should have access to quality programming in a safe environment with caring coaches, mentors, family and community support. We have created an environment where participants learn to help one another, be selfless and support team growth. We also provide a range of opportunities, as well as the necessary tools, to help students successfully attain educational and personal goals. With the help of PWF coach-mentors, educators from the local community, sponsoring organizations and parents, we use the sport of fencing to positively influence the lives of underserved youth in the New York City area.



Coach-mentor Essane Diedro offering pointers

## THE 6 PILLARS OF THE PETER WESTBROOK FOUNDATION



It is through these pillars that we engage PWF scholar-athletes, helping them develop physical skills, achieve academic success, and build character and confidence.

### SPORTS AND HEALTH

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

### SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

### ACCESS AND INCLUSION

### MENTORSHIP

### FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

# NURTURING FENCERS DEVELOPING LEADERS

## SATURDAY FENCING PROGRAM

The Saturday Fencing Program offers hands-on training and instruction from a dedicated team that includes PWF staff, as well as Olympians and national team members. Each week, scholar-athletes—**86%** of whom are Black or Latino and **77%** of whom are living under the average median income—train with these world-class coaches at all levels of fencing. Beginners are taught fundamental fencing techniques, footwork and bladework, while more experienced students hone skills and strategies that will help them approach the sport at a competitive level. PWF provides all necessary equipment, while coaches offer guidance on matters ranging from problem solving to healthy habits to self-confidence to overcoming losses. We are grateful that **100%** of PWF competitive fencers continue to volunteer as coaches.



*Students learn and train with Olympians, national champions and world team members.*



Peter mentoring at the Saturday Fencing Program

*Older students gain valuable work experience and soft skills for college, career and public service.*

## LEADERSHIP, MENTORING AND WORK SKILLS

The Saturday Fencing Program offers more advanced students an opportunity to build valuable leadership and mentoring skills. These students serve as team leaders and mentors. It is a unique opportunity to gain formative work experience and strengthen the soft skills that will help them succeed in college, the workplace and public service.



Coach-mentor Donovan Holtz giving back

# MOVING OUR GOALS FORWARD

## 2023 GOALS



PWF uses the sport of fencing to transform the lives of students, families and volunteers. Below, we celebrate the 2022 goals we attained and present the new goals on which we will focus in 2023.

### 2022 ACHIEVEMENTS

#### 10 PWF ATHLETES ACHIEVED U.S. TOP 16 RANKING

These athletes are top contenders for the 2023 World Championships



Lauren Scruggs

#### 100% OF PWF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATED AND ENROLLED IN COLLEGE

This caps 20 years of sending 98% of high school seniors to college

#### 9 PWF AFRICAN AMERICAN WORLD-CLASS FENCERS IN COACHING ROLES BEYOND PWF

At prominent educational institutions and entrepreneurial ventures

1. **Ben Bratton** | New York University
2. **Ivan Lee** | Long Island University
3. **Shomari Moore** | Fencing in the Park, Armory Fencing Club
4. **Nzingha Prescod** | Fencing in the Park
5. **Konate Primus** | Nellya Fencers
6. **Adam Rodney** | Armory Fencing Club
7. **Dwight Smith** | Long Island University, Armory Fencing Club
8. **Omari Smoak** | Fencing in the Park, Armory Fencing Club
9. **Akhi Spencer-EI** | Columbia University

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**SEND 5**  
ATHLETES TO  
**THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
(20% OF TEAM USA)

**2**

**ENSURE 100%**  
OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS  
**GRADUATE AND ENROLL**  
IN COLLEGE

**3**

**DEVELOP 3**  
PWF AFRICAN AMERICAN  
WORLD-CLASS FENCERS FOR  
**COACHING ROLES**  
IN NEW COMMUNITIES  
AND INSTITUTIONS

# COMPETITIVE ATHLETES WORLD TRAVELERS



The Peter Westbrook Foundation's Competitive Athlete Program selects promising talent from the Saturday Fencing Program to participate and compete in year-round tournaments. Since our inception, we have consistently sent at least one athlete to each Olympic Games, including the record number of four fencers who competed at the Games in Tokyo and a total of 16 Olympic spots secured by PWF athletes since 2000. Through the program, athletes like Isis Washington are exposed to different cultures and languages.

## 10 PWF ATHLETES ACHIEVED U.S. TOP 16 RANKING | 2022

### MEN'S SABRE

DARYL HOMER 1<sup>ST</sup>  
KHALIL THOMPSON 5<sup>TH</sup>  
JOSEF COHEN 8<sup>TH</sup>  
ZAHEER BOOTH 15<sup>TH</sup>

### WOMEN'S FOIL

LAUREN SCRUGGS 8<sup>TH</sup>  
IMAN BLOW 15<sup>TH</sup>

### MEN'S EPEE

CURTIS MCDOWALD 1<sup>ST</sup>  
YEISSER RAMIREZ 3<sup>RD</sup>

### WOMEN'S EPEE

ISIS WASHINGTON 5<sup>TH</sup>  
KASIA NIXON 6<sup>TH</sup>



*Isis is so supportive, remembers everyone's birthday and makes sure everyone gets an invite to group dinners.*

*-Curtis McDowald, PWF Olympian & Friend*



World Championships  
in Cairo, Egypt  
Courtesy of Augusto Bizzi

## ISIS WASHINGTON, EPEE

DIVISION I

2015 NCAA CHAMPION;  
2020 OLYMPIC TEAM  
ALTERNATE

Isis's hour-long commute from New Jersey to the Peter Westbrook Foundation as a teenager was only the beginning for the globetrotting 29-year-old. She has already visited 28 countries, including Cairo, Egypt, this year to compete at the World Championships.

Isis is starting a new list, one of foreign countries she's lived in. For the past year, she has been staying with a host family in Bordeaux, France, where she's training at a farm with renowned epee coach and Olympian Jean-Francois DiMartino. Living in the middle of France's wine-growing region comes with obvious fringe benefits, like learning to appreciate fine wines, cheeses and how to make the perfect crepe. Of course, Isis is brushing up on her already fluent French. The St. John's University graduate, who won gold at the 2015 NCAA Fencing Championships, is still working on her Korean, which she studied intensely during the pandemic.



Isis Washington with friends  
she met abroad from Spain  
Courtesy of Isis Washington

As fencing clubs closed during the pandemic, Isis was left training in a coach's driveway when she was trying to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics. In the end, she would go to Tokyo as an alternate and training partner. It was bittersweet not to compete, but Isis is also grateful she was there to see Curtis McDowald and Yeisser Ramirez at their first Olympic Games. The two fellow epeeists, who both started at PWF the same year Isis did, were more than happy to have her support.



# PARTNERING WITH GRANDPARENTS

PWF creates community bonds that last a lifetime, whether you are a young epee enthusiast or a doting grandmother.



Brenda and grandson Amari with Peter

## GRANDPARENT PROFILE: BRENDA ADAMS

Brenda Adams cherishes doting on her three grandchildren, including her grandson Amari, 14, who has been at PWF for 5 years. “It’s a blessing that I’m retired,” says the Harlem native. “If I were still working, I don’t know that I could get up at 7 o’clock to take Amari to PWF every Saturday.”

Knowing that not every PWF student will become an Olympian, Ms. Brenda is still convinced that the program will make her grandson an Olympian in life. She has already seen evidence that the rising high school freshman at Collegiate has learned patience, understanding, fair play, self-control and perseverance.

“There’s nothing like PWF,” she says. “It covers academics, sportsmanship, leadership and commitment. Amari even learns about giving back when he sees coaches who grew up in the program are giving back.”

Ms. Brenda is known for spreading love, including when she baked two cakes for the Saturday before summer break. “I wanted to celebrate that we are surrounded by people who want the best for their kids and grandkids. My heart is all in on this,” she says.

## COUNTRIES PWF ATHLETES HAVE TRAVELED TO FOR COMPETITIONS

Algeria	Egypt	Paraguay
Argentina	El Salvador	Peru
Austria	Estonia	Poland
Azerbaijan	France	Qatar
Belgium	Georgia	Russia
Brazil	Germany	Senegal
Bulgaria	Guadeloupe	Serbia
Canada	Hungary	Slovakia
Chile	Italy	South Africa
China	Jamaica	South Korea
Colombia	Japan	Spain
Costa Rica	Latvia	Sweden
Croatia	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Cuba	Mexico	Thailand
Dominican Republic	Panama	United Arab Emirates

*Foreign languages spoken  
by PWF competitive athletes:  
French, Italian, Korean, Polish,  
Russian and Spanish.*

# STAYING ON TOP OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



## A HISTORY OF PWF AT THE OLYMPICS

In 2022, the Peter Westbrook Foundation set a record, sending 40 of our athletes to national and international competitions.

### TOP 8 AT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

**DARYL HOMER, GOLD - MEN'S SABRE**

PAN-AMERICAN ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIP - ASUNCION, PARAGUAY

**LAUREN SCRUGGS, GOLD - WOMEN'S FOIL**

JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - DUBAI, UAE

**LAUREN SCRUGGS, GOLD - WOMEN'S FOIL**

JUNIOR WORLD CUP - ZAGREB, CROATIA

**DARYL HOMER, 7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE - MEN'S SABRE**

WORLD CUP - BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

**CURTIS MCDOWALD, 7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE - MEN'S EPEE**

WORLD CUP - HEIDENHEIM, GERMANY

### TOP 8 AT NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

#### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**MEN'S SABRE TEAM - GOLD**

**KASIA NIXON, GOLD - WOMEN'S EPEE**

**LAUREN SCRUGGS, GOLD - WOMEN'S FOIL**

**YEISSER RAMIREZ, 6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE - MEN'S EPEE**

**KHALIL THOMPSON, 6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE - MEN'S SABRE**

#### SUMMER NATIONALS AND JULY CHALLENGE

**NAZIR PRIMUS, GOLD - Y14 MEN'S SABRE**

**KASIA NIXON, SILVER - WOMEN'S EPEE**

**NOLAN WILLIAMS, BRONZE - JUNIOR MEN'S SABRE**

**LAUREN SCRUGGS, 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE - WOMEN'S FOIL**

**GABRIEL ARMILLO, 8<sup>TH</sup> PLACE - MEN'S SABRE**

**IMAN BLOW, 8<sup>TH</sup> PLACE - WOMEN'S FOIL**

#### JANUARY NORTH AMERICAN CUP

**LAUREN SCRUGGS, GOLD | DIVISION 1 - WOMEN'S FOIL**

**DARYL HOMER, SILVER | DIVISION 1 - MEN'S SABRE**

**NOLAN WILLIAMS, SILVER | JUNIOR - MEN'S SABRE**

**IMAN BLOW, BRONZE | DIVISION 1 - WOMEN'S FOIL**

**ZAHEER BOOTH, BRONZE | DIVISION 1 - MEN'S SABRE**

**YEISSER RAMIREZ, BRONZE | DIVISION 1 - MEN'S EPEE**

**ISIS WASHINGTON, BRONZE | DIVISION 1 - WOMEN'S EPEE**

**JOSEF COHEN, 6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE | DIVISION 1 - MEN'S SABRE**

### PWF ATHLETES IN USA FENCING HALL OF FAME

**2014**

IVAN LEE, ERINN SMART, KEETH SMART

**2020**

AKHNATEN SPENCER-EL

**2023**

KAMARA JAMES

**2000**

**SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

**ERINN SMART**  
WOMEN'S FOIL

**KEETH SMART**  
MEN'S SABRE

**AKHNATEN SPENCER-EL**  
MEN'S SABRE

**2004**

**ATHENS, GREECE**

**KAMARA JAMES**  
WOMEN'S EPEE

**IVAN LEE**  
MEN'S SABRE

**ERINN SMART**  
WOMEN'S FOIL

**KEETH SMART**  
MEN'S SABRE

**2008**

**BEIJING, CHINA**

 **ERINN SMART**  
WOMEN'S FOIL;  
SILVER WOMEN'S FOIL TEAM

 **KEETH SMART**  
MEN'S SABRE;  
SILVER MEN'S SABRE TEAM

**2012**

**LONDON, ENGLAND**

**NZINGHA PRESCOD**  
WOMEN'S FOIL

**2016**

**RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL**

 **IBTIHAJ MUHAMMAD**  
WOMEN'S SABRE;  
BRONZE WOMEN'S SABRE TEAM

**NZINGHA PRESCOD**  
WOMEN'S FOIL

**2020**

**TOKYO, JAPAN**

**YEISSER RAMIREZ**  
MEN'S EPEE

**DARYL HOMER**  
MEN'S SABRE

**KHALIL THOMPSON**  
MEN'S SABRE

**CURTIS MCDOWALD**  
MEN'S EPEE



Curtis with Vice President Kamala Harris  
Courtesy of Curtis McDowald



Curtis and Yeisser at the White House with other American Olympians  
Courtesy of Curtis McDowald

## PWF OLYMPIANS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

The White House hosted PWF’s Tokyo Olympians this year. Due to a sabre tournament, Daryl Homer and Khalil Thompson were not able to attend, but they were well represented by epee fencers Curtis McDowald and Yeisser Ramirez, who took photos of a lifetime.

### DARYL HOMER, SABRE

SILVER MEDALIST, 2016 RIO OLYMPICS; NO. 1 IN THE U.S.

*“PWF isn’t just a community program, it’s a family,”* says Daryl Homer, 32, the first American fencer to have won Olympic silver as an individual in 112 years. *“You learn to love the sport of fencing, then share it with the next generation because you were once those kids.”* He hopes to pay homage by ending his competitive career with a medal at the 2028 Games in Los Angeles, where Peter Westbrook earned a bronze medal during the 1984 Games.

### CURTIS MCDOWALD, EPEE

NO. 1 IN THE U.S.

*“I traveled to Europe as a teenager, paid for college and went to the White House as an Olympian. All because of fencing,”* says Curtis McDowald, 26, who juggles volunteering at PWF with training for the 2024 Games in Paris. **“Being part of PWF means belonging to a bigger community, and that’s why 100% of PWF athletes volunteer during the Saturday Fencing Program.”**

### YEISSER RAMIREZ, EPEE

NO. 3 IN THE U.S.

*“I’m impressed I went from Guantanamo to the White House,”* says Yeisser Ramirez, 36, the Cuban-born American for whom shaking hands with the President was a dream come true. His PWF community also celebrated, and so did his childhood friends in Cuba who flooded his social media when his White House visit was broadcast on Cuban television.

### KHALIL THOMPSON, SABRE

NO. 4 IN THE U.S.

*“We did a Zoom call with President Biden, which was very cool,”* says Khalil Thompson, 25, who still gives back every week and compares the PWF Saturday Fencing Program to a family reunion. *“Everyone’s your cousin...loving and supportive,”* he says. *“We give back because we know it’s impossible to make an Olympic team on our own.”*

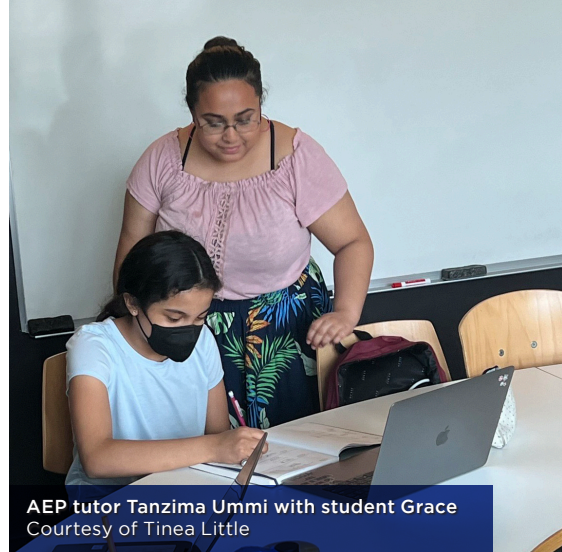
# ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Many scholar-athletes take advantage of the Peter Westbrook Foundation's Academic Enrichment Program (AEP), open to grades 3 through 12. Our students have access to academic support and tutoring in a range of subjects, from writing to math. With a 1:3 educator to student ratio, students enjoy individualized attention from experienced tutors, including licensed teachers and accomplished professionals, as well as dedicated college and graduate students who balance course loads to help PWF athletes attain academic success.

Tanzima Ummi has been tutoring on Saturdays for three years and has no plans to leave. She is a recent college grad, who is considering a career in education because of her PWF experience. Among her students are two sisters, Grace and Olivia, who are both accomplished sabre fencers. "Tanzima's kind, patient and gives me great advice," says Grace, 11. Her little sister, Olivia, 8, agrees, "She helped me improve my sentence structure."

Tanzima, a Queens native, connected this year with another student over their shared Islamic heritage. "We were both fasting during Ramadan, and I suggested she take frequent breaks," the tutor explains. "For some, we're these older siblings, who've dealt with similar issues only a few years earlier."

The AEP also offers free test prep workshops for standardized tests like the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Additional workshops help advanced students in middle school prepare for the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT), an entrance exam required to get into New York City's highly sought-after selective high schools. Above all else, the AEP nurtures student-athletes in a supportive learning environment that encourages them to play an active part in their academic success.



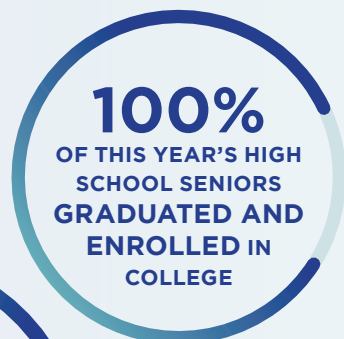
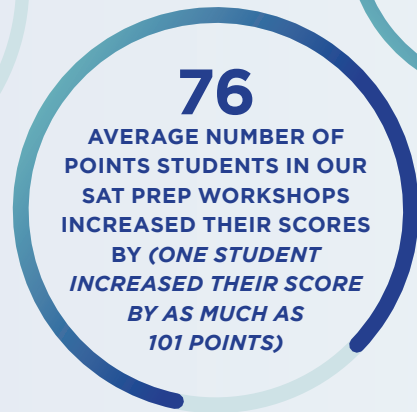
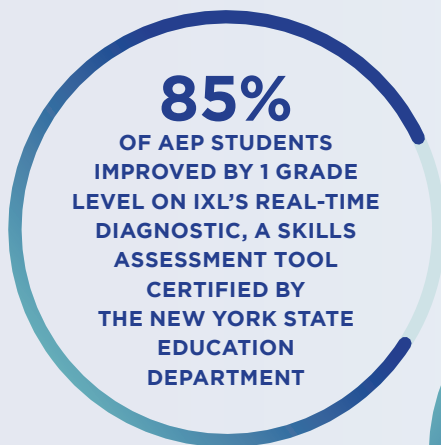
AEP tutor Tanzima Ummi with student Grace  
Courtesy of Tinea Little

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*I show up every week because I know the students and their parents are counting on me.*

-Tanzima Ummi, Academic Enrichment Program tutor

## STUDENT PERFORMANCE STATS



## 2022 PWF \$3,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**ALEXANDRA LIM**  
Clarkson University



**JAMES PALMER**  
New York City College  
of Technology



**TAMER JOHNSON**  
Rutgers University

## ESSAY CONTESTS

PWF monthly essay contests are a great opportunity for our participants to research and form opinions on important current events, enhance their writing skills, and be rewarded for their efforts and excellence. One of this year’s essay topics was “How would you respond to climate change deniers?” Students were evaluated based on their grade level (elementary school, middle school, high school), and the first and second place winners in each level received a \$75 and \$50 check, respectively. An additional \$50 check was awarded via lottery to a lucky student for their participation.



*The Academic Enrichment Program is a nonjudgmental space where students learn to lean on people in their community who want them to succeed at all levels.*

*-Daryl Homer, Olympic silver medalist*

## COLLEGES PWF STUDENTS HAVE ATTENDED

BARNARD COLLEGE	LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY	MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	SACRED HEART COLLEGE
BOSTON COLLEGE	MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY	ST. JOHN’S UNIVERSITY
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO
CLARKSON UNIVERSITY	NEW YORK CITY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY	STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
DUKE UNIVERSITY	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT
FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
HOWARD UNIVERSITY	PENN STATE UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
HUNTER COLLEGE	PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY		YALE UNIVERSITY
LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY		

# IN THEIR OWN WORDS, PWF'S IMPACT



Akhi at the Saturday Fencing Program

**AKHNATEN "AKHI" SPENCER-EL, SABRE**  
*2000 OLYMPIAN; U.S. NATIONAL COACH AS OF 2022*

My mom had me join the Peter Westbrook Foundation to keep me out of trouble. I never thought that it would take me to all these exotic places, to the Olympics, or that I'd become an Olympic and National Coach one day.

I give back on Saturday mornings so another kid has the life-altering chances I had.

I competed in the 2000 Games in Sydney, Australia, but a lot changed for me around that time. I still loved fencing, but I was losing the desire to compete. It was Keeth Smart, my Olympic teammate in Sydney, who said, "You're good at knowing what I need to do on the strip. You should become a coach." I sought advice from the only American coach at that time, Buckie Leach, but I struggled to get students. Thankfully, Peter offered to send me to Semmelweis University, one of the best coaching schools in Budapest, Hungary.

My first elite athletes, Ibtihaj Muhammad and Khalil Thompson, shaped me as a coach. For one, I had to figure out a training program for Ibtihaj during Ramadan. I was so proud she won bronze at the 2016 Rio Games. I've been coaching since 2007 and was honored this year to be selected as the USA Fencing national Olympic coach. The Foundation kept me out of trouble, but it also let me find my passion.



Kari with PWF and Fencers Club athletes, on a flight to a Budapest summer fencing camp in the 1990s.

**KARI COLEY, EPEE**  
*2-TIME USA NATIONAL TEAM MEMBER; ALL-IVY IN 1997; 2-TIME NCAA ALL-AMERICAN*

Although I'd started taking fencing at my local rec center, joining the Peter Westbrook Foundation took my fencing to the next level. PWF opened many doors, exposed me to Olympic-caliber fencers and coaches, and helped cover the cost of equipment, lessons and travel. Plus, the mentorship and community helped build my confidence, and I created lifelong friendships. Being a fencer added excitement to my younger years, expanded my horizons, and enabled me to travel internationally, which planted the seeds for a life-changing move abroad.

PWF gives athletes this big-picture perspective that goes beyond fencing. For me it was the confidence to pick up and move to Panama and build a life there after college. I didn't have a job lined up, but within a month I got an internship at the United Nations. I built a career, made friends and started a family. PWF had given me a fighter's instinct, and at no point did I feel I couldn't navigate the combined challenges of coming into adulthood in a foreign land.

Peter puts out this aura that makes you want to give back. You just feel compelled to help because someone did so much for you. After spending 20 years abroad, one of the first things I did when I got back to New York was reach out to PWF.

Today, PWF is producing more athletes and expanding, but there's still that same core community feel. When you earn a medal, it's the Foundation earning a medal. You make it to the Olympics, that's a win for the whole community. It's incredible how this new generation of PWF fencers are jet-setting around the world and have a sense of purpose and belonging that is wonderful to see.



Dwight at the 2021 Kazan World Cup in Russia  
Courtesy of Augusto Bizzi

**DWIGHT SMITH, EPEE**  
*4-TIME USA NATIONAL TEAM MEMBER; 3-TIME NCAA ALL-AMERICAN*

The Peter Westbrook Foundation prepared us to be successful at anything we wanted to pursue. I went to the Dwight School for high school on a fencing scholarship, then I was recruited to fence at Columbia University, where I majored in economics. I worked in finance for several years, but I just got hired

as an assistant coach at Long Island University. PWF athletes all have multiple options because Peter will help you find your niche.

Once I started fencing competitively at 14, I started volunteering on Saturday mornings as a coach-mentor because Peter created an environment that was conducive to giving back. But he wouldn't let just anyone coach his students. He supervised and coached us on how to train others to succeed. I'm not surprised so many PWF athletes have turned to coaching and are having this much success. After all, we've been doing it for so long.

If you want your child to succeed outside of fencing, you need to put them in fencing at PWF. From here, they'll succeed in their own way in anything they put their mind to.

# PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUAL GIVING

## 2021 SPONSOR LIST

### GOLD

Windmill Distributing Company	\$125,000
MBE Capital Partners, a Division of Republic Companies	\$100,000
Christina and Robert Dow Foundation	\$100,000
Suzanna & Franco Luxardo	\$50,000
Ronald P. and Susan Lynch Fund	\$35,000
Heisman Trophy Youth Development Fund	\$25,000
Altman Foundation   2021-2022	\$25,000
Foot Locker LEED Program	\$25,000

### SILVER

Trinity Fruit	\$20,000
Steve Michaan	\$15,000
Reginald F. Lewis Foundation	\$15,000
David and Paula Berry	\$10,000
Heliane and Andy Sieg Fund	\$10,000
Andrew Hedden	\$7,500
Sabre88	\$6,000
Carole A. and Norman Barham Family Foundation	\$6,000

### BRONZE

David O'Brien	\$5,000
Jeffrey B. Savit	\$5,000
Randy Petway	\$5,000
The Mill Foundation	\$5,000
Brandon Cheng	\$4,500
Marc Pavese	\$4,441
Michael Shinozaki	\$4,000
Lisa Orbe-Austin	\$3,000
Lynn G. Hagman	\$3,000
Dr. Robert C. and Tina Sohn Foundation	\$2,500
Mark E. Johnson	\$2,500
Milton & Karen S. Gaylord	\$2,500
Ronald Goldstein	\$2,500
Victoria Bone Charitable Fund	\$2,500
Carol A. Fiederlein	\$2,000
Double-R Foundation	\$1,500
Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation 2021-2023	\$1,500
Victoria Loconsolo Foundation	\$1,500
Holt and Joy Farley	\$1,250
Erinn Smart	\$1,000
Janet Nicodemus	\$1,000
John and Jean Nonna	\$1,000
John E. Berson	\$1,000
Keeth Smart	\$1,000
Lawrence B. Stoller	\$1,000
Neil Rifkind	\$1,000
Paul Delsoin	\$1,000
Paulette and Robert Wingo	\$1,000
Seth Schwartz	\$1,000

We value our partner organizations and individual donors. Their generosity sustains PWF's fencing, educational and personal development programs, which enhance the lives of underserved youth and their families in and around New York City.

Two of our decades-long donors include Rod Brayman (CEO, Phoenix Beverages) and Bob Dow (Retired Managing Partner, Lord Abbett & Co., and '72 Olympian). We're just as pleased to welcome new sponsors to the PWF family, such as the New York Life Foundation and the Foot Locker LEED Program.

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*The Foot Locker LEED Program is happy to support the Peter Westbrook Foundation. We value that so many of its athletes continue to give back and there's longevity in the mentoring relationships.*

*-Riece Bentley, Market Director, Foot Locker*

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*We are pleased to be longstanding supporters of the Peter Westbrook Foundation. Its thoughtful programming model engages young people from all over the city who may not otherwise have access to the sport of fencing. PWF also guides their development as they become stronger students, conscientious citizens, and often, Olympians!*

*-Chelsea Smith, Program Officer, Altman Foundation*



Fencing gear

a restricted \$13.3 million. With an annual 3.5% payout, the goal is for the fund to continue to grow and supplement a portion of the Foundation's annual expenses.

# OUR ENDOWMENT

A \$100,000 gift from Oprah's Angel Network in 2000 helped establish the Peter Westbrook Foundation Endowment Fund. Since then, the fund has grown through the generosity of numerous donors, including an anonymous benefactor who contributed \$1 million in 2004. The fund's other notable benefactors include Bill Schreyer, who posthumously donated \$3 million, and Bob and Christina Dow who were instrumental in raising \$8 million. Bob Dow is also a long-standing board member and the Foundation's Treasurer. Under Dow's sound stewardship, the fund now totals

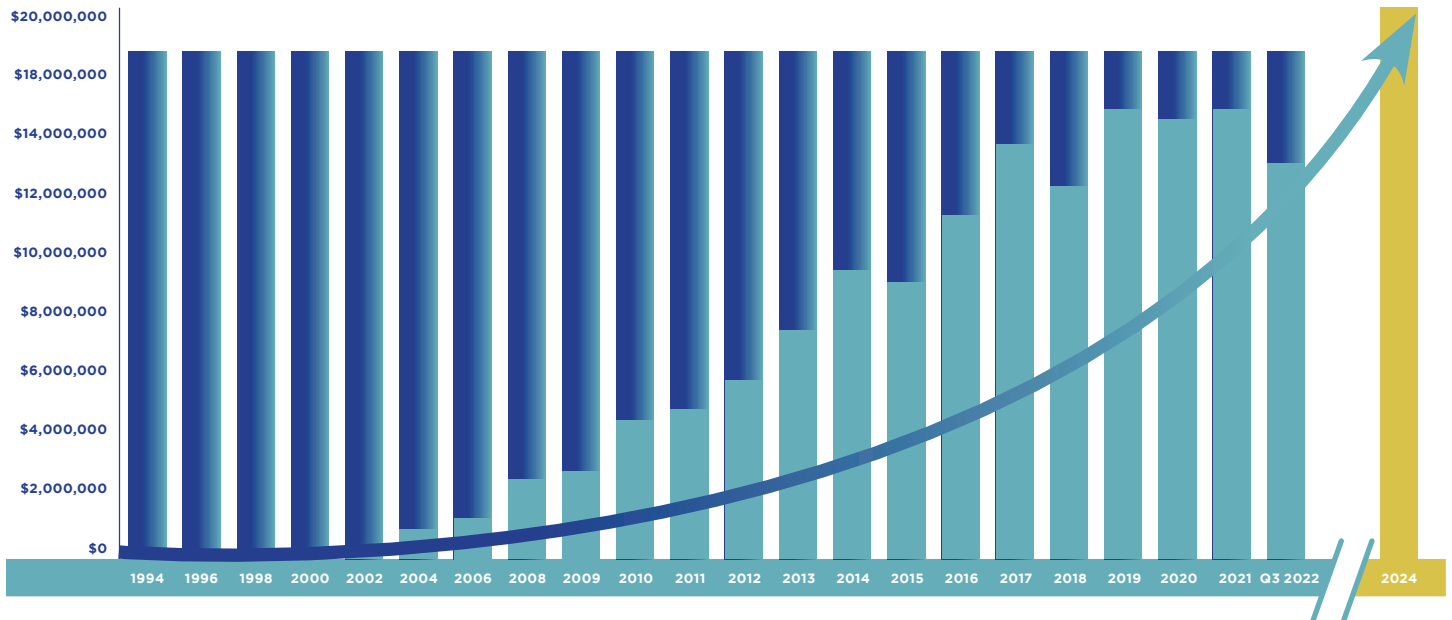
We aim to grow the Endowment Fund to \$20 million by 2024 and are grateful to our growing list of generous donors. A stronger Endowment will enable us to significantly expand existing programming and invest in a permanent home where we can train, tutor and mentor scholar-athletes into Olympic-caliber citizens who give back. For more information about the Peter Westbrook Foundation Endowment Fund, please contact Mark Johnson at Merrill Lynch, 212-415-7897 or [mark\\_e\\_johnson@ml.com](mailto:mark_e_johnson@ml.com).



*Peter has instilled a culture of giving back that will allow the foundation to live on, and the endowment is important to the long-term vision of what he started.*

-Bob Dow, board member, lifelong fencer

## FINANCIAL GROWTH OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND





# FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021

## THE PETER WESTBROOK FOUNDATION

	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Contributions and grants	\$498,416	\$150,000	\$648,416
Forgiveness of debt	\$37,488	-	\$37,488
Program fees and other income	\$8,606	-	\$8,606
Total Support and Revenues before releases	\$544,510	\$150,000	\$694,510
Net assets released from restrictions	\$487,505	(\$487,505)	-
Total Support and Revenues	\$1,032,015	(\$337,505)	\$694,510
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Saturday Fencing Program	\$109,281	-	\$109,281
Competitive Athlete Program	\$323,374	-	\$323,374
Academic Enrichment Program	\$185,305	-	\$185,305
Fundraising expenses	\$143,598	-	\$143,598
Management and general	\$134,011	-	\$134,011
Total expenses	\$895,569	-	\$895,569
Change in Net Assets from Operating Activities	\$136,446	(\$337,505)	(\$201,059)
<b>NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$23,411	\$1,446,141	\$1,469,552
Change in Net Assets from Nonoperating Activities	\$23,411	\$1,446,141	\$1,469,552
Change in Net Assets	\$159,857	\$1,108,636	\$1,268,493
Net assets at beginning of year	\$845,428	\$14,224,093	\$15,069,521
Net assets at end of year	\$1,005,285	\$15,332,729	\$16,338,014

# OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

The CEOs, Olympians, educators, corporate executives and community leaders who serve on the board of directors for the Peter Westbrook Foundation donate their time and expertise to ensure the Foundation is operating at the highest standards. They also ensure that we continue to grow so that we can provide first-class fencing training, academic assistance and life skills mentoring to more underserved youth in a safe, family-friendly environment.

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'75 WIMBLEDON CHAMPION

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Coaches and mentors

In 2022, we rebounded from the pandemic stronger than ever, expanded our operations, and grew enrollment in our Saturday Fencing Program and Competitive Athlete Program. We also resumed our in-house Academic Enrichment Program and welcomed more students. We were able to do so thanks to the support and guidance of our talented board of directors, and under their leadership we will continue to prosper for another 30 years and beyond.

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*I've been involved with several nonprofit boards, and PWF is at the very top of execution, effectiveness—and impact. PWF is destined to grow exponentially and touch many more lives.*

—David O'Brien, PWF board member and parent

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# JOIN THE PWF TEAM

Become a valued member of the Peter Westbrook Foundation family. Making a one-time donation to a particular fund or offering ongoing support through annual contributions will help sustain the Foundation. We are proud to have already served thousands of underserved scholar-athletes in our three decades. Thanks to your generosity, we are poised to expand our reach in the years to come.

## FUNDING FENCING AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

You can request your donation be earmarked for the Saturday Fencing Program, the Competitive Athlete Program, or the Academic Enrichment Program Fund, which was started by board member Kristina Perkin-Davison to expand the highly successful academic arm of the Foundation with more subject matter tutoring, SAT prep courses and scholarships.

## FUND FOR FUTURE OLYMPIANS

We established a special fundraising campaign to offset the costs of sending a record number of athletes to the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris. For more information about designating your donation for these top athletes, please contact our development office at [giving@peterwestbrook.org](mailto:giving@peterwestbrook.org).

## INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

Individual contributions have helped PWF impact thousands of young lives in the greater NYC region over the past three decades. Your donation will help us continue the Foundation's great programs for underserved youth that also transform the lives of children, families and communities for the next 30 years and beyond.

Over **85%** of our annual budget goes to programs that directly serve our students.

## PLANNED GIVING

There are many planned giving options available, including setting up a bequest as part of a will, codicil, living trust or trust amendment. Alternatively, by naming the Foundation as both policy owner and beneficiary, donors in some circumstances can claim an income tax deduction equal to either a) the cash value or the cost basis of an existing policy, whichever is less, or b) the annual premiums of a new policy. Lastly, donors may choose to donate securities to PWF, or securities can fund a charitable trust, whose proceeds go to PWF.

For more details on supporting the next generation of Olympians in fencing and in life, please contact our development office at [giving@peterwestbrook.org](mailto:giving@peterwestbrook.org)

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*I was encouraged to do well in school because fencing allowed me to travel and do all these amazing things as a teenager.*

*-Ahmed Yilla, PWF athlete; Founder of Verb Fitness*

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*PWF teaches children from all backgrounds not only fencing, but also how to become well-rounded individuals. It helps our kid be the best she can be.”*

*-Leticia Bradshaw, parent to Tamira (10 yrs old)*



Peter Westbrook and Saturday Fencing Program students



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