

THE PETER WESTBROOK FOUNDATION



**Making a Difference in the Lives of
Children through Fencing**





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The Peter Westbrook Foundation, Inc. is a not for profit organization that utilizes the principles and the sport of fencing as a vehicle to develop life skills in young people from underserved communities.



After two decades, the Peter Westbrook Foundation (PWF) continues to reshape the sport of fencing and make incredible contributions to our society.



Executive Letter

At The Peter Westbrook Foundation, we live by the motto “one for all and all for one.” Even though it is a bit cliché, the sentiment behind this saying, if not the exact phrase itself, more than any other captures the essence of our core values.

There is no doubt in my mind that the PWF would not have lasted for two years - never mind two decades - without the full commitment of everyone involved to this ideal. While the phrase might conjure up visions of camaraderie, swashbuckling adventures and hijinks, we never forget that we must live this ideal fully. That means that we must be “one for all and all for one” in both good times and bad.

The PWF family has experienced its fair share of both over the past 20 or so years. We’ve been extremely lucky to have experienced considerably more good times than bad. Those moments are easy to share and participate in. But the arrival of bad times surely tests our commitment to our motto.

Unfortunately, one very severe test came recently with the sudden and unexpected passing of Kamara Latoya James, age 29. Kamara was an incredible person in every way imaginable. (You will learn more about her amazing story elsewhere in this annual report.)

Her untimely death was a devastating blow to her family and to our PWF family. Yet in the midst of the sadness, it was deeply gratifying to witness the outpouring of love from all of Kamara’s friends from around the country and around the world. More importantly, we were humbled and grateful that her family allowed and encouraged PWF staff and family members to play an active role in her memorial services.



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In her relentless pursuit of excellence, Kamara exemplified everything that the PWF stands for. Her example inspires everyone in our organization to work harder to help other kids with big dreams reach the same heights that Kamara did and maybe even go beyond them. This is what Kamara would have wanted, and it is the most fitting way to celebrate her wonderful life and her enduring impact on our organization and the broader community.

In the pages that follow you will read quite a bit about what we are doing and our plans to help create the next generation of achievers like Kamara. But for now, let me just say thank you for your support. We are so happy that the “all” in our motto includes you.

**Peter Westbrook,
Founder & CEO**

Thank you for your support.

Program Goals

The primary objectives of the year-round program are to help young people to:

- Equip themselves with the life skills that enable them to take control of their futures
- Strive for academic excellence
- Develop leadership skills
- Build self confidence
- Gain exposure to people from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds
- Learn about healthy living
- Develop their sense of civic duty and community service

- Foster a sense of community inspired by a common love of fencing.

Fencing is an ideal educational tool because it promotes the development of integrity, honorable personal conduct, patience and respect for others. Above all, fencing promotes intellectual growth and maturity, because it challenges the individual to think both tactically and strategically to solve problems and overcome obstacles.



PWF Programs

Participants

Girls and boys between the ages of 8 and 18 are eligible for the program. Currently, most participants are residents of underserved communities and from single-parent households within the five boroughs of New York City, Long Island, Westchester County and New Jersey. Approximately 85% of the participants are African-American and Latino youth, with the remaining 15% being of Asian and Caucasian descent.

Saturday Fencing Program

The Saturday Fencing Program is the cornerstone of all the PWF programs. It includes basic and advanced fencing instruction as well as all academic programs. Enrollment is open to anyone between the ages of 9 and 18 on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Classes are held weekly from 9:00 am to noon. The PWF provides all necessary equipment, and prior skills are not expected. Saturday Fencing provides a thorough grounding in the fundamentals of the sport for beginners and an opportunity for developing fencers to hone their skills before entering the world of competitive fencing. Students are arranged in age- and skills-appropriate groups where, in addition to building an understanding of proper fencing technique, footwork and sword play, they are expected to provide peer-to-peer feedback and support. The teaching staff is comprised of current and future PWF Olympians, national champions and national team members. Each session begins with a rigorous group warm up that includes aerobic and fencing-specific exercises, followed by group and individual training with the students' weapons of choice.

The PWF believes in taking a holistic approach to youth development. In addition to offering a first-class athletic experience, our staff serve as a mentor base for our students and are available to assist and offer guidance in any number of areas ranging from fencing to academic and career development. We regularly supplement our internal collective experience and expertise with that of individuals from the broader community who participate in our guest speaker program. In the past we've had professionals from all walks of life participate, including music moguls, elected officials and Hollywood actors who share their knowledge and wisdom with our students.

All students enrolled in the PWF must participate in academic tracking by submitting a copy of their year-end and first

semester report cards. This allows us to identify students who could benefit from the Academic Enrichment Program as well as those students whose academic standing make them potential candidates for scholarship and internship programs made available to the PWF.

In spite of (or perhaps because of) the rigor and high expectations of the PWF, the program increases in popularity every year. Indeed, total enrollment in the program has reached a staggering 221 students for the 2014-2015 season. Weekly attendance ranges from 125 to 150 students and our waiting list continues to grow with more than 130 applicants eagerly awaiting an open spot the following year.

After School Leadership Program

An elite squad of approximately 40 athletes, who show remarkable talent and motivation, are selected for our After School Leadership Program. Athletes train year-round in this program and adopt a professional training regimen of 4-6 days per week, which is designed to prepare them for domestic and international competitions. All participants in the program are awarded scholarships to defray the costs of fencing club memberships, coaching, competition fees and equipment.

The athletes are required to attend monthly meetings conducted by the training staff and a summer training camp, maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average, as well as volunteer their time to mentor younger fencers in the Saturday Fencing Program.

Athletes are trained by the Foundation's international roster of coaches, comprised of Olympians and instructors with extensive competitive and athlete development experience. Each coach acts as a mentor by monitoring each student's academic performance to ensure that athletes are balancing their responsibilities to study as hard in school as they train in the fencing gym. Coaches also chaperone athletes during trips to domestic and international competitions, often acting as a motivator, cheerleader, friend and counselor to their students.

Our After School Leadership Program has become internationally known for producing some of the world's best fencers. In the span of one generation, the PWF's After School Leadership Program has morphed from a concept to a program known for producing several NCAA Champions, National Champions, World Champions, Olympians and Olympic Medalists. Our current group includes several national team members and Olympic medal contenders for the 2016 and 2020 Summer Games.

Academic Enrichment Program

The PWF Academic Enrichment Program (AEP) is housed in a professional space located less than one block from our fencing training facility. A team of college and graduate students and certified teachers staff the program. The PWF recruits tutors and educators with a strong record of academic achievement coupled with practical teaching experience who demonstrate a commitment to community service and willingness to help each student build the foundation needed for ongoing academic success.

The Academic Enrichment Program is the cornerstone of our educational initiatives. The Program addresses the educational needs of participants by providing a wealth of academic enrichment and skills development services, such as literacy skill building, educational counseling, and the use of technology.

Shortly after enrollment, an AEP educator determines the support needs of each new participant by administering an academic evaluation and reviewing his or her report card from the prior school term. The assessments are based on current state evaluations and curriculum, and are organized by grade level.

An academic improvement plan is created during a meeting with the student, their parent/guardian and the AEP team. This may include recommendations for hard and soft skills development, test taking preparation classes, and/or specific class subject review.

In order to determine a student's progress in the program, parents/guardians must submit all report cards, class exams and teacher reports immediately after they are issued. In turn, AEP educators submit session reports and monthly recaps noting student progression.

The AEP team takes great pride in the depth and quality of our test preparation courses. Students improved their scores on the Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT) by an average of 50%. Students enrolled in our PSAT and SAT classes also experienced strong improvements in their test scores.

To date, more than 650 students have participated in the AEP. As of this year, we are accommodating almost 40% of the fencing program's total population. This is a dramatic increase from the early days of the Academic Enrichment Program when capacity ranged from 2% to 10% of fencing enrollment. As each fencing season passes, AEP continues to see an increased interest from PWF participants and thus a steady growth in participation numbers. One result of this growth is the introduction of a parent engagement component. PWF's first efforts in this outreach are Financial Literacy Workshops, designed to help parents and students be more mindful of their financial health needs. Topics include effective saving strategies, how to pay for college without going into debt, and proper investing.

Purpose and Benefits

The purpose of the program is to strengthen students' overall academic skills, so they can create the foundation for lifelong academic success. Some of the many benefits of the program include:

- Individualized attention for up to four hours per session from an experienced educator.
- A supportive learning environment where students are encouraged to accept an active role in their learning process.
- Instruction tailored to each student's learning style, abilities, and needs.
- Positive reinforcement to improve students' self-esteem and confidence.

- Focused attention on the development of critical thinking and leadership skills.

"The best way to describe my experience with AEP is REWARDING. By working with my daughter to help her prepare for upcoming tests, assignment and social issues, I believe AEP has brought about positive change." Hope, Parent

"The teachers and students are incredibly friendly! This isn't anything like the harsh, cold environments of the prep schools I've attended previously." Sarah, Student

Academic Scholarships

As a result of our multiple programs, students have excelled both athletically and academically. Our students have earned academic and athletic scholarships and have received substantial financial aid enabling them to attend some of the most selective high schools and colleges in the country. A few of the institutions where the Foundation has helped secure scholarships for athletes include:

Private Schools

The Dwight School
Fieldston Academy
Horace Mann School
The Lawrenceville School
Riverdale Country Day School
St. Benedict's Academy
St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's School
York Academy

Colleges and Universities

Barnard College
City University of New York
Columbia University
Duke University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Johns Hopkins University
Lawrence University
MIT
New Jersey Institute of Technology
NYU
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Penn State University
Princeton University
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart College
St. John's University
State University of New York
Stevens Institute of Technology
Temple University
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
Wayne State University

PWF Scholarships

PWF Academic Scholarship Award –
Given each year to two college-bound students in excellent academic standing

Positive Youth Award –
Given each year to a youth that epitomizes great citizenship in the PWF program and in our communities

Athlete Spotlight

Yeisser Ramirez

Yeisser Ramirez's story is not one that is typical for members of our organization. Most of the fencers at the Foundation are mentored from the time they are young. Yeisser, on the other hand, entered our program at the age of 21, after winning a nationwide lottery allowing him to emigrate from Cuba.

Ramirez was by far the oldest competitive fencer the program had accepted in recent history. The staff was especially skeptical of taking on someone who may have already been ingrained in his own ways. Thankfully, our program gave Yeisser a chance and it wasn't long before he began to thrive.

Though Yeisser was at a disadvantage, with few belongings, no job and a language barrier; the mentoring he received helped him in ways he could not imagine. He soon found a job, a routine and a group of friends and mentors that he could rely on.

No one expected Ramirez to have the talent, drive and passion that could leave a mark on a national scale. The national fencing organization was especially doubtful because of his lack of training and competition experience in the past four years. He experienced many ups and downs that come with the sport, but was able to adapt, and as a result, he has become among the most consistent and dominant fencers in the United States. His most notable accomplishment occurred in early 2014 when he won the 2014 U.S. National Championships!



Yeisser Ramirez was the number one fencer at the 2014 U.S. National Championships

Recently, the PWF was able to help expedite Yeisser's application for citizenship. With Yeisser now a citizen and able to compete internationally, it is safe to bet that he will soon be on the national, and perhaps even the Olympic team.

Yeisser came here believing that America is the land of opportunity. He credits the Foundation for that opportunity and is forever grateful for the impact it has had on his life. He is inspired to give back and share with others the same opportunities that were granted to him.

Athletic Milestones

Olympic Medalists

Erinn Smart - Silver, Women's Foil Team, 2008
Keeth Smart - Silver, Men's Saber Team, 2008

Olympians

Kamara James - Women's Epee, 2004
Ivan Lee - Men's Saber, 2004
Nzingha Prescod - Women's Foil, 2012
Erinn Smart - Women's Foil, 2000, 2004, 2008
Keeth Smart - Men's Saber, 2000, 2004, 2008
Akhnaten Spencer-el - Men's Saber, 2000

World Championship Medalists

Ben Bratton - Gold, Men's Epee Team, 2012; Silver, Men's Epee Team, 2010
Ibtihaj Muhammad - Gold, Women's Saber Team, 2014; Bronze, Women's Saber Team, 2011 - 2013
Erinn Smart - Bronze, Women's Foil Team, 2001

Community Corner



Randy Petway and his son, Justin, are proud members of the PWF family



Donovan Holtz always has a huge smile when he is working at the PWF

Parent Spotlight - Randy Petway

One of the cornerstones of the PWF is the strong relationship it has with parents such as Randy Petway and his wife, Felicia. They are generous supporters of the PWF's Academic Enrichment Program (AEP). The AEP provides tutoring in a variety of subjects as well as workshops for students taking the SAT or PSAT. Randy supports the AEP, he says, because "in the end, PWF is about educating these young people in sport, life and the classroom."

Randy's enthusiasm and generosity is rooted in his athletic and educational background. He was an outstanding high school athlete in wrestling and baseball, but his career was cut short due to injury. He later went on to graduate from Rutgers University. It is common to see Randy supporting his son, Justin and his Foundation teammates at local and national competitions. As a PWF parent, it is not always clear what role he will have to play, whether cheerleader, sports psychologist or simply chauffeur. In every role, the PWF parents consistently step up to the plate and the organization appreciates their commitment.

Randy reflects on the values he learned from his own athletic career and the impact the PWF has had on his family. "The lessons I learned and relationships I built are with me to this day. This is particularly true of individual sports which are able to facilitate character building in ways that very few other activities can. The PWF...is remarkable in that it is able to take all of the great things about an individual sport and infuse it with camaraderie, family, and accountability to group values. These lessons and the memories the kids are left with will last much longer than medals and trophies."

Professionally, Randy is the Chief Operating Officer for Publishing Technologies, a provider of content solutions that transform businesses. When taking a break from work each Saturday, it is common to see Randy among the other PWF parents supporting their children, willing to clean up or assist in organizing trips to tournaments. Randy characterizes the culture of support and encouragement the Peter Westbrook Foundation embodies. The organization is thrilled to have Randy's continued dedication and commitment to the Peter Westbrook Foundation.

Alumni Spotlight - Donovan Holtz

Donovan Holtz entered the Foundation when he was only 11 years old. The mentoring he received helped him progress through the ranks at an astounding rate and he received a scholarship from Rutgers University. However, this all changed on March 25, 2003.

On that day, Donovan was in a devastating car accident that left his left side mangled with numerous broken bones, permanent nerve damage, and three metal plates in his arm and skull. He was placed in a medically induced coma during his recovery so that he would not be overwhelmed with pain and his body could rest. His physicians were pessimistic about a full recovery, and predicted lasting damage that no amount of physical therapy could correct.

Amazingly, when Donovan awoke from his coma, his broken body did not defeat him. He dove into months of rehabilitation and physical therapy. Despite the doctors' negative prognosis, Donovan pushed through to a full recovery.

With the support and encouragement from his PWF teammates and family, Holtz even returned to fencing; something that many had considered impossible only 18 months before. When asked to what he attributes his miraculous recovery, he responds the contagiously positive culture of the organization and the encouragement from everyone. That was motivation enough to work towards his incredible recovery.

Fortunate to be alive, Donovan is an inspiration for everyone at the PWF for defeating impossible odds. He has taken the best from his experiences and views every aspect of life as a gift. He uses the scars from the accident as a reminder of the beauty and thrill of life. His understanding of the precious and fleeting nature of life urges him to share it with everyone he meets, because he knows more than most that tomorrow is not promised to anyone.



Herby Raynaud is proud to serve the PWF as a Board Member and volunteer coach



Lazaro Mora emigrated from Cuba to start a new life in America and volunteers at the PWF

Board Member Spotlight - Herby Raynaud

Having touched the lives of virtually all of our organization’s athletes – be they Olympians or Saturday morning program participants – Herby Raynaud, longtime Peter Westbrook Foundation coach, mentor and board member, is unanimously recognized as one of the organization’s most crucial supporters and advisors.

Despite finding fencing later in life, Herby established an admired and distinguished competitive fencing career that he draws on to inspire and motivate the next generation of great PWF athletes. He earned All-American honors at the NCAA National Fencing Championships during his tenure at Columbia University where he graduated with a degree in Urban Planning and Economics. In his post-collegiate fencing career, he was a member of three U.S. World Championship teams, and represented the United States at the 1999 Pan-American Championships where he took the Bronze medal in the team event.

Off the strip, Herby became a successful software engineer boasting extensive experience in developing software projects for a diverse array of startups and financial services firms around the world, including projects with the New York Stock Exchange. Herby utilizes his technological savvy in assisting the Peter Westbrook Foundation with all of their technical needs. In addition, he is the director of all Peter Westbrook Foundation educational programs and serves as the Secretary of the Board of Directors.

“Herby is like the conscience of the Peter Westbrook Foundation,” says founder Peter Westbrook. “The principles that guide Herby are in perfect alignment with the mission of the organization. He is very well rounded and has the ability to see issues clearly, so I know that I can rely on him at critical moments.”

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Volunteer Spotlight - Lazaro Mora

Since the inception of the Peter Westbrook Foundation, Lazaro Mora has been a trusted and valuable fencing coach to generations of students in the organization. Every Saturday, Mora brings decades of fencing and Olympic experience to his coaching sessions with PWF students.

Mora and Westbrook first met in 1973 as fencing contemporaries at a World Cup in Moscow. Mora recalls, “I was told by the Cuban government that Americans were bad people and not to be trusted, but Peter cheered for me when no one else would.” Over the years, Mora and Westbrook became friends and represented their respective countries at World Cups, the Olympics and Pan American Games.

In 1980, Mora realized the conditions and political unrest in Cuba were dire and decided to make the perilous trip from Havana to Miami on a boat with a few of his fellow countrymen. Unknown to most, Westbrook was one of the first people that Mora called after making his way to New York City. During his early days in New York, Mora was the assistant coach for NYU and earned his Masters in Chemical Engineering from the City College of New York.

Today, Mora is a successful engineer with DuPont and is proud of his 32 years with the company. He lives in New Jersey with his wife and helped raise his stepson. And he has been a proud US citizen since 1987.

“My family was very poor in Cuba, and fencing exposed me to a new world,” Mora says. “Now I want to introduce these young children to the opportunities fencing has to offer.”





The Peter Westbrook Foundation is starring in two upcoming documentaries



Ibtihaj Muhammad (second from right) celebrates her Gold Medal with teammates

PWF Featured In Two Documentaries: *Path to Excellence* and *Stay Close*

It isn't often that a non-profit organization is the focus of a documentary film. Currently, the Peter Westbrook Foundation has the honor of being the focal point of not one but two upcoming, independent documentary films.

In "Path To Excellence," filmmaker Carl Borack explores the success of the PWF, its impact on the lives of its participants, and how the program instills the belief that the same dedication to becoming a fencer can be applied to education and accomplishing goals.

Borack's distinguished filmmaking career includes producing "The Big Fix" starring Richard Dreyfus, and the trio of critically acclaimed family films, "Shiloh," "Shiloh Season" and "Saving Shiloh."

Before he was a filmmaker, Borack was a loyal citizen of the fencing world. A member of the 1972 Olympic Team, he served as the captain of the 1988, 1992, 1996 & 2000 Olympic Teams.

"Stay Close" is the creation of young filmmaker and PWF member Luther Clement. The film documents three generations of sabre fencing within the PWF, shifting between verité footage of PWF sabrists training, competing and in everyday life, and animation of stories of their personal histories. This is Clement's first film, which he says is an expression of his love for the sport and the PWF.



Ibtihaj Muhammad Wins World Championship Team Title

Last summer, Ibtihaj Muhammad was crowned Team World Champion at the 2014 Senior World Championships in Kazan, Russia. Muhammad, a resident of Maplewood, NJ and a student at the Peter Westbrook Foundation, claimed a resounding victory over France to be named World Champion – only the third time in the history of the event and a first for Team USA since 2005.

Following a season that saw her make frequent podium appearances along the World Cup circuit – including team gold and silver results, as well as an individual Grand Prix Bronze – Muhammad along with her Team USA teammates set out to claim the ultimate prize at the most esteemed fencing event outside of the Olympic Games.

Team USA opened their day with defiant victories over Kazakhstan and China. In the semifinals, they edged out the defending champions, Ukraine, with a 45-44 victory, earning the team their first gold medal bid since 2006. Maintaining the momentum that carried them through a grueling day of competition, Team USA closed out the French, with a 45-39 victory.

After five consecutive world championship appearances, Muhammad attributes this breakthrough team result to a culmination of the experience, resilience and effort put in by teammates that helped carry her. "It's just a nod to the hard work and team unity and camaraderie that we have. I feel really thankful and just blessed to have the group of girls that I've been with. I feel like we have this core team and no other team has what we have."

"The Peter Westbrook Foundation is unbelievably proud of our newest World Champion, Ibtihaj Muhammad," exclaimed founder Peter Westbrook. "These moments are not easily achieved and this result is a testament to the work that the team has put in together. As we prepare for the push to the Rio Olympics, I know this will give them the edge to achieve unprecedented success."



2014 USA Fencing Hall of Famers, from left to right: Erinn Smart, Ivan Lee & Keeth Smart



The PWF and Fencers Club will be co-owners of a new space, scheduled to open in 2017

USA Fencing Hall of Fame

The PWF further cemented its reputation as the premier fencing club in the world when three of its most decorated athletes, Ivan Lee, Erinn Smart and Keeth Smart were inducted into the United States Fencing Hall of Fame as members of the class of 2014. They were selected for the Hall of Fame based on their career accomplishments as some of the best fencers ever to represent the United States.

Highlights of each of their careers include:

- Ivan Lee - Olympian, 5x National Champion, 2x NCAA Champion and 2x Pan Am Gold Medalist
- Erinn Smart - Olympic Silver Medalist, 5x National Champion and Pan Am Gold Medalist
- Keeth Smart - Olympic Silver Medalist, 2x National Champion and 2x NCAA Champion

Over the past two decades, the PWF has constantly supported the development of their athletic careers from beginners that were introduced to the sport during the Saturday Morning Program to Olympians and now Hall of Famers. Initially it was not clear that Erinn, Ivan or Keeth would have such outstanding fencing résumés, but through the assistance of the PWF, they reached unforeseen heights.

In true PWF custom, the induction ceremony was standing room only due to all of the PWF's After School athletes attending the event to witness their role models' receipt of US Fencing's highest honor.

During the ceremony, Peter reflected on their impact at the PWF. "When I first saw Erinn, Ivan and Keeth, I knew they were talented and through our support and their hard work they could shock the world of fencing. However," he continued, "we at the PWF are particularly proud that each of them had outstanding academic careers and now serve as coaches and role models to our next generation of aspiring Olympians."

Today, these lifelong friends recognize the impact that the PWF has had on their academic, athletic, personal and professional lives and are proud to serve as volunteer coaches and mentors to the next generation of aspiring Hall of Famers.

The PWF congratulates Erinn, Ivan and Keeth on their induction to the United States Fencing Hall of Fame.

PWF Building Fund

The Peter Westbrook Foundation and the Fencers Club have been inextricably linked to each other for the past two decades. The fortunes of both organizations have risen tremendously during this period because of the strong partnership and bond between our two organizations.

In the spirit of this remarkably successful partnership, we are happy to announce that the PWF and Fencers Club have agreed to purchase and establish a permanent home for both organizations at the new Hudson Yards Complex now under development in Manhattan, NY and scheduled to be completed in 2017.

This is a major milestone for both the Fencers Club and the Peter Westbrook Foundation. The FC and PWF will be equal partners of the new facility. Finally free from the constant anxiety of ever-increasing rent in New York City, both organizations will have greater flexibility to focus on their respective missions.

The new facility will be more than double the size of the current facility on West 28th Street. What this means for the PWF is that we will be able to make our programs available to more kids throughout the city and surrounding areas. While the floor plans are not yet finalized, the new facility will accommodate onsite offices for PWF as well as dedicated space for the Academic Enrichment Programs.

This is truly a dream come true for FC and PWF, and it would not be possible if not for the extreme generosity of Jamie Melcher and Robert Dow, lead donors and board members of the Fencers Club and Peter Westbrook Foundation, respectively.

By spearheading this project, Mr. Dow and Mr. Melcher are making a strong statement about their support for and commitment to the work being done by our two organizations. They are also investing in the relationship and bond between our two organizations.

The PWF is eternally grateful and would like to thank our board member and benefactors Robert S. Dow and Mr. Melcher for their generosity, support and vision. This dream would not have come true without their efforts.

Remembering Kamara James (1984 - 2014)

The Peter Westbrook Foundation was deeply saddened to learn that our sister and teammate, Kamara James, unexpectedly passed away on September 20, 2014 at the age of 29. Kamara came to the PWF in 1994 at 9 years old, shortly after emigrating from Kingston, Jamaica. The PWF's coaches immediately recognized how talented and intelligent Kamara was and promoted her to the After School Leadership Program only a few months after she started fencing.

Over the next decade, Kamara would achieve unparalleled academic and athletic success including graduating from both the Dwight School and Princeton University on academic scholarships, along with making the 2004 Olympic Team at the age of 19. Kamara retired from competitive fencing after the 2004 Olympics to pursue a career in academia. However, Kamara never forgot the values she learned in the PWF and would later serve as a mentor to aspiring PWF Olympians.

Kamara will be forever known as one of the PWF's most accomplished athletes. In addition to being an Olympian, Kamara was the first American Junior Epee fencer to be ranked #1 in the world and won countless medals in domestic and international competitions. Kamara described the PWF as a place that "offered this unconditional haven...no matter what I did, they would always be there for me."

She is best remembered in the words of USA Fencing President, Donald K. Anthony Jr.: "Kamara James was one of the brightest, precocious, self-assured young people I ever met. From her time as a very young fencer at the Peter Westbrook Foundation to her years at Princeton as an accomplished Olympian she remained warm, caring and confident."

Kamara will be forever loved and missed by the PWF.



Endowment Fund

In 2000, the PWF received the Oprah's Angel Network "Use Your Life Award," which included a grant of \$100,000. In 2001, \$60,000 of the award was used to start the Peter Westbrook Foundation Endowment Fund, with the remainder of the award spent on general programs. In 2004, the Foundation received \$1,000,000 from a generous philanthropist who wished to remain anonymous. In 2007, Board Member Bill Schreyer established a \$1.5 million matching grant endowment.

The financial goal for the Endowment is to raise \$15 million by 2018, to provide support to a number of program initiatives, including:

- The Peter Westbrook Foundation Center – An athletic training and academic learning center
- Computer Lab – An after-school program to improve student computer literacy skills
- Standardized Test Preparation Courses – A series of courses for the PSAT, SAT, Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT) and the Secondary Schools Admissions Test (SSAT)
- Career Guidance – A mentorship program to prepare students for college and career.

At this level of endowment funding, the Foundation would be able to significantly enhance its existing programs and operations, while insulating itself and the programs from the impact of sharp decreases in philanthropic giving due to economic downturns.

The Foundation's Chief Executive Officer handles the Endowment Fund through Merrill Lynch Investment Corporation. Donations are tax-deductible and can be pledged over a period of time.

Planned Giving

Today, more and more people are coordinating their financial, estate and gift planning. With thoughtful planning, you have the opportunity to make a greater impact with your giving to a quality not-for-profit organization such as the Peter Westbrook Foundation, and often enjoy increased financial and tax benefits as well. For example, you may be able to supplement your retirement planning, avoid capital gains taxes, increase your spendable income and reduce or eliminate estate taxes through planned giving.

In these and other ways, planned giving can become an important element in your overall individual asset planning for yourself and your family.



Your Gift

One of the key reasons that people give is to support their community. While many people give substantially, most wish they could do more.

There are a number of ways you can design your contributions to maximize the advantages both to you and the Peter Westbrook Foundation. Below are three such ways to enhance your contributions through planned giving:

Bequest

A simple, and often the easiest gift to make is a bequest. It doesn't require relinquishing anything during your lifetime, and it can be stated in a will, a codicil, a living trust or a trust amendment. The Foundation's office can provide you with the appropriate language for a bequest to our organization.

Life Insurance Policies

You can contribute a new or existing policy that is no longer needed. Donors naming us as both policy owner and beneficiary 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.

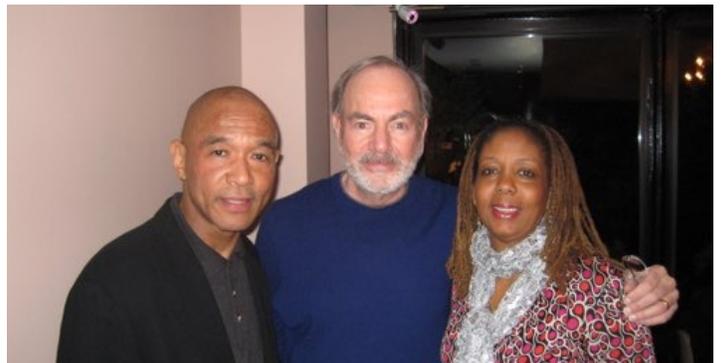
Securities

Although many investors have endured increased market volatility in the equity markets, individuals can look to their portfolios for purchases held seven years or longer. Many donors hold securities that have realized significant gains, assets well-suited to fund a charitable trust. In return, donors can receive tax-saving benefits and supplemental retirement income while helping to secure the future of our Foundation.

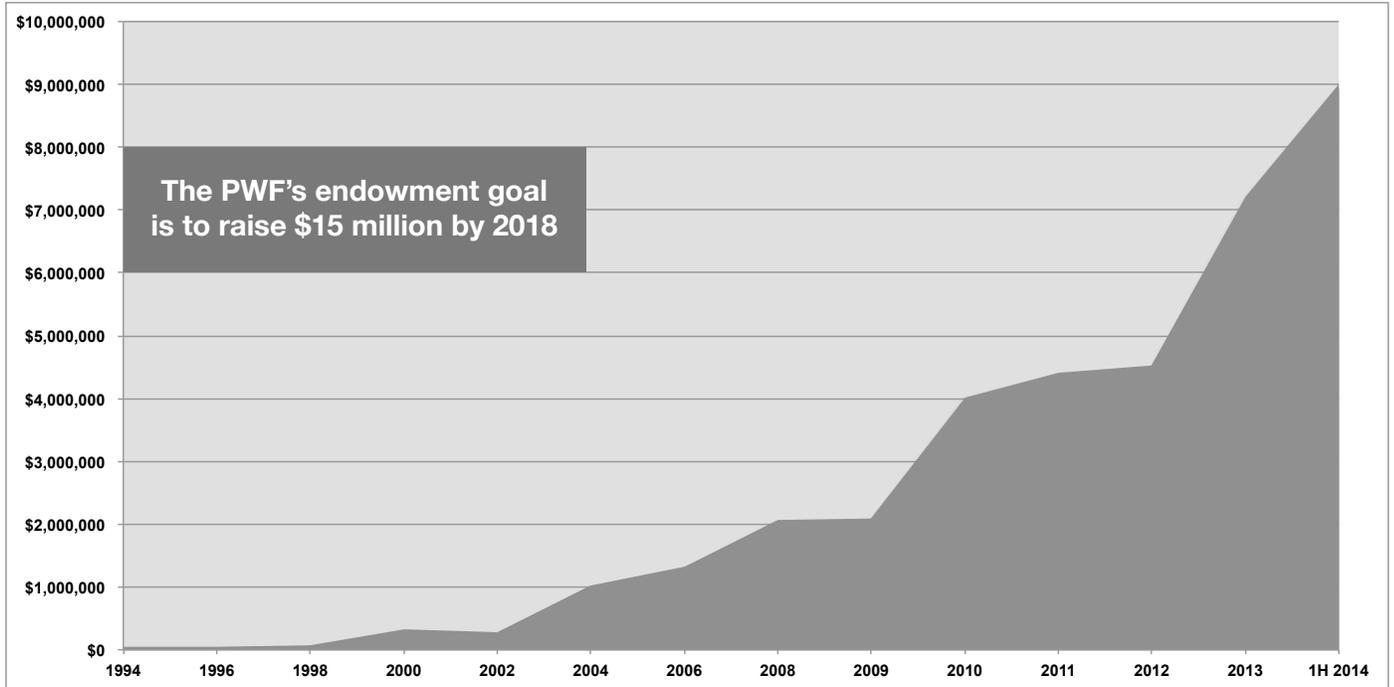
Starting Your Planned Giving Process

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Fundraising Accomplishments



Statement of Activities - Fiscal Year End 2013

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUES:				
Contributions and grants	\$ 350,320	\$ -	\$ 265,000	\$ 615,320
Investment income	57	-	976,819	976,876
Program fees and other income	15,456	-	181,100	196,556
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	-	-	659,985	659,985
Net assets released from restrictions	172,833	-	(172,833)	-
Total Support and Revenues	538,666	-	1,910,071	2,448,737
EXPENSES:				
Program services	366,835	-	-	366,835
Fundraising expenses	52,958	-	-	52,958
Management and general	77,855	-	-	77,855
Total Expenses	497,648	-	-	497,648
Change in Net Assets	41,018	-	1,910,071	1,951,089
Net assets at beginning of year,	326,385	-	5,113,745	5,440,130
Net assets at end of year	\$ 367,403	\$ -	\$ 7,023,816	\$ 7,391,219

85% of all contributions go directly to the programs that your dollars help support

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