

A Tennis Complex to Suit a Thriving Program

A Flourishing Division III Tennis Program

Over the past two decades, Pomona and Pitzer colleges' tennis program has been one of the outstanding success stories in NCAA Division III. It has produced a number of All-Americans, Academic All-Americans and national contenders and champions. Last year, the Pomona-Pitzer women's tennis team reached the NCAA's Division III Elite Eight as a team, and the doubles team of Siobhan Finicane (Pomona '10) and Olivia Muesse (Pomona '10) advanced to the national championship match for the second time in three years.

More importantly, however, the program has done exactly what strong Division III athletic programs are supposed to do: give true student-athletes—amateurs in the finest sense of the word—a chance to maximize their talents, both intellectually and physically, while enjoying high-quality competition in a nurturing and challenging team setting.



All-Americans Siobhan Finicane '10 (left) and Olivia Muesse '10 won the doubles title at the 2007 NCAA Division III National Small College Championships and fell one match short of repeating as champions in 2009. Finicane was Division III singles champion in 2008.

A Wonderful Facility in Need of Upgrades



In many respects, the 10 courts of Pomona's Pauley Tennis Complex, which was dedicated in 1990, have provided a wonderful setting for competitive tennis. However, the lack of appropriate lighting in the facility has proven a serious handicap, severely limiting the hours available for practice and competition. As a result, members of the tennis teams have routinely been forced to seek excused absences from classes and labs in order to compete in weekday matches, and daytime practices have closed off many opportunities and competed with other obligations. This is inconsistent with Pomona's and

Pitzer's principal goal for their student-athletes, which is to empower them in every way possible to thrive not only on the court, but also in the classroom and in their involvement in campus life.



That is why Pomona College has launched an initiative to invest a total of \$750,000 to improve the Pauley Tennis Complex over the coming year. The addition of competition-appropriate lighting and other critical upgrades will make this complex a truly suitable home for a successful and competitive tennis program.

Taking Our Tennis Complex to the Next Level

Our plans to improve the Pauley Tennis Complex include:



- the addition of outdoor lighting on four courts where all matches are held, using a high-performance reflector system featuring Dark-Sky-certified, energy-saving halide lamps;
- the replacement of aging windscreens and fencing on all 10 courts;
- improved security lighting for the pathways that serve this area so that it can be more confidently used at night;
- the resurfacing of the eight main courts;
- the addition of wooden benches, consistent in design with the rest of the campus, to provide seating for observers; and
- the expansion of the Tennis Training Room to make it suitable for team meetings.

These changes will make the Pauley Tennis Complex one of the finest small-college outdoor tennis facilities in the country.

How You Can Help

The College considers these improvements to be one of its highest capital priorities, and therefore has set aside \$250,000 from current funds to make it possible, but an additional \$500,000 will be needed to make this promise to our student-athletes a reality. Therefore, we are seeking leadership gifts from members of the Pomona-Pitzer family who value the role a strong tennis program has played, and continues to play, in the lives of our students and graduates. The College will acknowledge gifts of \$5,000 or more in a plaque to be placed on the site when the improved Pauley Tennis Complex is rededicated next year.

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED TO RAISE \$750,000	
Pomona College	\$250,000
2 gifts of	\$100,000
2 gifts of	\$50,000
4 gifts of	\$25,000
5 gifts of	\$10,000
10 gifts of	\$5,000

“Our student-athletes are important leaders on our campuses and successful students in our classrooms. These improvements to our tennis facilities are vital to ensure that they never have to choose between excelling in competition and excelling in the classroom.”

—Cecilia Conrad, Vice President and Dean of the College, Pomona College