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Wingers, Boys

NAME: Jeremiah Gonzalez
TEAM: Quakers

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What the unity games has meant to me is diversity, teamwork and hardwork, because while I've been here I haven't seen nothing but love and friendship. They have all showed me how to play better and to be a stronger player mentally and physically. Also not just that I've been going through a lot at home and coming here really inspired me and made me not feel lonely and I have people I can talk to. I'm not going to lie I've come here for 3 years straight and these games really showed a lot. For example distract me for all my problems and really show who I really am and be free. I just want to say thank you for the unity games and rest in peace Bert like Dr. Sherman said this would of never happened if he wasn't apart of this organization.

NAME: Brianna Cardona #10
TEAM: Bruins *2017*

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The Unity Games has taught me that it's ok to make mistakes, it gives ~~me~~ ways to improve to become a better player. The unity games has also taught me last year shell. I was a very shy person, and now, and now I realized what's so bad about making friends. The unity games has helped me develop as a person, and I'm very proud of the difference change I see in myself compared to a few years ago. ~~The~~ The unity games also taught me to respect others regardless of the differences they have. Additionally unity games helped me to not judge others before getting to know the person. Someone can be way different than how they seem to be. That's who knows? Maybe you end up having a best friend.

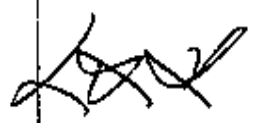
NAME: Adam Garcia
TEAM: Willets

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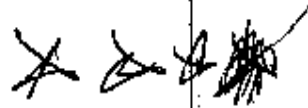
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~~the~~ Throughout ~~the~~ the years of attending the Unity Games I have truly understood what these games mean to me, the Unity Games have brought me together with many people and has allowed me to form bonds and connections that I will never forget. These games ~~mean~~ love and compassion.

to me and uncover the true meaning of family. Every time I meet or talk to someone here I feel like I've known them for years. ~~The~~ The Unity Games have meant so much to me as I can do what I love and meet new people that I will cherish for life.



NAME: Eehi Emode
 TEAM: Patriots



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Growing up I had trouble making friends. I don't know if that was because of my race, ethnicity, background, or just who I was. Basketball was my way in. It ~~was~~ didn't matter who you were or where you were from. All that mattered was your game. I loved it. This was my first year at the games. I could be who I was and enjoy the game regardless of my looks. I made many friends. ~~the~~ I will never forget my time here. The unity games helped fill a hole that was made by society. It's too bad that this is my only year here.

NAME: Angle Maria
TEAM: #8 Cavaliers

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The Unity Game to me is coming together to play a basketball game. However, this means you need to game together to meet at a middle ground and putting away your differences. Being able to come for a game of common interest allows people ~~to~~ especially the kids to understand that they shouldn't fight about their differences, but build on their unique characteristics. Overall, the Unity Games is about unity our common grounds and build on our differences.

NAME: Christopher K
TEAM: Quaker's

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The Unity game's was a great opportunity for me. It was my very first year. I was so nervous as I have never done anything like it before. The unity game's have achieved their goal of unity towards each and every kid. I made new friends and played well with them. It was tough at first as I haven't met these players. When we played our first game I already knew we had ~~the~~ good chemistry. It was a very fun, tiring and educational experience and I thank each coach, volunteer's and manager's for taking their time's and effort's. I thank the unity game's for inviting me. And DR. Ben Sherman for everything.

NAME: Omer Ghaffar
TEAM: Cavaliers #8

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The Unity Games means a tremendous affect to me. This is because I was really doubting myself in playing basketball. Mrs. O's class was really benefical for me. This is because people were doubting and saying I would be bad at basketball. People say just because I'm brown means I can't play basketball. However, now I feel very good in myself and I've been practicing my whole life and now I'm on the school basketball team. ~~that~~ The word "Unity" in Unity games means to unite together and work together to have fun. ~~the past 2 days~~ Overall, this is why Unity Games meant a lot to me and this community.

NAME: FAVOR
TEAM: Terrapins

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MANAGER

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The Unity Games was just the melting pot I needed to unlock more of my potential. Not only was I blessed with the opportunity to meet new people, I've learned skills that are needed for my future, and my life experience. In addition to the great diversity of people and cultures that I've been exposed to, I've created amazing bonds with people that will be beneficial to my future. I love how the Unity Games is encouraging our kids in our community to become better, the Unity Games is the light that we need in these dark times to remind us that people love us, care about us, and want us to always be the best version of ourselves.

NAME: **Tuba Ahmed - Manager**
TEAM: **Trojans**

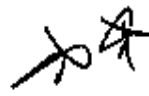
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I deeply enjoyed the Unity Games for teaching me what it means to be on a team and bond with people regardless of their background. The adults were the role models I've needed, teaching me and the team about valuable lessons we'd need for our daily lives. By participating in the Unity Games, I've strengthened my love for sports, for community, and for fun. Having a talented team inspires me to be a role model for them and I learn from their mistakes and their success. The best lesson that the Unity Games has given me is to make the most of my efforts, at all times, to consistently work towards my goals. Basketball is a sport for everyone, and the strongest players are the ones who try their best. I wish to come back here every year and meet new people every time. This experience is something I cherish.

NAME: Richelle Tellena
TEAM: Panthers
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Team Manager



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Unity games, it has it all in its name. The unity this ^{program} ~~game~~ brings on every year is something I look forward to. Helping Me, as a team manager, I look forward to meeting these wonderful young kids that just want to play the game of basketball. Not only basketball but they make new friends playing with new kids and learning how to work together. The unity games teaches a lot of adjusting and learning how to communicate with a lot of new people and they learn how to get a long. At the end of the day these kids get together and you can just see the joy and happiness in their faces to be here today. We love Unity games.

NAME: Elio Mustafaj
TEAM: Red Storm

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Throughout my sport career I have encountered many different issues but usually with different outcomes some being as predicted, thus making my career in sports hard or more none the less difficult. This stands as today I had a role I never really thought of, this being Team Manager. In my academic career I have required various leadership roles such as club leader, team leader or even ambassador but today I was not playing in the field or with the people so I had to improvise for my teammates to win. Although we in fact did not win, I saw our score gradually increase the more I put on the team by assisting them or by them trying more and more as time progressed, thus showing the unity games make one and I had to.

Team Manager



NAME: Randy Telleria
TEAM: Seahawks #24

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The unity games has taught me that there will always be a community that loves the same thing. Being apart of this has opened my eyes to see that the basketball community is huge & there are so many kids that love the game as much as I do. This has taught me patience & has taught me to get outside my comfort zone & be social.

When I heard about this I instantly wanted to be apart of this as I seen it as a grand opportunity to express the love & motivate these kids to be respectful & to always ~~never~~ give it your all.

NAME: Sally
TEAM: Panthers (Team Manager)

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The Unity games means a plethora of things to me. For one, it has taught me to work with others in a new environment and to then use teamwork to accomplish various challenges. Nevertheless, I have also realized that effort is everything one needs to ~~reach~~ get through all their goals. [Unity games isn't only about basketball, but it is about communicating with others in order to be successful. Being a team manager has allowed me to see that we are all on the same side and we must embrace each other for the best of it.