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There is a buzz on campus about the squash team (5-2), thanks to the world-class Gaynor Squash Pavilion, the strong coaching staff, and players like senior Santiago Moran. A Bronx native, Santiago developed his squash skills in a program called City Squash, where he received not only fine coaching by Tim Wyant and good guidance by Maggie Roth, but also an introduction to Avon by David Rothschild, a former Avon squash player and leader in the Class of 2005.

“While at Avon,” recalls David, “the game of squash became a huge part of my life. When I graduated, I was looking for a way to give back to the community and City Squash allowed me to do just that. City Squash connected me with Santiago in 2010. We got along right from the start, and have since become great friends. We exchange

advice and concerns about class, sports, friends, and life. Santiago is a great young man who is a valuable member of the Avon community. I am certain we will be friends for a long time.”

At Avon, Santiago has taken his squash game to the next level; of particular note in his development is Coach Supreet Singh, an active, world-class squash player in his own right and graduate of national squash power-house Trinity College. Of Coach Singh, Santiago says, “He is an amazing coach and expects nothing but the best from each of his players. This has helped me improve my game a whole lot more than I could have ever imagined, because I’m always getting pushed to my limits.”

Persevering on the squash court is demanding, to be sure, but Santiago has discovered the satisfaction that comes with it. He comments that the one thing he will take with him from Avon is the philosophy to always keep smiling “and to always have fun doing whatever I am doing because if I’m not having fun doing something then there is no way I’m doing my best at it.” Next year, he plans to study and to play squash at Connecticut College.