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On behalf of the Amateur Athletic Union, I want to personally thank Tony Squires and the Squires Boys Basketball Education Foundation Inc. for their support of AAU programming and their commitment to changing young people's lives through sport. Over the last 25 years, Tony Squires has given hundreds of athletes the opportunity to travel, compete at a high level and play for a National Championship's. Many of these athletes have never been on a plane before, been out of the state of Virginia, stayed in a hotel or even been out of the City of Richmond. By doing these things he has done exactly what the AAU is all about which is impacting children's lives through sport.

Tony Squires has been a first class act and is an example for all other summer basketball team coaches to follow. Yes, he does a great job coaching and organizing his basketball teams but the true example of his character comes to life when he is off the court. I don't consider Tony Squires a basketball coach, I consider him a teacher and a mentor. No matter if the athlete comes from a troubled background or if the athlete is a straight "A" student, Tony looks to teach them life lessons that will help them grow in life. Although winning is important to him, he takes much more pride into telling you how many athletes he helped get into college.

The Squires Boys Basketball Education Foundation has done it the right way over the past 25 years, through teaching young men how to fundraise, set goals, stay healthy, be competitive, have values and get scholarship money for college. Whenever the athletes of this program show up to an event you can tell they are going to be well-behaved and that they know they are representing the legacy of a program that has been successful and well respected for a long time. In closing, all I can say is that it is the Amateur Athletic Union's dream to have more Tony Squires in our program so that we can make more of an impact to our youth of America.

Yours in Sports,

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