

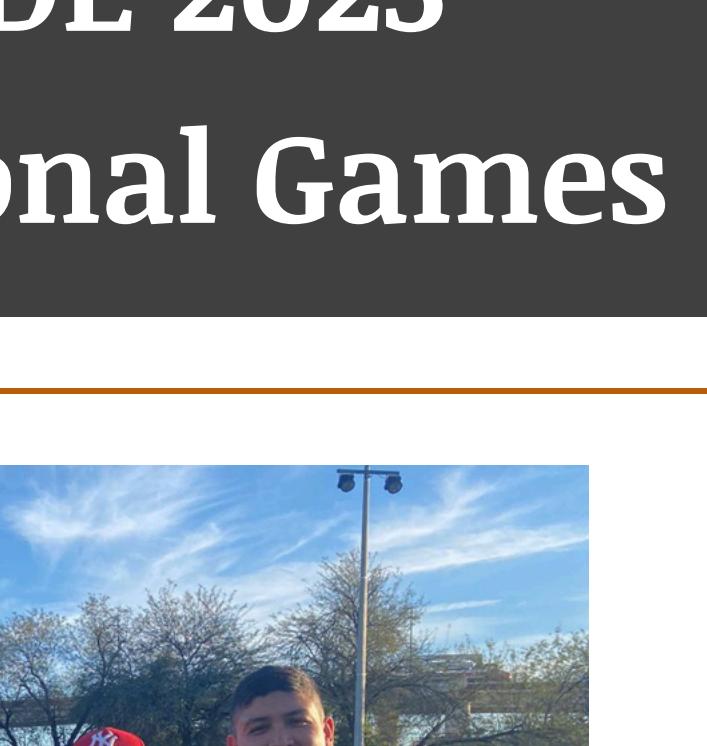
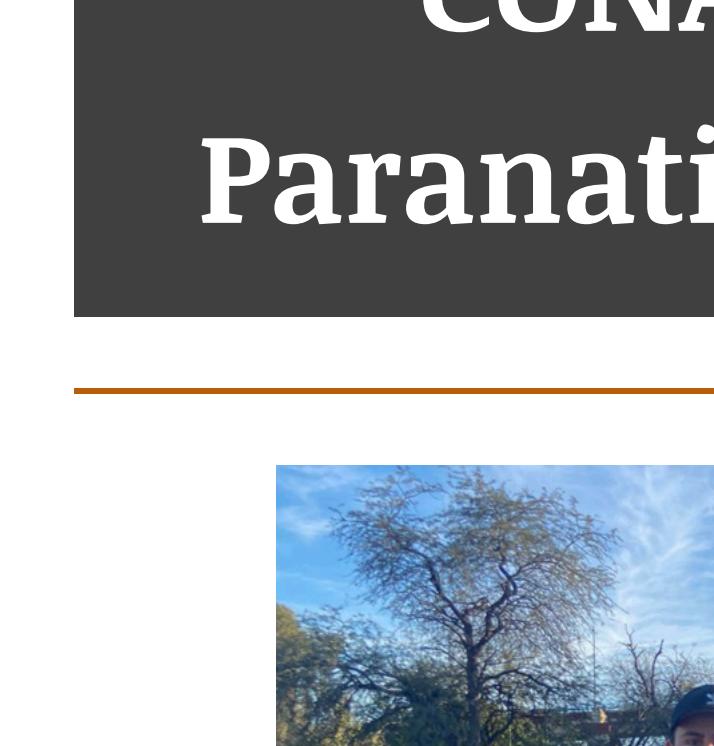


BYTE Spring Newsletter

BYTE has had a very busy spring and we have some exciting new updates to share—including a collaboration with the Universidad Pedagógica Nacional, a global health fellowship program, student-athlete participation in the 2023 Paranational Games, a cross-border coach education training, and the exciting approval of BYTE's plan to paint the largest mural in Nogales AZ!

Thank you for your ongoing support of children and communities on the US/Mexico border!

UPN Collaboration



Providing internship and fellowship opportunities is one of BYTE's primary drivers of social change. Education and exchange opportunities brings resources to BYTE's student-athletes and families, while also helping dispel myths about the border region. BYTE is excited to announce an extended collaboration with Universidad Pedagógica Nacional (UPN) to host social service placements from their Education degree program.

Additionally, BYTE hosted its second annual global health fellow from the Touro University Physician Assistant program. Emerald Biber graduated from California State University, Fresno with a bachelor's degree in cellular and molecular biology and a minor in physical science. She completes a Master of Physician Assistant Studies and a Master of Public Health in May 2023 and is pursuing her global health practicum supporting BYTE's refugee programming. Bringing high-capacity students and volunteers to the border helps BYTE grow its impact, while shaping the paths of future global leaders.

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CONADE 2023 Paranational Games



In March Two BYTE star student-athletes, Isaac Balderrama, and Ghisell Lopez, were selected to participate in the Sonoran State Olympics tennis tournament! Named the Conade 2023 Paranational Games, all competitions took place in Hermosillo, Sonora, at the Northwest Sports Unit and the Sonora Arena.

Isaac and Ghisell have been members of BYTE Mexico for 6-years, growing their games in BYTE's Centro Juvenil Don Bosco program. The trip was sponsored by the Nogales Sonora Municipal Sport Agency, which works closely with BYTE to oversee the growth of tennis in Nogales Mexico. We are proud of Isaac and Ghisell for their recognition and amazing performance!

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USTA Level 1 Coaching Fundamentals

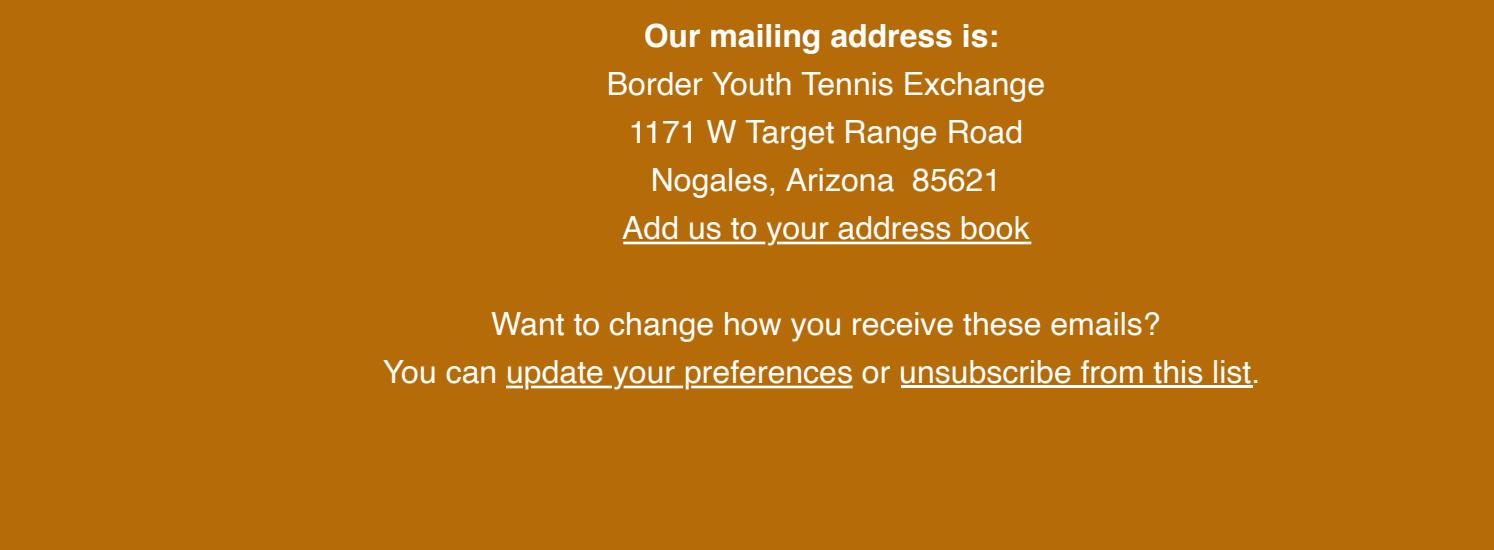


Mar, 2023 | BYTE, in collaboration with USTA National and USTA Southwest, organized the first fully bilingual Level 1 Coaching Fundamentals workshop, in Tucson. Twelve BYTE instructors participated, honing their skills in the 16-hour intensive training. BYTE values its team and was eager to provide the chance for professional development and deeper integration with the US tennis ecosystem. BYTE's investment ensures its team have the resources to bring the highest quality pedagogy to its programs on both sides of the border. The workshop marked a significant milestone as tennis continues growing in the Ambos Nogales region.

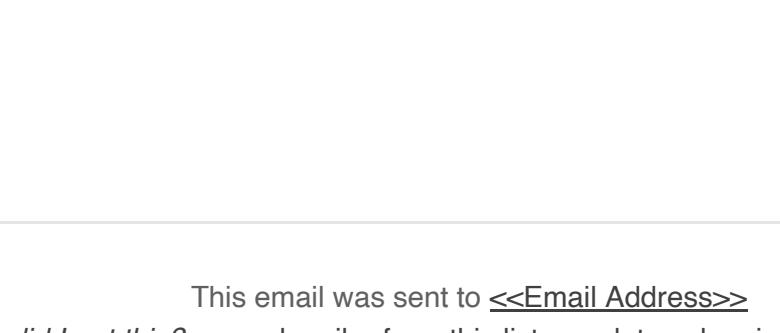
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Anza Park Mural Approved by

Nogales City Council



Above: Anza Park Mural Design I Phase 1 | Designs by Aissa Huerta and Luis Diego
Below: Current Anza Park Wall



BYTE team members, Jacksubeli Gonzalez and Aissa Huerta presented an ambitious public art proposal at the Nogales Arizona March City Council meeting. This year-long project to paint the largest mural in Nogales AZ is the result of multiple years of planning to reclaim and beautify the Anza Park public tennis facility. In 2018 BYTE successfully spearheaded a USTA Facilities Assistance award to resurface Nogales' tennis courts for the first time in multiple decades.

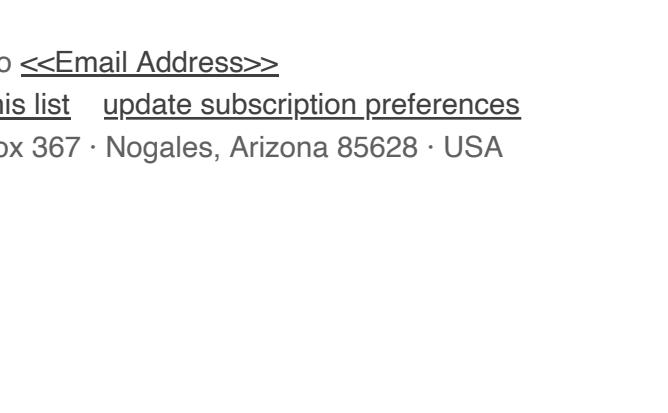
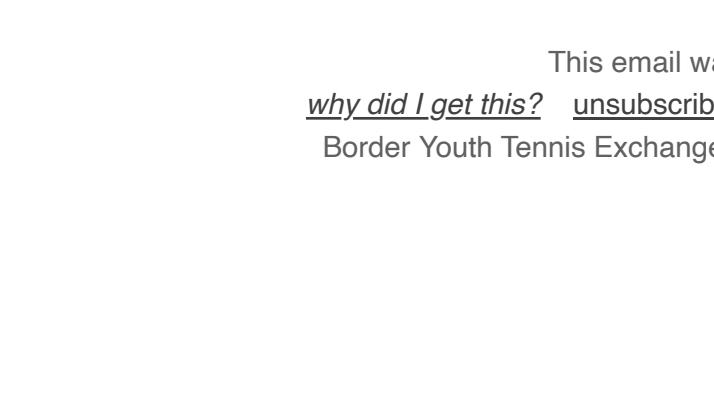
The approved mural will consist of four interwoven panels highlighting Nogales history, culture, and positive cross-border community exchange. Phase 1- displayed above- will be completed in Spring 2023 with Phase 2 taking place in Fall 2023. Not only was the project approved for a large public space but both the City and Santa Cruz County committed to cost-sharing, offering \$20k in cash and in-kind support. In addition to design, painting, and fundraising half of all project costs BYTE agreed to subsidize Youth Art in the Park, to guide its year-round Arts Smarts cohort through the design and painting of complimentary auxiliary pieces.

The above Phase 1 designs were created by local professionals, Luis Diego and BYTE Art Director, Aissa Huerta. The completed project will include the work of 4 artists- two from Arizona and two from Mexico. We can't wait to finally kick this off and stay tuned for updates as the work progresses.

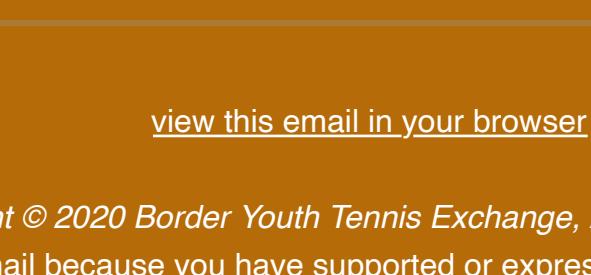
If you'd like to learn more about the project check out the [full proposal](#). Also please consider making a donation to BYTE's Urban Art on the Border initiative, of which the Anza Park Mural is only one piece.

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