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## **Vanda Shadigian Awarded State Pro of the Year**

Vanda Shadigian, Ann Arbor, Michigan, was recently awarded the USPTA Michigan Pro of the Year Award from the United States Professional Tennis Association Midwest Division for demonstrating exemplary achievement within the last calendar year in areas including program delivery, coaching, career development, and volunteerism. She is a certified member at the Elite level of the USPTA, the world's oldest and largest association of tennis teaching professionals.

Shadigian is the Director of Tennis for Ann Arbor Rec & Ed, a public school district-based non-profit program serving over 2000 participants annually, as well as a teaching pro at the University of Michigan Varsity Tennis Center. Under her leadership, Rec & Ed won the 2019 USTA Midwest Organization Member of the Year Award for its commitment to grow adult and youth tennis, provide scholarships to low income families, and build community partnerships. Shadigian continued to develop her skills through education events with the USPTA, USTA, UM Exercise and Sport Science Initiative, as well as through new coaching opportunities with USTA Early Development Camps. Shadigian volunteered her time as a Net Generation trainer for PE teachers, as a UMAISE wheelchair and adaptive coach, with the USTA Midwest Section and Southeast Michigan District, as well as the Ann Arbor Area Community Tennis Association, assisting with its annual free 6th grade program and co-hosting the 100th anniversary Ann Arbor City Tournament.

### **About United States Professional Tennis Association**

Founded in 1927, USPTA strives to raise the standards of the tennis profession while promoting greater awareness of the sport. USPTA offers professional benefits to its members worldwide, including certification and professional development with educational opportunities throughout the year, USPTA offers the most comprehensive continuing education program in the tennis industry.

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