

# 2022 PURE INSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM



SEPTEMBER 20-25

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CEO, First Tee



# PAST CHAMPIONS



2021	KJ CHOI	203
2020	JIM FURYK	204
2019	KIRK TRIPLETT	206
2018	KEN TANIGAWA	205
2017	BERNHARD LANGER	198
2016	PAUL BROADHURST	204
2015	ESTEBAN TOLEDO	206
2014	JOHN COOK	204
2013	KIRK TRIPLETT	205
2012	KIRK TRIPLETT	206
2011	JEFF SLUMAN	206
2010	TED SCHULZ	202
2009	JEFF SLUMAN	206
2008	JEFF SLUMAN	202
2007	GIL MORGAN	202
2006	SCOTT SIMPSON	204
2005	HALE IRWIN	203
2004	CRAIG STADLER	201



The team of PGA TOUR Champions player Rocco Mediate and junior golfer Colin Vineberg, (First Tee - Greater Baltimore) won the male Pro-Junior division at 23 under.



The team of PGA TOUR Champions player Tim Petrovic and junior golfer Sydney Craven, (First Tee - Monterey County) won the Pro-Junior division (team net best ball) at 26 under.

## 2021 CHAMPIONS



Playing a net best ball with their juniors and pros, Matthew Schreiber (left) and Steven Pincus (right) won the amateur division at 38 under.



South Korea's K.J. Choi secured his first PGA TOUR Champions title preserving a two-stroke victory over Bernhard Langer and Alex Cejka at the 2021 PURE Insurance Championship in Pebble Beach, California. His three-round total of 203 (67-68-68) was 13 under par.



THE COURSES



**LEGEND**

ADA Viewing Areas

First Aid

Restrooms

Player Shuttle Drop-off & Pick-up

The Wharf on the 18th Green

Viewing Deck



**LEGEND**

First Aid

Restrooms

Player Shuttle Drop-off & Pick-up

Practice Facility

Spyglass Volunteer Parking

Volunteer Hub



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 20TH

### Practice Rounds

Pebble Beach Golf Links  
(beginning at 12:00 p.m. – pros only)

Spyglass Hill Golf Course  
(beginning at 7:30 a.m. – pros & ams only)

The Hay Par 3 Course  
(beginning at 7:30 a.m. – all contestants)

## WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 21ST

### Practice Rounds

Pebble Beach Golf Links  
Spyglass Hill Golf Course

## THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 22ND

### Practice Rounds

Pebble Beach Golf Links  
Spyglass Hill Golf Course

### Chevron Challenge

4:00 p.m.  
The Hay  
6 junior players, 6 professional players  
compete for charitable proceeds

## FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 23RD

### First Tournament Round

Pebble Beach Golf Links  
Spyglass Hill Golf Course

## SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 24TH

### Second Tournament Round

Pebble Beach Golf Links  
Spyglass Hill Golf Course

## SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 25TH

### Final Tournament Round

Pebble Beach Golf Links  
Low 50 pros and ties, Low 24 pro-junior teams  
(12 male, 12 female), low 10 amateur teams

### Awards Ceremony

18th Green  
3:00 p.m. scheduled finish

# JOIN THE CONVERSATION!



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WITH #PURECHAMP  
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PGA TOUR APP  
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times, and the location of  
your favorite player!



### AUTOGRAPH POLICY

- Autograph requests are permitted by children ages 18 and under in designated autograph zones. See the map for locations.
- On-course autograph seeking is prohibited
- Autograph seeking will be restricted to designated autograph zones organized and managed by the tournament
- NEW Prohibited Items: No memorabilia can be brought into the tournament including pin flags, photos, trading cards, balls and other sports paraphernalia.
- Violation of these policies may result in expulsion and loss of ticket privileges for the remainder of the tournament.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

Observe the leaderboards throughout the golf course for "weather warning" signs that appear prior to inclement weather moving into the area. When this sign appears, spectators are advised to take precautions PRIOR to play being suspended. If the siren sounds, seek shelter immediately. AVOID THE FOLLOWING: open areas, isolated trees, hilltops, high places, golf carts, wire fences.





# ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT



## A LASTING IMPACT ON TOMORROW'S LEADERS

For 19 years, the PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee has been teaming up First Tee participants with PGA TOUR Champions players and amateurs, providing life-changing mentoring opportunities for the teens. This experience opens the participants' eyes to the possibilities in golf and beyond as they are contemplating their future education and careers.

Through programs and events like the PURE Insurance Championship, First Tee is fulfilling its mission to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character and instill life-enhancing values through the game of golf. Our character education programs provide a fun, active environment to teach young people how to manage emotions, resolve conflicts, communicate, set goals and much more.

In 2022, First Tee celebrates its 25th anniversary and reaching millions of youth through its network of 150 chapters, 10,000 schools and 1,700 youth centers.

## MEET THE 2022 JUNIOR FIELD

The 78 participants, ages 14-18, were selected by a national panel of judges based on their personal growth and life skills learned through First Tee's programs, as well as their playing ability.\*

## REPRESENTING

**27**

STATES

**54**

FIRST TEE  
CHAPTERS

**1.37**

AVERAGE  
HANDICAP

**8**

AVERAGE YEARS  
WITH FIRST TEE

**3.8**

AVERAGE GPA  
IN SCHOOL

**49%**

FEMALE

**49%**

ETHNICALLY  
DIVERSE

\*Note: USGA handicaps are from applications in March 2022 and may have changed.



## MATTHEW AHLGRIM

First Tee – Four Corners



### HOMETOWN

Farmington, NM



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.66



### HANDICAP

0.6

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – Four Corners teaching life skills and golf to younger participants. Volunteers as an altar server at his church.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to work in the golf industry.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has taught me throughout my life that you shouldn’t let the anxiety get to you. When you are starting to play golf with new people and you are scared about not being good enough, you should always believe in yourself and have confidence in yourself.”



## ETHEL ASEQUIA

First Tee – Fresno



### HOMETOWN

Fresno, CA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 3.24



### HANDICAP

7

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a junior coach at First Tee – Fresno teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to enjoy playing golf for the rest of her life.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“The biggest challenge was that I wasn’t comfortable stepping out of my comfort zone. But First Tee has taught me that staying in our little bubble will get us nowhere. It will keep us in the same place and not allow us to grow. So instead, I had to step out of my bubble and start becoming comfortable with being uncomfortable.”





## DANNY AUFFANT

First Tee – Greater Seattle



### HOMETOWN

Bellevue, WA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.94



### HANDICAP

1.3

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a member of Junior Advisory Board at his chapter.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf, work for a major sports organization, and give back to his local First Tee chapter one day.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee helped to prepare me for my first job, where I worked as a guest service attendant at the Suncadia Golf Resort. My responsibilities included meeting and greeting every guest and washing the golf carts and player clubs after they finished their rounds. I am the first person to admit that I can be a shy and not very outgoing person, but years of First Tee taught me how to properly introduce myself. I met over 200 new people every day and helped guests enjoy the experience as much as possible, even when they may not have treated me the same."



## JEREMIAH AUSTIN

First Tee – Golden Isles



### HOMETOWN

Brunswick, GA



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 2.5



### HANDICAP

4.5

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a junior golf instructor and youth mentor at Brunswick Country Club as well as at his First Tee chapter.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf and pursue entrepreneurship in the future.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee is a great program! If a person studies and applies what we are taught in First Tee, they can make it through life. The staff is great and it's a pleasure to participate with other young people.

When I go to First Tee, I feel safe, free, and important. For me, First Tee has constantly provided training and development for my growth in golf. I am able to call one of the directors and get advice anytime I need an answer."







## SOPHIA BARDUNIAS

First Tee – Tri-Valley



### HOMETOWN

San Ramon, CA



### AGE

15



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 4.5



### HANDICAP

+0.4

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as an English tutor creating lesson plans for students in Thailand and providing support for individual students.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play Division I collegiate golf and become a successful businesswoman.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee has allowed me to take on the challenge of public speaking. While I enjoy holding conversations with my friends, talking to strangers has always been a little nerve-racking for me. Thanks to First Tee, I'm able to talk to adults and also gain more confidence in my speaking skills."



## ARIANA BLAGROVE

First Tee – Greater New Orleans



### HOMETOWN

Slidell, LA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 2.7



### HANDICAP

4.4

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a junior coach at First Tee - Greater New Orleans teaching life skills and golf to younger participants. Volunteers as an altar server at her church.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to work in the Healthcare Management field.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"I have been involved with First Tee for 4 years. Since then, I have grown and changed in many ways. I have become a better golfer and I have a much better understanding of the golf rules. In addition to improvements in golf, I have learned life skills which helps me in other areas of my life. For example, I now set more specific and attainable goals, not just for golf but academically. I have developed more self-confidence and volunteered to help coach junior golfers at First Tee and to help at church, school and in the community."







## JEREMIAH BROWN

First Tee – Greater Philadelphia



### HOMETOWN

Audubon, PA



### AGE

18



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.93



### HANDICAP

5.6

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a member of the Community Service Corps serving within his school and outside community.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf and pursue a higher level of education.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has taught me self-confidence and the ability to face my fears. They helped me to step out of my comfort zone and make me better at public speaking. By helping me grow in self-confidence, I’m better prepared to believe in myself to always do my best, and to not think twice about my decisions and beliefs.

They helped me face my fears, because they placed me in situations where I was normally uncomfortable, and that helped me overcome those fears and become a better me.”



## PATRICK BUSH

First Tee – Pittsburgh



### HOMETOWN

Rostraver Township, PA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.4



### HANDICAP

0.0

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a coach at First Tee – Pittsburgh teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to graduate high school with honors and play collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has always been a source of inspiration in my life. I learned to be responsible not only for my own family, but others as well. When in the pro shop at my job, I have found that it can be difficult to please all customers. I have been able to use STAR [Stop, Think, Anticipate, Respond] to manage tough situations in a more positive manner. I know that my employer counts on me to do my job well so the golf course can run smoothly and efficiently.”







## RYAN CALCAGNO

First Tee – Greater Sacramento



### HOMETOWN

Carmichael, CA



### AGE

18



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.75



### HANDICAP

+0.7

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as an Ancil Hoffman Jr. Golf Academy Instructor leading junior golfers in drills, games, and other golf instruction.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to be a professional caddy on the PGA TOUR.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has provided me with the ability to grow and enhance my social skills. I was a shy kid when I was younger, and First Tee has helped me become outgoing and personable through Junior Tour tournaments, golf camps, volunteer opportunities, life skill development and participating in charity events. I believe that being able to communicate with others is the most important life skill to have. For me, to be able to interact with people, whether it be adults or juniors, has helped me make connections that will last and be mutually beneficial for the rest of my life.”



## SOFIA CHERIF ESSAKALI

First Tee – Morocco



### HOMETOWN

Agadir, Morocco



### AGE

13



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

8th Grader | 4.0



### HANDICAP

+1.9

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Enjoys training at the gym to help with her golf skills.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf and on the LPGA Tour.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“In the future, I would like to be on the LPGA Tour. I need to train a lot, do many tournaments, go to the gym and practice really hard to get there.”







## CADEN CLARK

First Tee – Phoenix



### HOMETOWN

Chandler, AZ



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 3.3



### HANDICAP

1.8

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – Phoenix teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has taught me to analyze challenges and discover ways within myself to solve the problem. It has also taught me how to enjoy an experience more. For example, if I go sky diving, if I remain scared and not confident in myself, or the equipment packed by a jump master, then I will enjoy myself far less than if I remain confident in the situation.”



## TOBY CORRISTON

First Tee – Shenandoah Valley



### HOMETOWN

Harrisonburg, VA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

2.9

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers with STEM Outreach in his community to get middle schoolers involved with STEM.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf and become a sports commentator.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has helped given me new experiences firsthand. Since I began volunteering for them, I’ve addressed multiple donors and learned to not get flustered when I have to display a good face to notable individuals. Additionally, I’ve done tasks such as organizing golf clubs, stuffing tournament bags, sending out letters, and even coaching children. I’m so well-rounded thanks to all the work at First Tee and it’s been so helpful in preparing me for any job I have in the future.







## NICHOLAS CRAWFORD

First Tee – Roanoke Valley



### HOMETOWN

Roanoke Valley



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

3.0

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers on youth mission trips and as a small group leader at his church's vacation bible school.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to pursue a degree in Sports Marketing and Media.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"When I started First Tee, I did not know anyone else in my class. Coach Bill, the volunteers, and the other participants made me feel welcome. This gave me the confidence to participate in this new experience. The other participants are now my teammates, my competition, and most of all my friends."



## ETHAN DAI

First Tee – Pittsburgh



### HOMETOWN

Sewickley, PA



### AGE

14



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Sophomore | 3.7



### HANDICAP

1.2

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Active member of high school golf and track team. Plays trombone for high school band.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to earn a college scholarship for golf and pursue a career in information technology.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee – Pittsburgh helped prepare me in the mental aspect of the game, developing me to have a better personality towards others and the game itself. They also gave me new understandings of the game of golf and the rules as well as how it should be played."







## SETH DAMSGARD

First Tee – Minnesota



### HOMETOWN

Maple Grove, MN



### AGE

15



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Sophomore | 4.0



### HANDICAP

4.2

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers in the Civil Air Patrol as a Cadet Chief Master Sergeant as well as at First Tee - Minnesota teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to spend his life being creative in a way that benefits others through entrepreneurship.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"The biggest help I have received from First Tee was the encouragement to try starting my own yardage book business. First Tee was where I learned how to interact with golf professionals and other adults. First Tee was also where I started to gain confidence that I could do things that matter to other people. I wasn't sure anyone would want my books. My first customers were three different First Tee courses. They made me sit down and give an actual pitch for my idea. And they believed in what I was doing and that other people would really benefit from my efforts because it's usually just the professionals and high-end clubs that get this kind of a golf aid."



## BRANT DATTILO

First Tee – Triangle



### HOMETOWN

Wake Forest, NC



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.3



### HANDICAP

+1.7

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a Spanish tutor helping other students develop their language skills.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to work in cybersecurity within the government.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee has not only helped me become a better golfer but also a better person. Before initially joining the First Tee, I was fairly reserved and hesitant to converse with strangers. Over the past few years, however, the First Tee has provided me the opportunity to improve upon these skills."





## TAYLOR DAVIS

First Tee – Roanoke Valley



### HOMETOWN

Salem VA



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 4.25



### HANDICAP

4.5

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at her church teaching preschoolers on Sunday mornings. Volunteers at First Tee - Roanoke Valley teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"I have been provided excellent golf instruction for years from my First Tee coaches. They have helped prepare me by teaching me life skills that can be used in many different situations-not just on the golf course. When I began classes at First Tee, I was immediately taught to have honesty and integrity when I play. I was also taught to have good sportsmanship and respect other people, property, and the golf course. These ideals that have been instilled in me will last me my whole life."



## GAVIN DEIBLER

First Tee – Central Carolina



### HOMETOWN

Winston-Salem, NC



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 4.1



### HANDICAP

1.4

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers with Elite Canine, a program that offers educational programs and services for dogs and dog owners.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"The main aspect that First Tee has developed in my character is the ability to work efficiently with others. Naturally I am someone who likes to work alone, and I believe that makes me a better golfer. However, First Tee has taught me that a team approach is oftentimes more effective when it comes to completing a task. So when I am faced with a new challenge I strive to reach out to others for their ideas or solutions."







## DARLA MAY DELA TORRE

First Tee – Greater Sacramento



### HOMETOWN

Fairfield, CA



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

+1.5

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers with US Kids Golf helping with the clean-up and take down for events.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to work in the medical field.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee taught me more beyond the game of golf. It has taught me to respect others who look different than me, to see that everyone, despite their background, can be just as good, if not better. This has greatly motivated me to work hard and to keep on trying. First Tee has also taught me to take any challenge as if it were my first.”



## ARGYLE DOWNES

First Tee – West Virginia



### HOMETOWN

Charles Town, WV



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 3.7



### HANDICAP

+2

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers in Math Mentors and the Science Geek Squad, where he helps preschool and elementary school students learn math and conduct science experiments.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to be a pediatrician.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“Being around the volunteers and coaches made me feel more confident. We were always playing games and being competitive. We wanted to do better. We were trying to outdo each other; but we were still rooting for each other.”





## LENA DURETTE

First Tee – Phoenix



### HOMETOWN

Scottsdale, AZ



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

1.5

#### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as an instructor at First Tee – Phoenix teaching life skills and golf to younger participants. Volunteers with Luv Michael, a non-profit that raises awareness for people living with autism.

#### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to pursue a career in computer science.

#### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has taught me how to find my ‘go-to’ people, which has really impacted me. Even though I haven’t found too many people I can ‘trust,’ I have learned that it is better to have 1, 2, or 3 quality friends than a bunch of people who you barely talk to. Learning about the goal ladder has helped me plan my future and has helped me gain some knowledge about what I want to do with my life. I have been able to meet so many new people through this game, and First Tee has allowed me to continue playing.”



## ABIGAIL FERNANDEZ

First Tee – Central Florida



### HOMETOWN

Windermere, FL



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 4.3



### HANDICAP

3.0

#### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – Central Florida teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

#### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf and become an athletic director at a college or university.

#### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee helped me realize that the game of golf is a lot like the “game” of life. There are going to be unexpected twists and turns, ups and downs, and all the in-betweens...but that’s life, and golf!”







## HENRY FEY

First Tee – Greater Seattle



### HOMETOWN

Seattle, WA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.7



### HANDICAP

0.9

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a coach at First Tee - Greater Seattle teaching life skills and golf to younger participants. He also serves as the Director of Sales on the Junior Advisory Board at the chapter.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to pursue a career as an entrepreneur.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee has taught me important life lessons that I will be able to use for the rest of my life. Through First Tee I got to meet amazing people and coaches who have encouraged me to step outside of my comfort zone and explore. First Tee successfully fostered a place where I felt safe talking among kids and coaches who I had never met before. Because of First Tee I have been able to expand my social skills and meet new people on my own."



## JEFFREY FORSTER

First Tee – Central Coast



### HOMETOWN

Santa Barbara, CA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 4.5



### HANDICAP

0.2

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as an assistant coach at First Tee - Central Coast teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"In order to become a First Tee assistant coach, I needed to use values such as confidence and judgment when leading younger kids and making them interested and engaged in the classes. I didn't have any experience working with younger children, and it was good for me to use the skills I have learned in many different situations. I had to be persistent in finding ways to get the kids to pay attention and listen to directions."





## GABRIEL GARSON-GOROWAY

First Tee – Greater Houston



### HOMETOWN

Missouri City, TX



### AGE

15



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Sophomore | 3.8



### HANDICAP

2.1

#### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – Greater Houston on the weekends teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

#### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to attend the University of Texas.

#### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has taught me confidence, courtesy, respect, and sportsmanship when playing in tournaments. Confidence helps me feel ready for every shot because I know I can achieve what I need to do to get the ball in the hole as efficiently as possible. I stay courteous to my playing partners, and show respect to them, as well as the things surrounding me. I show sportsmanship to all my playing partners by not getting cocky, congratulating them after good shots, and shaking their hands after the round win or loss.”



## SAMANTHA GIBBS

First Tee – Fort Worth



### HOMETOWN

Fort Worth, TX



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.7



### HANDICAP

0.0

#### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers during the summer at First Tee – Fort Worth teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

#### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf and earn a degree in Finance.

#### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has allowed me to step out of my comfort zone in many ways. I’ve never been the best public speaker, and being a part of First Tee, particularly my chapter’s Junior Advisory Committee has given me opportunities to better myself while surrounding me with people who want to help me improve.”







## COOPER GROSHART

First Tee – Central Coast



### HOMETOWN

San Luis Obispo, CA



### AGE

18



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

+0.6

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – Central Coast teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to be a collegiate golfer.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“At a younger age, I was frightened by social interaction with anyone that I hadn’t met before, especially adults. One of the things First Tee helped me with was how to start a conversation with anyone in a polite, respectful way.”



## KALEA HALL

First Tee – Monterey County



### HOMETOWN

Salinas, CA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 4.06



### HANDICAP

3.3

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers with the Salinas High School Rotary Club participating in service projects.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to attend a four-year college and major in kinesiology.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee constantly provides opportunities and lessons that require stretching, growing, and dreaming. Just as important as the opportunities and lessons are the people I have met through First Tee that provide a supportive network that I can turn to. I will be forever grateful for the confidence, knowledge, and skills that First Tee has instilled in me.”





## LIAM HARTLING

First Tee – Inland Empire



### HOMETOWN

Redlands, CA



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 4.18



### HANDICAP

1.7

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a coach at First Tee - Inland Empire teaching life skills and golf to younger participants. He has also volunteered at numerous chapter fundraiser events.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf and earn a college scholarship through golf or academics.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee has helped equip me to take on new experiences and challenges by providing me with valuable real-world experiences. It taught me the ALR (ask, listen, respond) method which I have been able to use to meet new people and get to know them better. By participating in First Tee, I have had valuable experiences that have helped prepare me for the future such as public speaking and coaching and mentoring younger kids."



## AVA HEATON

First Tee – Triangle



### HOMETOWN

Cary, NC



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

7.7

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as an assistant coach at First Tee - Triangle teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to be an orthodontist.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee has been an unbelievably great experience throughout most of my life. First Tee gave me the confidence I needed when my family moved to North Carolina from New Jersey. I still remember when my parents told me we were moving. My first question was 'Is there a First Tee there?' I knew that First Tee would help me with the moving transition through like-minded friendships and opportunities."







## WES HELMER

First Tee – Greater San Antonio



### HOMETOWN

San Antonio, TX



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

1.2

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – Greater San Antonio teaching life skills and golf to younger participants. Serves as an altar server at his church.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to win the 5A state championship with his high school golf team.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has helped me further educate myself in the Business and Sports Management industry through the national Leadership program. Through this program, I have learned how important networking, honesty, and passion are in the real world. With networking, I have learned the importance of making and keeping as many connections as possible. With honesty, I have learned the value honesty holds throughout all professions. With passion, I have learned that happiness comes before anything. If you aren’t doing what you love, then you aren’t in the right place.”



## JONATHAN HOAG

First Tee – North Florida



### HOMETOWN

St. Augustine, FL



### AGE

15



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Sophomore | 4.5



### HANDICAP

2.6

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – North Florida teaching life skills and golf to younger participants. Volunteers with other student musicians to play for nursing home residents in his community.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play Division-I collegiate golf and obtain a degree in Business.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“As our family has moved often, I have been able to apply the lessons learned through First Tee about honesty, integrity, perseverance and teamwork. We have had to function as a family to move, unpack and adjust to life in new and different surroundings and circumstances. First Tee has also helped me stop and think and check my responses when life is a little overwhelming on and off the course.”





## MIMI HOANG

First Tee – Metropolitan Oklahoma City



### HOMETOWN

Oklahoma City, OK



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.83



### HANDICAP

0.7

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – Metropolitan Oklahoma City teaching life skills and golf to younger participants. Also volunteers at local food bank packaging food bags for those in need.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf and influence young female aspiring golfers.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“Being with this program has motivated me to be a leader or game changer in my community by encouraging me to take actions and make a change from the bad to the good, whether it is speaking up about an issue or making someone’s day by doing a simple action. Whenever I’m stuck on a challenge that I’m struggling with, I remember the four R’s: relax, replay, ready, and redo. This has helped me in many situations through my life in golf and outside.”



## REID HOPPOCK

First Tee – Idaho



### HOMETOWN

Boise, ID



### AGE

14



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Freshman | 4.0



### HANDICAP

5.8

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as an assistant coach during the summer at First Tee – Idaho teaching life skills and golf to younger participants. Volunteers with his church at the Idaho Food Bank.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has taught me the importance of setting goals. Setting goals has helped me achieve dreams that I have had for years. Setting small goals and achieving them over time has helped me accomplish my dreams. When I started playing golf, my goal was to play the US Kids World Championship at Pinehurst. This past summer, I played in the Teen Championships at Pinehurst. I set a goal when I was little, and I have achieved it!”







## BRYSON HUGHES

First Tee – North Florida

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as an assistant coach at First Tee - North Florida teaching life skills and golf to younger participants

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play on the PGA TOUR.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has helped equip me to take on new experiences and challenges. When I was starting high school last year, I was scared and nervous because high school is a new place. I became scared and didn't believe in myself anymore. But then I started to remember what First Tee has taught me, and that no matter what, I needed to believe in myself and have confidence.”



## BEN JONES

First Tee – Inland Northwest

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee - Inland Northwest teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“I learned how to become a quality player and person on and off the course. Because of the lessons in First Tee, I have learned how to interact respectfully with other players and adults. Meeting so many new people has helped me to not be afraid of trying new things. Without my involvement in First Tee, I wouldn't be as outgoing and open to new experiences in my life.”



### HOMETOWN

Spokane, WA



### AGE

18



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.5



### HANDICAP

+1.7



## ISABELLE JUNIO

First Tee – Phoenix



### HOMETOWN

Goodyear, AZ



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 4.58



### HANDICAP

0.2

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at the Agua Fria District Fine Arts Festival setting up, working backstage, and cleaning.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to be an engineer.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“When encountering new challenges, I use the 4R’s (Replay, Relax, Ready, and Re-do) to keep my emotions in check. If I am nervous, I allow myself to express my feelings, but only for ten seconds so I can relax. Then I prepare for what’s to come and execute the plan. I enjoy routines, so the 4R’s are relaxing. It is one thing that’s familiar when experiencing something new. Because that routine makes me prepare, and preparation is taught through leadership training, I am then more confident when facing challenges.”



## MARY KERR

First Tee – Greater Houston



### HOMETOWN

Friendswood, TX



### AGE

15



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

2.4

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at Three Little Pitties Foster Care taking care of dogs until they can be adopted. Volunteers as an assistant coach for a youth lacrosse team.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to attend a college with a PGA Golf Management program and go on to be an LPGA teaching professional.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has taught me the life skills necessary to succeed in everyday life. It has given me the confidence and the courage to try new things and has opened so many opportunities for me. The first thing we learn at First Tee is how to introduce ourselves to someone new. At 7 years old, I didn’t understand why I would need to know this. I thought about that at my first interview. Being able to confidently shake someone’s hand and introduce yourself, as I learned, is an underrated skill kids my age have.”







## EMILY KNOX

First Tee – Contra Costa



### HOMETOWN

Discovery Bay, CA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.9



### HANDICAP

1.6

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteered at a Hairspray cast workshop earlier this year helping to educate her community about equality and segregation.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf and major in Medicine. .

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee has taught many lessons and has helped me be open minded and mature going into the new experiences and challenges in life. I have gotten so many good things from First Tee, whether it is my social skills, or being more attentive."



## ELIZA KODAK

First Tee – Naples/Collier



### HOMETOWN

Naples, FL



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.725



### HANDICAP

3.5

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – Naples/Collier teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"As a lifelong golfer and member of First Tee I've always found myself extremely eager to keep learning new rules and the proper golf etiquette. As First Tee gave me opportunities to meet new people and engage myself with different groups, I've always found it pretty simple to choose a different path than others. Choosing a different path allows others to feel more comfortable to do the same thing. First Tee has also equipped me with skills like confidence and integrity every day when I'm unsure of any decision I'm making or challenge I'm facing. Any new challenges I find myself facing I reflect back to skills I've learned from the core classes of First Tee."





## SEAN LAMPROPOULOS

First Tee – Utah

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at the East High Leopard Boutique gathering and organizing donated food and clothing.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play Division I collegiate golf and earn the Congressional award for public service, personal development, and physical fitness.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has taught me about leadership and the qualities I need to develop to help myself and those around me. I have learned that I can utilize my strengths and values to face anything. As I have met and interacted with kids from diverse backgrounds, especially in our local First Tee Teen Club, I have learned that there are different ways to lead and face trials. First Tee has helped me feel empowered and energized about my ability to take on new experiences and challenges.”



### HOMETOWN

Salt Lake City, UT



### AGE

15



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Sophomore | 3.8



### HANDICAP

1.5



## SOPHIE LAUTURE

First Tee – Greater Charlotte

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers teaching golf in her community. Also volunteers at her high school sporting events.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play Division I collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee introduced me to golf and got me into competing. They helped me a lot with resources and learning the game.”



### HOMETOWN

Concord, NC



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 3.7



### HANDICAP

+3.0





## JACK LAYMAN

First Tee – Phoenix



### HOMETOWN

Surprise, AZ



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

1.5

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers with First Tee's Briarwood Golf Outing and Tiny Tees teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to have his own fashion company.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"Learning through First Tee about the 4R's has helped me whenever I take on new experiences and challenges. This helped me when I had my first Zoom call with college coaches. That was a new experience for me, and I had a great amount of nervousness. When I said something and I didn't like how it came across, I replayed the scenario over in my head, took a deep breath, got ready, and re-stated what I really wanted to say."



## MARCUS LEONARD JR.

First Tee – Metro Atlanta



### HOMETOWN

Atlanta, GA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.7



### HANDICAP

2.3

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at MedShare International packing thousands of cleaning and other supplies for countries in need.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to work in the golf industry and develop peer to peer counseling groups in local schools and churches.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee has allowed me to experience new opportunities by attending the inaugural First Tee National Championship, allowing me to mentor and volunteer with younger golfers, and giving me a chance to learn, as well improve my skills with great golf professionals."





## BJ LITTLE JR.

First Tee – Metro Atlanta



### HOMETOWN

Conyers, GA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

3.5

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a coach at First Tee - Metro Atlanta teaching life skills and golf to younger participants

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to be a criminal defense attorney, then a US Senator, and eventually the President of the United States.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee has provided me with an allure of character traits that help me stay open to growth. I believe First Tee has played a fundamental role in developing me into the leader I am today."



## ISABELLA LOHR

First Tee – Greater Dallas



### HOMETOWN

Corinth, TX



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.96



### HANDICAP

7.7

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers with the #RunforDylan Foundation helping organize their first 5k.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to be a collegiate golfer and eventually attend law school.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee's program allowed me to find my voice and my inner confidence to lead on and off the course. In every new experience or challenge, First Tee's character traits have equipped me with a greater self-confidence, improved communication skills and made me more emphatic towards my community. First Tee and the sport of golf have given me the resilience to keep going if I do not perform well to find the positive in every situation. I get up the next day determined to not be defeated but learn from my failures as I grow personally as a golfer and a human being."







## MALIA LOO

First Tee – San Francisco



### HOMETOWN

Millbrae, CA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

0.8

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – San Francisco teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to become a product designer and innovator, with the long-term goal of working with landscape architects to rebuild golf courses to be more environmentally efficient.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has shown me how to be positive while taking on new challenges every day. When we were asked to shelter in place during COVID 2020, I was able to pivot and create an online e-commerce business. The first step to starting something new is always the hardest, but First Tee equipped me with the knowledge of how to persevere and grow from these new experiences. I have served over 4,000 customers over the past three years making it more successful than I had imagined.”



## DANICA LUNDGREN

First Tee – Greater Austin



### HOMETOWN

Austin, TX



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

2.3

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a coach at First Tee – Greater Austin teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play Division I collegiate golf and earn a degree in psychology.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“I am fortunate to have been chosen to represent First Tee – Greater Austin at speaking engagements. Opportunities like these have pushed me to learn and apply good social skills and public speaking. I am an introvert and these skills do not come to me naturally, but First Tee’s program has required me to write essays, lead camp participants, and speak to business people. Through these activities, I have learned to plan, prepare and practice my essays and speeches which makes it easier to execute when that time comes. In the future, when I am faced with new experiences and challenges, I will approach them with good planning, preparation and enough practice.”





## SARAH LYDIC

First Tee – Delaware



### HOMETOWN

Ocean View, DE



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 3.7



### HANDICAP

+2.1

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – Delaware teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play Division I collegiate golf and promote junior golf for young girls.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has helped me to feel more confident in myself. I remember when I was a very young player being self-conscious when on the tee with strangers watching me. I would try to avoid these kinds of situations whenever possible. Now, as a more mature player I relish these frequent situations and feel that I can play at my best no matter who is watching. Additionally, I seem to have learned the importance of standing up for myself as well as for others I care about.”



## KRISTINA MA

First Tee – Central Ohio



### HOMETOWN

Columbus, OH



### AGE

14



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Sophomore | 4.0



### HANDICAP

2.4

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – Central Ohio teaching life skills and golf to younger participants, as well as helping fundraising efforts.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to launch an app for those with autism that helps them with job opportunities and qualify for the US Women's Amateur.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“Because of First Tee, I learned life strategies like the 4Rs: Replay, Relax, Ready, and Re-do. It helped me during my state golf championship on a course I had never played before. On Day 2, I was extremely nervous playing with the top two because I was at least 3 years younger. I immediately thought about the 4Rs. I replayed each shot in my head: thinking about what I wanted to do and what happened. I started relaxing and getting ready for my next shot. I imagined hitting a better shot, and I did!”





## BRAYLON MAHANAY

First Tee – Fort Worth

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – Fort Worth teaching life skills and golf to younger participants..

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“Having confidence is really important when taking on new challenges. Believing in yourself when completing a task on or off the golf course can make the task easier. First Tee has also taught me integrity which can be applied on and off the golf course.”



#### HOMETOWN

Aledo, TX



#### AGE

17



#### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.7



#### HANDICAP

0.6



## KYLIE MCGRATH

First Tee – Greater Seattle

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers with the Key Club participating in community service projects.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to enroll in a four-year university and play collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee – Greater Seattle and its coaches have promoted positive character traits and instilled a belief that I am a strong and capable person. I am able to take these skills and apply them when presented with new experiences and challenges. Because of First Tee I can approach most any situation with more self-confidence and self-assurance.”



#### HOMETOWN

Renton, WA



#### AGE

16



#### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 3.99



#### HANDICAP

3.0







## MEGAN MENG

First Tee – Greater Trenton



### HOMETOWN

Pennington, NJ



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 4.5



### HANDICAP

+2.3

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – Greater Trenton teaching life skills and golf to younger participants..

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has shown me the type of impact I can make on the world and has given me the resources to meet people to facilitate those causes. Through First Tee I have gained the ability to communicate and connect with new people. These experiences and skills are translated into my mentoring, fundraising, or sharing a story. It has helped me to push myself to try more new things.”



## LANIAH MOFFETT

First Tee – Connecticut



### HOMETOWN

Waterbury, CT



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

3.3

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Laniah has been singing on the choir at her church for ten years..

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to be a professional golfer and play in the LPGA Tour.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee coaches have taught me life skills such as judgment and confidence. When I face challenges, I always need those two skills. First Tee has helped me make better decisions when it comes to both playing on the golf course and things I do on an everyday basis.”





## HUNTER NEWELL

First Tee – Salina

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers with the Junior Civitan club at his school to do community service, such as cleaning the river and wrapping Christmas presents.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to win the team state golf title every year in high school and earn an individual state title.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has helped me be more considerate and loving towards others. It has helped me become a more rounded person. High school was different going into my freshman year and I used my social skills from my previous First Tee lessons to make friends easily.”



#### HOMETOWN

Salina, KS



#### AGE

16



#### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 4.0



#### HANDICAP

4.3



## JOSEPHINE NGUYEN

First Tee – Greater Washington, DC

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a coach at First Tee – Greater Washington, DC teaching life skills and golf to younger participants. Volunteers as a peer tutor at her high school.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play Division I collegiate golf while making a difference in her community.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has helped me become more confident in myself and better at conversing with others. As I’ve grown in First Tee, the first thing people notice about me is how I carry myself with confidence and my ability to converse with others. Networking and getting to know other participants and coaches through First Tee events has only grown my love for getting to know others and meeting new people. I walk into every room with a smile and my head held high, and I owe all of this to First Tee.”



#### HOMETOWN

Springfield, VA



#### AGE

16



#### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 3.9



#### HANDICAP

+2.0





## DIEGO OCASIO

First Tee – Metropolitan New York



### HOMETOWN

Yonkers, NY



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.8



### HANDICAP

4.0

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Serves as the President of the Iona Acts Club at his high school creating and planning events around social justice topics.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to have a career in professional golf or a related field.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"My eleven years at First Tee allow my leadership skills to shine through. On and off the golf course, I strive to be my best and the most competitive. I make the most out of my time by pursuing new opportunities and always exploring. First Tee's STEM program challenged me as a young kid and helped me learn how to think and express myself."



## MEGHAN PARACUELLES

First Tee – Greater Sacramento



### HOMETOWN

Folsom, CA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.62



### HANDICAP

+2.4

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers with the Leo Club at her high school participating in trash clean ups and helping at marathons and veterans parades.

Volunteers with US Kid's Golf helping with starters, pace of play, and scoring.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play Division I collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee has helped me both on and off the golf course. It has helped me make better decisions in life and on the course when I am in a tough situations and don't know what type of shot to hit.







## AARON PARAYNO

First Tee – Fresno

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a junior coach at First Tee – Fresno teaching life skills and golf to younger participants. Volunteers as an altar server at his church.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play Division I collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has helped me take on new experiences and challenges by keeping my cool and being more patient. When I am faced with adversity, I tend to want the problem solved right away without actually thinking the situation out. The First Tee acronyms such as STAR (stop, think, anticipate, respond) and the four R’s (relax, replay, ready, redo) have both helped me tackle challenges better.”



### HOMETOWN

Fresno, CA



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 3.67



### HANDICAP

2.3

## KOUREY PATTERSON

First Tee – Greater Pasadena

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers with the Leo Club at her high school participating in trash clean ups and helping at marathons and veterans parades.

Volunteers with US Kid’s Golf helping with starters, pace of play, and scoring.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play Division I collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has helped me both on and off the golf course. It has helped me make better decisions in life and on the course when I am in a tough situations and don’t know what type of shot to hit.



### HOMETOWN

Inglewood, CA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.2



### HANDICAP

2.0



## KINLEY PESSEL

First Tee – Piney Woods



### HOMETOWN

Marshall, TX



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.457



### HANDICAP

4.2

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers cleaning flower beds with the agricultural department at her high school.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf and attend Dental Hygienist school.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has helped me to gain the confidence to try many different and exciting things. The everyday challenges I am faced with in high school, including peer pressures, stress from exams, and others, are easier to combat due to my understanding of life skills taught at First Tee. First Tee has given me the courage to stand up and face my fears in situations I normally wouldn't have been comfortable in. This program has been more than just a program for me, they are my family as well and because of my family being by my side through all of my ups and downs, I know I am well equipped to battle any challenges that I face.”



## COLIN PRICE

First Tee – Fort Worth



### HOMETOWN

Benbrook, TX



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.956



### HANDICAP

+4.2

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a junior coach at First Tee – Fort Worth teaching life skills and golf to younger participants. He also serves on the Junior Advisory Committee for the chapter.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play Division I collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has shaped my career and, more importantly, my personal qualities. They have taught me how to quickly handle issues by using the STAR method (stop, think, anticipate, respond) to discover the best solutions. Finally, I believe the First Tee has enabled me to be coachable, aware of my surroundings, and push myself outside of my comfort zone.”





## BRANDON QUACH

First Tee – Raritan Valley

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – Raritan Valley teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play Division I or II collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee – Raritan Valley has given me opportunities to make core memories and new connections. For instance, during the summer of 2020, First Tee took a group of peers and I to Liberty National and we met Cameron Champ and got a surprise hello from Rory McIlroy. Being able to go to such a nice golf course alone is a great experience but meeting a pro on the other hand is an amazing experience.”



#### HOMETOWN

Cranford, NJ



#### AGE

16



#### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 4.0



#### HANDICAP

0.4



## AVI REICH

First Tee – St. Petersburg

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – St. Petersburg teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf and become a mechanical engineer.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“Through First Tee, I have learned leadership, compassion, patience, perseverance, discipline and many other life skills. Teaching, volunteering, and learning to play golf on a team are experiences that I think can help me in future job interviews, new social gatherings, and living on my own. I even had the opportunity to observe my father giving back to a community organization as he has serves on the board of First Tee – St. Petersburg. Overall, First Tee has taught me how to be a good person.”



#### HOMETOWN

Seminole, FL



#### AGE

17



#### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 4.3



#### HANDICAP

2.3





## SIDNEY ROBERTSON

First Tee – Greater Tyler



### HOMETOWN

Tyler, TX



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 3.5



### HANDICAP

+2.6

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – Greater Tyler teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play Division I collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has taught me how to go outside of my comfort zone and do things I normally wouldn’t have done. They have taught me many different life skills such as confidence, responsibility, and perseverance. I use these four values in my everyday life along with on the golf course. They have taught me to be confident in not only myself, but also my game. They have taught me responsibility which has helped me in school and in practice. First Tee has also taught me perseverance which helps me during rounds and going about my life.”



## TANVI SAMAYAM

First Tee – Greater Trenton



### HOMETOWN

Hillsborough, NJ



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

0.9

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Currently training to be a EMT through EMT Cadet Training.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to be an allergy specialist. .

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has made me more confident to tackle new experiences and take on challenges. When I am in a new setting, I am able to go around introducing myself to people and forming new friendships. Recognizing and appreciating diversity makes it easier for me to overcome challenges when working with others. Having matured significantly during my time with this program has prepared me for the future when I have to start doing everything without the support system that my family gives me. While others may not feel as equipped to face the world as it is, I think that First Tee has prepared me to take on whatever new experiences and challenges the world has to offer.”





## CHARLIE SEUFERT

First Tee – West Michigan



### HOMETOWN

Grand Rapids, MI



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 3.85



### HANDICAP

2.9

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at his school with Freshman Connection, leading tours for incoming high school students.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to be elected as class president at high school and later play collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"I use what I've learned at First Tee every day because they help me get through new experiences and challenges. For example, I used perseverance when I had my first MRI. Unfortunately, the MRI machine broke down while I was in it and I was stuck inside for four hours. By controlling myself, despite being angry that it was trapped so long, I persevered through and stayed calm."



## THERESA SHAW

First Tee – Greater Sacramento



### HOMETOWN

Auburn, CA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

1.2

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at Lake of the Pines Seniors cooking, cleaning, and keeping the residents company.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee helped me to build a great foundation of values, but most importantly sets up a place to practice those skills with people working toward the same goals. With my newfound confidence from my First Tee experiences, I've ventured out into other public speaking venues, like speech competitions, which have improved my skills even more."





## RYAN SHIMONY

First Tee – Florida Gold Coast



### HOMETOWN

Parkland, FL



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

2.7

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – Florida Gold Coast teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf and go on to work in the sports industry.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"I have always been a home body. Unlike my friends who went to sleepaway camp each summer, I always felt more comfortable staying home and working on my golf game. The thought of traveling on my own gave me a lot of anxiety. Last summer, when I was selected for the First Tee Game Changers Academy, I traveled without my family for the first time in my life. Initially, I was terrified of leaving my family and going to another state with people who were unfamiliar to me. The second I left my family and stepped on the plane, I felt like a changed person. I gained confidence that I never had, and I felt ready to spread my wings. I recognized how much I loved my family, but I also realized the amazing experiences that I can have with a positive mindset to try new things."



## DREW SILMAN

First Tee – East Baton Rouge Parish



### HOMETOWN

Zachary, LA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.876



### HANDICAP

2.1

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at his church serving his community with yardwork, storm cleaning, and traveling to serve underprivileged areas.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to become an engineer.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee has taught me perseverance and confidence. Perseverance has taught me how to continue the push and always continue forward no matter the circumstances or the obstacles that may be in your way. Then confidence has shown me the importance in believing in yourself as well as being confident in the work and the preparation that you have put in."







## SKYE SKENANDORE

First Tee – Augusta

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers with local golf club assisting the coach in teaching younger children the fundamentals of golf.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play on the LPGA Tour.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has taught me how to properly deal with a difficult situation. Being able to stop to take a deep breath, think about the situation at hand, anticipate the results of what could happen, and lastly properly respond to the situation based on the time I took to analyze. Utilizing this technique taught by First Tee allows me to take on new challenges because it helps me deal with the stress and the difficult choices that I will encounter.”



### HOMETOWN

Aiken, SC



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Graduated Early | 3.09



### HANDICAP

+1.5

## MADELYN STOKES

First Tee – Fresno

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a junior coach at First Tee – Fresno teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to work with kids.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has taught me how to adjust to a problem and find a long-term solution. First Tee has also shown me that with facing these challenges, it is okay to fail. It is okay to fail as long as you learn from these mistakes and get back up and try again. Throughout COVID-19, everyone made mistakes and had to learn how to adjust. An example of this are the Zoom calls for our First Tee classes. Although it was hard and more independent, Coach Megan showed me that with all these challenges there are ways to overcome them.”



### HOMETOWN

Clovis, CA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.71



### HANDICAP

2.3



## FRANCESCA SUMCAD

First Tee – Silicon Valley



### HOMETOWN

San Jose, CA



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.83



### HANDICAP

+2.2

#### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a junior coach at First Tee – Silicon Valley teaching life skills and golf to younger participants. Volunteers as a freshman tutor at her high school.

#### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play Division I collegiate golf in California.

#### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW

##### EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has encouraged me from a young age to try new things. The program’s classes rely heavily on the system of ‘try, show, play.’

I’ve learned that setting smaller goals makes the overall task so much easier.”



## ROBERT THOMPSON

First Tee – Greater Charlotte



### HOMETOWN

Charlotte, NC



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.85



### HANDICAP

+1.5

#### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a junior coach at First Tee – Greater Charlotte teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

#### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf.

#### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW

##### EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has taught me perseverance. When something becomes difficult, I need to just persevere through instead of getting frustrated and quitting.”





## JULIA VOLLMER

First Tee – Greater San Antonio



### HOMETOWN

San Antonio, TX



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Junior | 3.5



### HANDICAP

+7.5

#### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers at First Tee – Greater San Antonio teaching life skills and golf to younger participants.

#### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play Division I collegiate golf and win the NCAA National Championship with her team.

#### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“First Tee has helped me tremendously throughout the last 9 years, but specifically, the skill of public speaking comes to mind. I started the program as a shy and quiet kid. As I kept coming to classes, my coaches would encourage me to participate in discussions and would help me speak up when needed. The older volunteers also set good examples of this and so I tried to follow their behavior. Over time, I became more open to expressing my opinions and discussing subjects with big groups of people. Today, I thoroughly enjoy public speaking and look forward to doing it.”



## MATTIE WEIDENBACH

First Tee – South Dakota



### HOMETOWN

Sioux Falls, SD



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 3.952



### HANDICAP

6.2

#### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a Sunday School teacher at her church for elementary aged students.

#### FUTURE GOALS:

Volunteers as a Sunday School teacher at her church for elementary aged students.

#### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

“Through First Tee, I have learned how to be more outgoing throughout my everyday life. Transferring to a new school, I was shy at first, but I used the social skills I gained through First Tee. When feelings of uncomfortableness and self-doubt arose, I found myself reverting back to the ALR method (ask, listen, respond) I was taught. When meeting new people, I tried to get to know more about them by asking questions and listening to what they answered with to find connections. If their answers sparked an interest I had or something I did not know about, I would then respond to be able to connect with them and get to know them more. All to get rid of the fear and doubt which I was presented with going into the school year.”







## HELENA WINTERBERG

First Tee – Greater Charlotte



### HOMETOWN

Harrisburg, NC



### AGE

17



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 4.0



### HANDICAP

6.9

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers as a member of DECA, an organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs to be college and career ready.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to major in engineering or international business.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee has taught me how to network, build relationships, social and etiquette skills and to take advantage of opportunities that come my way. I have made friends around the country and developed leadership skills that I can use in school, my community and college. I have mentors that care about me, help me understand myself and get where I want to go in life. They help me see my strengths and work on my weaknesses, challenge and support me every step of the way on my journey."



## CHRISTINE YU

First Tee – Greater Sacramento



### HOMETOWN

Folsom, California



### AGE

16



### GRADE LEVEL | GPA

Senior | 4.2



### HANDICAP

2.0

### VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers with the Leo Club, attending various community service events.

### FUTURE GOALS:

Aspires to play collegiate golf.

### FIRST TEE HAS HELPED EQUIP ME TO TAKE ON NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES BY:

"First Tee has helped me develop skills to establish meaningful connections and make new friends. When I first joined First Tee, I didn't know anyone and was pretty lost. However, the members and the community that First Tee established made me feel welcome and I was quickly able to make friends."



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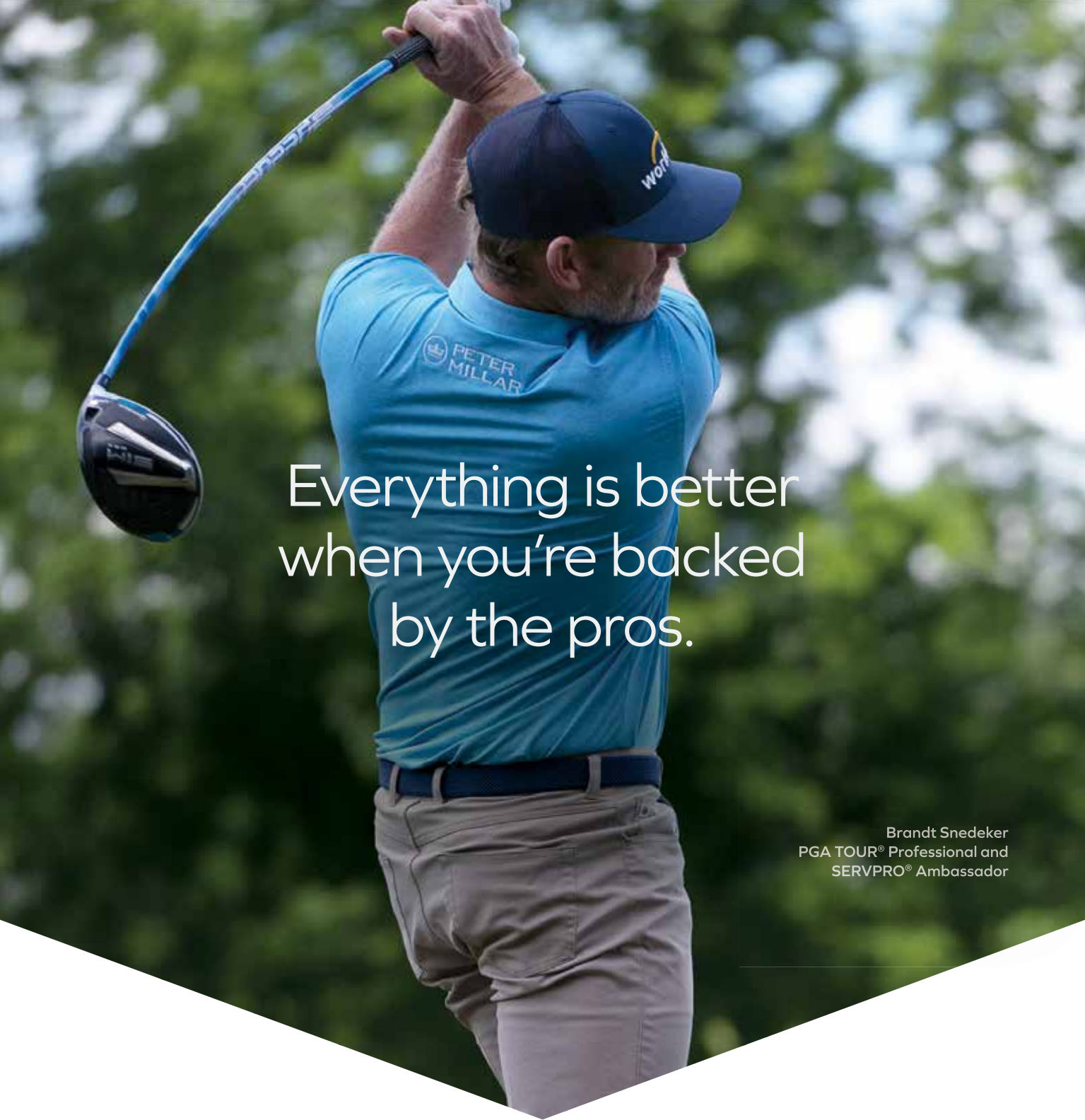
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