



John Deere Classic Scholars Event – Scholar Bio's



Malisone Chanthapanya

First Tee – Fort Worth

Texas Wesleyan University

Graduate Degree Major: Data Analytics & Supply Chain Management

Malisone is a one of a kind First Tee Scholar. She is the first ever graduate within the program, having completed her undergraduate degree in Finance in just two years. Malisone is a member of the Texas Wesleyan golf team and still has two years of eligibility remaining. Malisone has earned multiple accommodations during her time on the Texas Wesleyan golf Team. In the 2021-2022 season, she was named to the second team of the WCGA NAIA All-American team. Additionally, Malisone was named as one of this year's 2022-23 Daktronics NAIA Women's Golf Scholar-Athletes. She also is defending champion for three collegiate tournaments in the 2022-2023 season and hold individual records for 18-, 36-, and 54-rounds, 64, 66-69, and 66-69-70 respectively. She'll continue to play for the team as a grad student. In graduate school, Malisone plans to focus on data analytics and supply chain management. When asked about her career goals, Malisone emphasized that she aims create more sustainable and clean ways that do not harm the planet and hopes that a career path in either of these categories: finance, accounting, data analytics, supply chain management, or computer science align with these goals. Malisone is a lifetime First Tee participant, having joined the program almost 14 years ago. She was also the youngest participant to ever achieve ACE Certification in the Fort Worth chapter's history. She served on the Chapter Junior Advisory Committee and played in both the 2021 First Tee National Championship and in the Pure Insurance Open at Pebble Beach. Malisone continues to be involved in her chapter serving as a part time coach.



Rebecca Jones

First Tee - Indiana

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Major: Civil Engineering

Rebecca “Becky” Jones is a rising junior studying civil engineering at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, with goals of one day working on environmentally friendly engineering projects, specifically land and water remediation. Becky is highly involved in her campus, serving as the Vice President of Infrastructure for the Engineers for a Sustainable World club, Officer on Golf Tournament Chair for the American Society of Civil Engineers, Peer Advisor for the Office of Career Services, past Director of Facility Operations for Tri Delta and an Undergraduate Researcher for Climate Change and Resilient Infrastructure. In October of 2022, Becky started a research project alongside two fellow classmates and her professor. The first year of research involved collecting data on other ABET accredited universities to examine what courses are being taught in sustainability and resilient infrastructure. Her personal project has been to examine different erosion control methods for coastlines. This research will count towards her master’s degree in Environmental Engineering. Becky spent the summer of 2022 as a Project Engineer Intern for Infrastructure and Energy Alternative and plans to spend the summer of 2023 in South Bend, Indiana working for Lochmueller Group as an intern for the Water Resource Department. Becky has been a member of the First Tee – Indiana for eight years and achieved multiple medals as a competitor. Not only thriving in the classroom and athletic fields, but she is also a second-degree black belt in Taekwondo and was five-year president of the Orchestra Council. As a high school athlete, Becky thrived as a three-sport athlete in Golf, Basketball and Track and Field having earned the title of All Conference team member in golf from 2019-2021, playing 1st as conference individual and placing 1st in sectionals in Track and Basketball.



Nicholas Canales

First Tee – Greater Houston

University of Nebraska

Major: Business Administration

Nicholas “Nick” Canales is currently a rising sophomore at the University of Nebraska studying Business Administration. Nick is a first-generation college student and a member of the D1 golf team. Nick’s love of golf stemmed from his time at First Tee- Greater Houston where he was a participant for over 10 years. Nick loves to give back to the chapter as much as he can, including being a Jr. Mentor at that chapter as well as a Volunteer Representative at various community events and fundraisers. Nick even got the chance to play at Pebble Beach in 2021 when he participated in the Pure Insurance Championship. During his high school golf career, Nick was named the 2019 EYS Sports Magazine Golfer of the Year as well as two-time HGA Player of the Year. While Nick does aspire to become a professional golfer, he understands that there is a need to have a strong educational foundation. Nick plans of pursuing his master’s in business administration after graduation and aims to gain experience in market research, business analytics, innovation, and sustainability.