



Inner City Youth Golfers' Incorporated



Press Release

“The 23rd PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship Is Set To Go”

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Riviera Beach, FL (USA), April 29, 2009: The 23rd PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship is set to be played, May 8-10, at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla. This is the 12th consecutive year that the PGA of America and its supporters have hosted this “one of a kind” golf event to show case “college golf greats of the future.” The 54-hole, stroke-play Championship will consist of four divisions: NCAA Men's Division I and II, and NAIA Men's and Women's. In addition, there is an Individual Invitational competition for minority Men and Women contestants. The Individual Invitational is open to collegiate golfers who are African-American, Hispanic-American,

Native or Alaskan American, Asian or Pacific Island American.

The 2008 men's and women's teams from Bethune-Cookman University, and Division II Champion Fayetteville State University look to defend their titles against tough competition. The women's team from Bethune-Cookman University and Fayetteville State University will be making a bid to win a fourth straight crown. Sara Young, a senior at Florida State University, is the defending champion in the Independent Women's Division and will also look to defend her title this year. Amit Odaiyar of Florida Atlantic University, who finished in second place overall in the Independent Men's Division in 2008, will look to build on his solid finish.

Among the other colleges and universities scheduled to participate in the three-day competition are Alabama A&M University, Alabama State University, Benedict College, Cleveland State University, Edward Waters College, Florida A&M University, Georgetown University, Grambling State University, Hampton University, Kentucky State University, Lincoln University, Morehouse College, North Carolina Central University, Paine College, Prairie View A&M, Savannah State University, South Carolina State University, Tennessee State University, Texas Southern University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, University of Texas Pan-American, Virginia State University and Winston-Salem State University.

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore's men's golf team will compete for the first time. It became the first Historical Black College on January 16, 2008 and the 20th university accredited by PGA of America to offer their 4½ structured accredited management college curriculum for aspiring PGA Professionals. Inner City Youth Golfers', Inc. (ICYG) provides scholarship support to this outstanding collegiate golf program.

The Championship will also feature its “15th Business of Golf Career Expo” which will showcase golf industry associations and companies for student-athletes with the opportunity to learn about employment opportunities within the golf industry including manufacturing, media, trade, golf course management and the industry governing bodies.

All Alumni, family, friends, fraternity/sorority members, interested spectators and others are welcomed to observe. Just remember to leave your jeans at home. No cell phones or coaching is permitted during competition. Bring your lawn chairs, wear something with your schools name on it and watch some excellent golf. This is their “MAJOR TOURNAMENT.” Although Publisher Bobby R. Henry, a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and a graduate of FAMU is a little bias, he is looking forward to congratulating ALL of the competitors on Sunday afternoon.

The Westside Gazette Newspaper family and ICYG are also encouraging ALL junior golfers to participate in the PGA of America hosted youth golf clinic at the PGA Golf Club, Saturday, May 9th at 9:30 AM. You are encouraged to call for additional information.

PGA Golf Professional Jim Thorpe congratulates 2008 FAMU Champion Golfer Stanley A. Wilson, Jr. now employed at Bear Lakes Country Club, West Palm Beach, FL and giving back to ICYG.