The Player Development Award Recognizes a PGA Professional for extraordinary and exemplary contributions and achievements in the area of player development.

This year's winner, Derrick Griffitts of Clear Creek Golf Center in Shelbyville:

- Focuses on enhancing the local demand for the game at both his facility and those of his fellow professionals
- Created the GolfStepz® program which collects player data in the form of mileage, both when walking and riding – "Golf for the Health of It!"
- Best practice has been the inclusion of inflatables to clinics, camps and special events
- Has been a member of KPGA Tournament Committee and acted as Host Professional for 2013 PGA Jr. League State Championship
- Conducts multiple clinics at local Chamber of Commerce events, active member
  of the Sticks for Kids program, coordinated Golf Merit Badge training for local Boy
  Scouts, conducted "Rocket Power" summer camp, operated multiple activities
  through the Shelby County Parks Department, operates program mentoring
  locally-housed state inmates to be introduced to the game, author of "The
  Shelby County Golf Report," works with PGA Professional Bryan Slone to operate
  SNAG clinics at Wright Elementary and hosted a golf clinic at local neighborhood
  block party