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Kentucky Section

2018 KPGA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION

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1. Please list all National Teaching Workshops, Seminars and National PGA Teaching & Coaching Summits attended or conducted within the last five years. Also, if Certified in Instruction through the PGA Certified Professional Program, list the date Certification was obtained.

| National Event | Date of Participation |
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| Forces & Motion Workshop | November 2015 |
| Golf Magazine Top 100 Summit | January 2016 |
| Golf Swing Kinetics - Conducted | September 2017 |
| Open Forum | 2013-2017 |
| TrackMan Key Leadership - Copenhagen | May 2017 |
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2. Please list all Section Teaching Workshops, Seminars and PGA Teaching & Coaching Summits attended or conducted within the last five years.

| Section Event | Date of Participation | Section |
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| Joe Mayo | October 2017 | Kentucky |
| David Orr | November 2017 | Kentucky |
| Launch Monitor Day-Conducted | December 2017 | Kentucky |
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3. Please describe the nominee's overall performance in teaching at the facility, Section and National level.

I believe I have a national reputation as being a truth seeker who has a keen interest in applying a scientific approach to understanding the golf swing. Not in the hopes of making the teaching of the swing more complicated but to make it more simplistic and evidence based.

I believe my teaching performance has been credible and functional. I work with aspiring tour professionals, collegiate players, and accomplished juniors, as well as members and guests at the University of Louisville Golf Club.

4. Please briefly describe any unusual, innovative or special teaching programs the nominee has initiated or implemented.

I have built the Cardinal Junior Golf Academy from the ground up. Since my first month at ULGC, I have offered an Academy program for up and coming junior golfers every month. Using the indoor-to-outdoor Musselman Center in the winter months is a luxury that most do not have. I have hosted and taught over 150 unique junior golfers since June 2016 with an average of 25 juniors involved in various programs each month. I do all the teaching myself to make sure the quality of the instruction is uniform. No one to blame but me.

5. Please list any instructional articles, videos and/or publications the nominee has written or contributed to.

I wrote a short submission to Golf Digest for their "How He Hit That" weekly feature after Jhonattan Vegas won in July 2017. I have produced countless short instructional videos for online golf teacher forums over the past five years. Most of these videos have been targeted to other teachers to try to raise general awareness of how science can help explain the golf swing.

6. Please list the names of outstanding golfers the nominee has instructed.

Austin Gutschell

Keegan de Lange
Jordan Susce
Scott Beard
Riley Bender
Carter Smith
Matthew Troutman
Jackson Finney

7. Please describe the nominee's involvement in growing the game of golf through juniors, women, minorities, seniors and the disabled.

My "grow the game" abilities lie with my Cardinal Junior Golf Academy program and my commitment to bring "science" and the "scientific approach" to studying, learning, teaching, and coaching the golf swing. My goal is to knock down as many teaching and coaching myths as I can. I believe that through better instruction, the game can rebound and flourish.

8. Please list any Section or National awards the nominee has received

| Award | Year Received | Section |
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| Kentucky's Best Teachers #8 | 2017 | Kentucky |
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| National Event | Date of Participation |
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| TPI Level 1 Certification | May 2008 |
| Trackman Users Conference | December 2009 |
| TPI Junior Coach Level 2 Certification | October 2011 |
| PGA Teaching and Coaching Summit | Jan. 24-25 2011 |
| TPI Golf Professional Level 2 Certification | December 2011 |
| Functional Movement Systems Level 1 Certification | May 2011 |
| TPI Fitness Level 2 Certification | July 2012 |
| World Scientific Congress of Golf | October 2012 |

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| World Golf Fitness Summit | November 2012 |
| Certified Golf Coaches Association Certification | January 2013 |
| TPI Golf Mechanics Certification Level 2 | April 2013 |
| Golf Magazine Top 100 Teachers Summit | November 2013 |
| Mike Adams & EA Tischlers Golf Biodynamics Certification Level 1 | January 2014 |
| Functional Movement Systems Level 2 | January 2014 |
| Golf Magazine Top 100 Retreat | October 2014 |
| World Golf Fitness Summit | October 2014 |
| David Orr Flatstick Putting Certification Level 1 | November 2014 |
| I didn't attend many seminars or certifications in 2015 because I was traveling the PGA Tour helping Chris Como with some of his tour players. However, I did get to watch some of top player coaches while I was out on the road. Also, I was traveling back and forth from Dallas, Texas where Chris Como and I taught when we were in town. | Most of 2015 |
| Golf Magazine Top 100 Teachers Summit | January 2016 |
| Assessing and Teaching with Ground Forces | January 2016 |

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| Open Forum, held the week of PGA Merchandise Show. It features some of the smartest minds and some of the best teachers in the country | January 2012 January 2013 January 2014 January 2015 January 2016 January 2017 |
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2. Please list all Section Teaching Workshops, Seminars and PGA Teaching & Coaching Summits attended or conducted within the last five years.

| National Event | Date of Participation | Section |
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| Titleist Fitting Workshop | March 2013 | KPGA |
| Trackman/Manzella Seminar at Valhalla GC | August 2013 | KPGA |
| Using the Latest Science to Enhance Your Teaching | February 2014 | KPGA |
| Titleist Fitting Workshop | March 2014 | KPGA |
| Less is More, Teaching and Fitting Seminar at Keene Run | March 2015 | KPGA |
| Pro2Pro Workshop on Teaching at Keene Run | January 2016 | KPGA |

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| James Sieckman Wedge seminar | February 2016 | KPGA |
| Teaching Summit at Keene Trace | February 2016 | KPGA |
| Day of Learning Seminar at HP Golf Academy | September 2016 | KPGA |
| Jon Sinclair Seminar at Keene Trace | 2017 | |
| Joe Mayo Seminar at Keene Trace | 2017 | |
| Teaching Seminar including David Orr at Keene Trace | 2017 | |
| Launch Monitor seminar at ULGC | 2017 | |
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3. Please describe the nominee's overall performance in teaching at the facility, Section and National level.

Before I go into my assessment of my teaching abilities I would like to say that what I am about to do makes me very uncomfortable. I do not like to brag or post things on social media when I have success with a student. I leave that up to them if they want to tell others how much I helped them or how much success they are having because I work with them. I do what I do to make a difference, not to make a bunch of money or garner notoriety. Having said that, I will go into my assessment of my performance as a teacher.

I feel comfortable teaching anyone at any level. They could be a raw beginner or one of the best players in the world. I believe my understanding of biomechanics, physics, motor learning, brain science, etc has helped me wade through what doesn't work with a student. It gives me the opportunity to help them in a much faster way. I am so grateful that I have spent the last 8-10 years traveling the country, spending all of the money that I had at any given one time so that I could learn from the smartest and brightest minds in several areas of expertise. Some were scientists, some were golf teachers, and some were world class players.

The education and experiences I have acquired over the years has afforded me the ability to "skin a cat" multiple ways, but get the same outcome. I had players and still teach players that are trying to make a living playing golf. My approach to each of them is often times very different. Fortunately, many of them have had success and continue to get better. As a teacher, you have to know that what works for one player, may not work for another. I believe and subscribe to this analogy: A teacher should be like a doctor. The doctor, if he's any good, should know that the medicine he gives to one patient could potentially make another patient very sick or even kill them. You have to know who to give what to and how much. This analogy guides me on the lesson tee with all of my students and has helped my overall performance immensely.

4. Please briefly describe any unusual, innovative or special teaching programs the nominee has initiated or implemented. I implemented a Long Term Athletic Development program for out junior golfers at Owl Creek Country Club. This program was designed to aid in their physical literacy and overall performance, not just in golf but in all physical activities. I learned many of these concepts while attending a TPI Junior Coach Level 2 certification. In a nutshell, the program consists of physical activities such as jumping, throwing, catching, climbing, etc. They learn how to use their bodies for physical activities, preparing them for many sports and life. This program ran for approximately 4 years and was attended by several juniors.
5. Please list any instructional articles, videos and/or publications the nominee has written or contributed to. I was fortunate to be one of the

presenters at a Teaching Summit held at Keene Run (February 2016.) The title of my one-hour presentation was: Why Players Do What They Do. During my presentation, I discussed with the attendees what I have learned over the years while teaching and coaching my students.

6. Please list the names of outstanding golfers the nominee has instructed.

Lilly Young Won the Big I tournament held at Oxmoor CC in 2017. She attended Northern Kentucky University in the fall and is currently a nationally ranked freshman.

Luke McClellan is a mini tour player I teach that lives in South Carolina. He won a mini tour event in his home state earlier this year. He advanced to sectional qualifying for the US Open and also advanced to the second stage of Web.com qualifying school.

Daniel Iceman was a member of the University of Louisville golf team. He shot -10 to get his way into a playoff for the 2016 Kentucky Open. He has qualified and won the Kentucky PGA assistants championship in 2015 & 2016, where he advanced to the national championship finishing top 20. Daniel also Monday qualified into a Mackenzie Tour event (PGA Tour Canada) in 2016. He finished 1st and 4th out of 3 PGA Winter Series events in Port St. Lucie, Florida in 2017 as well as some wins and top finishes in Kentucky Section Tournaments.

Chris Malec was a member of the University of Louisville golf team. He finished T6 in the first stage of Web.com Tour qualifying school in 2015 to advance to second stage. Attended Web.com Tour qualifying school in 2016 as well.

Brandon Brown was a member of the Eastern Kentucky golf team. He has won several Hooters Tour events, Monday qualified into Web.com events, qualified for two PGA Tour events, qualified and played in the 2013 US Open at Merion.

Yarik Merkulov was a member of the Duke University golf team. He Monday qualified for a Mackenzie Tour event in 2016.

Please describe the nominee's involvement in growing the game of golf through juniors, women, minorities, seniors and the disabled. While working at Owl Creek Country Club (2008-2015), I conducted several Long Term Athletic Development camps to promote physical literacy for junior golfers. I conducted several women's clinics while I was there as well. This year I was also lucky enough to be a PGA Junior League coach at Clear Creek Golf Course in Shelbyville, Kentucky. We started with 26 kids and I am proud to say that all of them are still playing golf. In 2017, I was a PGA Junior League coach for the Weissinger Hills team. We had a great year and won most of our matches. It's so great to see how much participation PGA Junior League is generating for the game of golf. At our facility, we have seen junior golf thrive more than ever due to this initiative.

7. Please list any Section or National awards the nominee has received

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| National Event | Date of Participation |
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| PGA Coaching/Teaching Summit | 2014, 2012 |
| Lynn Blake Teaching Certification | 2014 |
| U.S. Kids Certification | 2015 |
| Proponent Group Summit | 2017, 2016 |

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| PGA National Club Fitting Conference | 2015 |
| Andrew Rice Coach Camp | 2017, 2016 |
| CPP Teaching/Coaching Workshop | Certification in Progress |

2. Please list all Section Teaching Workshops, Seminars and PGA Teaching & Coaching Summits attended or conducted within the last five years.

| National Event | Date of Participation | Section |
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| PGA Section Spring or Fall Conference | 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 | Kentucky |

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| Charlie King (EKU) | 2016 | Kentucky |
| High Performance (Andrew Rice) | 2015, 2014 | Kentucky |
| High Performance (Jon Sinclair) | 2017, 2016 | Kentucky |
| High Performance (Dr. Rob Bell) | 2017, 2016 | Kentucky |
| High Performance (Joseph Mayo) | 2017 | Kentucky |
| High Performance (David Orr) | 2017 | Kentucky |

3. Please describe the nominee's overall performance in teaching at the facility, Section and National level.

- Instructed 1800+ individual lessons a year (2016 and 2017).
- Conducted group clinics for corporate events (2015-2017).
- Conducted group clinics for a middle school program (2016 and 2017).
- Directed 2 mega junior golf camps per year (2014-2017).
- Participated on several panel discussions during section teaching workshops (2016 and 2017).

4. Please briefly describe any unusual, innovative or special teaching programs the nominee has initiated or implemented.

- A teaching program to guarantee to lower the player's handicap or the next program was free. The program consisted of 2 group clinics and 2 individual lessons per month for 3 months.

5. Please list any instructional articles, videos and/or publications the nominee has written or contributed to.

- Instructional Article – The Secret To Fixing Your Slice – Kentucky Golf Insider Newsletter - 2017
- Instructional Video – 4 Keys To Putting – Kentucky Golf Insider/YouTube/Facebook – 2017

6. Please list the names of outstanding golfers the nominee has instructed.

- Denver Haddix
- Joe Deraney
- Evan Davis
- Jeremy Martin
- Scott Webb
- Dagan Abdon
- Andrew McKinney

- Chandler Morgan
- Alex Martin
- Bruce Walters
- Keen Shackelford
- Maddie Cecil
- Scott Porter
- Rebecca Fine
- Rachel Fine
- Tim LeRoy
- Currently teaching 12 collegiate athletes and numerous middle school and high school athletes.
- Students have won numerous tournaments including: Golf Week Junior Tour, KPGA Junior Tour Championship, NAIA, and Club Championships.
- Students range from 7 years old to 90 years old.

7. Please describe the nominee's involvement in growing the game of golf through juniors, women, minorities, seniors and the disabled.

Through teaching over 1800 lessons in 2016 and 2017, directing group clinics and junior camps, I have had the opportunity to work with juniors, women, minorities, seniors, disabled, and veterans. In 2013, I coached the first PGA Junior League at Keene Run. During the 2014 PGA Championship, I instructed juniors at the PGA Junior Day. In 2015, I directed the High Performance Golf Academy's Junior Development Tour. I enjoy working with students at all different skill levels to promote growing the game of golf.

8. Please list any Section or National awards the nominee has received.

| Award | Year Received | Section |
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| Player of the Year | 2017 | Kentucky |
| Assistant Player of the Year | 2013 | Kentucky |
| Assistant Player of the Year | 1999 | Kentucky |
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| National Event | Date of Participation |
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| PGA Teaching Summit | January 2017 |
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2. Please list all Section Teaching Workshops, Seminars and PGA Teaching & Coaching Summits attended or conducted within the last five years.

| National Event | Date of Participation | Section |
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| PGA Teaching Summit | January 2017 | |
| PGA Teaching Summit | January 2015 | |
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3. Please describe the nominee's overall performance in teaching at the facility, Section and National level.

As an employee at Traditions Golf Club, I teach 90% of my lessons individually. In 2017, I gave over 1000 individual lessons. This number is one-on-one instructions not golf clinics. Each lesson is one hour. The other 10% of my time is giving free swing analysis to new members at Traditions. With a core base of my lessons living in Cincinnati Ohio, I saw a decrease in this base of my individual instruction by 20%. This decrease was largely due to the construction/closing of the Brent Spence Bridge from July to October.

Teaching is a passion for me. There is not one way to teach a player. I try to understand what the player wants to achieve. Being truthful, realistic and creative helps me to be a better communicator with that person. What fits one player does not fit another. I try to help a player implement changes under good fundamentals of the golf swing.

And as we all know, there is more to swinging to playing golf. Playing lessons have become an essential part to my teaching. I need to see how my students are achieving/implementing their goals on the course. Depending on the student's time and my schedule, I want to see how the student is thinking around the golf course.

I liked to believe that I have all the answers in golf instruction, but I know better. Because of my many years in the golf industry, I have kept in contact with many instructors in the country. If I feel I need some help in finding a way to communicate a change or to get another drill, I pick up the phone or email that instructor for help.

My teaching performance on the sectional and national levels are almost difficult to achieve due to time issues. I work an average of 55 hours a week with employment obligations to Traditions. As I will travel to work with elite players and, sometimes tour players, this is done on my own time and expense.

4. Please briefly describe any unusual, innovative or special teaching programs the nominee has initiated or implemented.
5. Please list any instructional articles, videos and/or publications the nominee has written or contributed to.

I produced a video for our Clubster app for our membership at Traditions. The video was on timing and sequencing of the swing by using something as simple as a towel.

6. Please list the names of outstanding golfers the nominee has instructed.

Martha Leach, 2009 USGA Mid Am champion & 2015 member of the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame, 2016 and 2017 KY female golfer of the year; Brad Wilder, 2015 USGA Mid Am semi-finalist; Hollis Stacy, LPGA champion, 3-time USGA Women's Open champion and 2012 World Golf Hall of Fame member; Fred Funk, PGA champion and 2009 USGA Senior champion; Gene Sauers, 5-time PGA champion and 2-time finalist in the Charles Schwab Cup. The following names are individuals who I instructed, and they played in USGA championships in 2017. They are Tara Joy Connelly, Lynn Thompson, Caryn Wilson, Jim Volpenhein, Martha Leach, and Brad Wilder. Two students play golf in Division I colleges: two students play D-II college and 1 student plays D-III.

7. Please describe the nominee's involvement in growing the game of golf through juniors, women, minorities, seniors and the disabled. I work diligently with junior golfers, women golfers and senior golfers but I feel that my strength through instructions is keeping people interested in the game. If I can keep members/clients interested in their golf games and teach them how to correct issues with their swings, I feel that this involvement keeps people in golf which helps the economy of Traditions Golf Club and/or other golf clubs.

7. Please list any Section or National awards the nominee has received

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| National Event | Date of Participation |
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| PGA Teaching and Coaching Summitt Orlando | Jan 2017, 2013 and 2011 |
| Boditrak Certification | April 2017 |
| PGA Teaching and Coaching certification | May 2017 |
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2. Please list all Section Teaching Workshops, Seminars and PGA Teaching & Coaching Summits attended or conducted within the last five years.

| National Event | Date of Participation | Section |
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| v-1 workshop -orlando | Jan 2017 | |
| | March 2017 | Ky Teaching summit with Joe Mayo Keene Run |
| Player Development workshop Louisville | Nov 2016 | |
| | Oct 2016 | Charlie King workshop at ECU |

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| | Sept 2016 | Day of Learning with Jon Sinclair |
| workshop | | |
| | Feb 2016 | Ky Teaching summitt at Keene Run |
| | Feb 2016 | Spsring meeting With James Sieckmann |
| | Jan 2016 | Conducted workshop for Pro 2 Pro at Uk Golf House |
| | May 2015 | Flightscope Certification |

3. Please describe the nominee's overall performance in teaching at the facility, Section and National level.

With over fifteen years of teaching at Man O'War Golf I have been involved with all levels of instruction. My main focus lately has been on junior golfers who are active in tournaments. These juniors play on the local, regional and national level. Many of these kids are working hard to be able to play at the next level. During the season, I conduct the ladies clinics. Get GOLF Ready. A big improvement to my teaching in 2017 has been using boditrak for my students. This shows them the proper balance in their feet as well as the correct sequencing pressure shift in the swing . It is very eye opening to the students.

4. Please briefly describe any unusual, innovative or special teaching programs the nominee has initiated or implemented.

Since 2009, I have conducted the UK class for golf. The class allows the UK student the opportunity to learn golf and recognize the importance of golf and how it will help them in the future. Over two hundred and fifty kids have taken the class.

5. Please list any instructional articles, videos and/or publications the nominee has written or contributed to.

Over the past few years Man O' War and myself have released videos on YouTube covering different subjects of the golf swing.

I spend time advising juniors and their parents on tournaments and the level of competition appropriate for that child. This leads to the parents wanting to know what chances their child have in playing college golf. To help answer these questions, I have developed a handbook that helps parents and students know the necessary steps to take when thinking about playing at the next level.

6. Please list the names of outstanding golfers the nominee has instructed.

I have been fortunate to have had a number of gifted players in my 30 years of teaching. My first successful player is Keith Ohr. Recently, several of my players have found success in winning tournaments. Hannahbeth Owens has won the Marion Miley and her first college tournament in 2017. Bailey Hubbard won a number of high school events, as well as the past Miss Ky Golf award, which has lead to her signing with ECU. MacKenize Neal has won high school events as well as local junior events. She is a three All state Team member. Rebekah Upchurch was a Hurricane junior tour winner in 2017. So many of my juniors have reached their goal of playing college golf.

7. Please describe the nominee's involvement in growing the game of golf through juniors, women, minorities, seniors and the disabled.

I have participated in two "Kroger FamilyFun Zone" events. These events introduce golf to the a wide range of people. It was a great way to expose golf to a whole new group of people.

Man O' War has hosted 2016 and 2017 local drive,chip and putt site. This has allowed me the chance to help with the event and cheer on the kids to go to the next level.

Being a good teacher is about caring that your student will improve.

8. Please list any Section or National awards the nominee has received

| Award | Year Received | Section |
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| Ky Teacher of the Year | 1996 | Kentucky |
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| National Event | Date of Participation |
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| PGA Instruction Certification | 2008 |
| TPI Certified Instructor | 2014 |
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| National Event | Date of Participation | Section |
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| KY Section Summits | 2013-2017 | Kentucky |
| IN Section Summit | 2014 | Indiana |
| Numerous PGA Show Clinics, Forums & Workshops | 2013-2016 | Orlando, FL |
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3. Please describe the nominee's overall performance in teaching at the facility, Section and National level.

Teaching has always been my passion as a PGA Professional, both as an Assistant Golf Professional and head Golf Professional, and is the reason that I left my former position to become the Director of Instruction at The Golf Academy at Persimmon Ridge. I have always prided myself to stay in the current loop of modern day instruction and continue to look forward to educating myself more so that I can better assist others with their golf game.

4. Please briefly describe any unusual, innovative or special teaching programs the nominee has initiated or implemented.

My position as the DOI allows me to implement programs and training sessions for golfers at every level. We have focused on building our academy on middle school aged kids through programs with both Oldham and Jefferson County public schools as well as our involvement with local catholic schools during their respected golf seasons. All of our programs, whether for the advance junior or intermediate player, are definitely unusual, innovative and special.

5. Please list any instructional articles, videos and/or publications the nominee has written or contributed to.

I have always contributed to local media outlets and publications with both golf instructional tips and general golf happenings throughout the years. Currently, I have focused on providing that golf information through our Academy and can easily be found on our numerous social media platforms.

6. Please list the names of outstanding golfers the nominee has instructed.

James Inman - Junior at Bellarmine University
2015 KY High School First Team All-State Selection
2016 Conference Rookie of the Year
2017 GLVC Conference Champion

Robbie Keyes - Freshman at Xavier University
2016 KY High School First Team All-State Selection
2017 Top 20 at Southern Junior Amateur (Low Kentucky Participant)
Qualified for every college tournament his Freshman fall season at XU
Michael Sass - Sophomore at College of Charleston
2014 KGA Junior Player of the Year
2013, 2014 & 2015 KY High School First Team All-State Selection

Qualified for every college tournament both his freshman & sophomore season at C of C.

2017 Conference Rookie of the Year

2017 Top 15 at NCAA Super Regional's played at University of Texas home course.

Numerous TGA student-athletes that have consistently won on every junior tournament level both locally and nationally throughout the 2017 golf season.

7. Please describe the nominee's involvement in growing the game of golf through juniors, women, minorities, seniors and the disabled.

That is what I do.

8. Please list any Section or National awards the nominee has received

| Award | Year Received | Section |
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| Assistant Golf Professional of the Year | 1998 | KY |
| Junior Golf Leader - Assistant In Charge of Program while at Charlie Vettiner under Carl Owen, PGA | 1996 | KY |
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| National Event | Date of Participation |
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| PGA T&C Summit | January 2014 |
| U.S. Kids Certified Instructor Seminar | January 2014 |
| Bioswing Dynamics Certification Seminar | January 2014 |
| Trackman North American Users Conference | November 2014, November 2015 |
| K-Vest Level 1 Certification Seminar | February 2014 |
| K-Vest Level 2 Certification Seminar | May 2014 |
| K-Vest Level 3 Certification Seminar | November 2014 |

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| SAM Puttlab Level 1 Certification Seminar | January 2016 |
| SAM Puttlab Level 2 Certification Seminar | June 2016 |
| SAM Puttlab Level 3 Certification Seminar | January 2017 |
| Swing Catalyst Level 2 Instructor Certification Seminar | January 2016 |
| Golf Teaching Professionals Open Forum | January 2013-2017 |
| Proponent Group Education Seminars | January 2016-2017 |

2. Please list all Section Teaching Workshops, Seminars and PGA Teaching & Coaching Summits attended or conducted within the last five years.

| National Event | Date of Participation | Section |
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| KPGA Spring Teaching Summit | March 2016 | Kentucky |
| KPGA Spring Teaching Summit | March 2017 | Kentucky |
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3. Please describe the nominee's overall performance in teaching at the facility, Section and National level.

I began my teaching career in 2012 as an independent contractor with no client base and space on the practice tee to teach. In 6 years as a golf instructor, I founded the Stephens Golf Academy, which annually conducts over 3000 private golf lessons as well as group instruction programs, PGA Junior League, and USGA-LPGA Girls Golf programs. I also designed, funded, and oversaw the construction of two state of the art teaching buildings at our academy. From January 1, 2015 to today (December 14, 2017), I've taught 4,180 private golf lessons to golfers of all ages and abilities. The number of golf lessons taught at my facility (The Golf Ranch in Burlington, KY) has tripled since our academy took over teaching operations in 2015.

During my 6 years as a golf instructor, I've attended several national teaching seminars and summits and have received advanced teaching certifications from US Kids Golf, Trackman, K-Vest, and SAM Puttlab, among others. In that time I've also completed the Professional Golf Management Program and am scheduled to be elected to PGA membership on January 3, 2018. I also served as the Assistant Men's Golf coach for the University of Cincinnati from 2012-2015, where the team moved from outside the top 250 in the Golfstat national rankings to 89th in 2015.

I'm fortunate enough to specialize in the teaching of competitive junior and college golfers, as well as professional golfers ranging from mini tour to PGA/Champions Tour. Currently I teach 6 players on the Northern Kentucky University Men's golf team, as well players at Eastern Kentucky University, the University of Cincinnati, Xavier University, and Thomas More College. However, some of my biggest success stories have been recreational golfers that have dropped their handicaps 10 strokes during our time together.

4. Please briefly describe any unusual, innovative or special teaching programs the nominee has initiated or implemented.

In 2015, I implemented the "Junior Elite" program for aspiring college golfers. The goal of the program was to provide a team-like atmosphere for hard working and passionate junior golfers who desire to play at the next level. The program consists of private lessons, on course lessons, tournament scheduling, physical fitness, and college recruiting assistance. The program is limited to 8 golfers and consists of players ages 12-18. 3 graduates of the program have gone on to play Division 1 college golf and 1 player entered Eastern Kentucky University's PGM program as recently passed his PAT. Tragically, one of my junior elite members lost their father to suicide in November. He is currently committed to play golf at Thomas More College. His family can no longer afford golf instruction, but I have committed to finish our work together and have donated my time to him for the rest of his high school career.

5. Please list any instructional articles, videos and/or publications the nominee has written or contributed to.

I currently have small presence on youtube with 266 subscribers to our Academy channel. My most popular video, 'Causes and Fixes for a Negative Attack Angle', currently has over 17,000 views. My goals are to expand my youtube presence in the coming year.

6. Please list the names of outstanding golfers the nominee has instructed.

- Steve Flesch- PGA Tour/Champions Tour Player (putting)
- Rylan Wotherspoon- #1 Ranked Player in KY in 2022 Class
- Justin Gabbard- #5 Ranked Player in KY in 2021 Class
- Cody Martin- Sunshine Tour Player (putting)
- Emerson Newsome- PGA Tour Canada member
- Joel Craft- 2017 U.S. Kids World Championship Qualifier
- Austin Squires- 2017 NCAA Regional Tournament Qualifier (putting)
- Jacob Poore- NKU player w/ lowest season scoring average since in NKU Division 1 history
- Jackson Frame- NKU player, scoring average improved 3.7 strokes since we started working together
- Ryan Clements- 2 time NKY High school player of the year and future University of Dayton golfer (putting)

7. Please describe the nominee's involvement in growing the game of golf through juniors, women, minorities, seniors and the disabled.

I captain one of the three PGA Junior League teams at our academy, where in 2017 in our first year of the program we had more than 30 participants. I assist in the organization and running of our academy's Ladies Golf 101 program each summer, which is designed to introduce ladies to the game of golf. We currently have 12-20 participants in that program. Our academy supports the Folds of Honor. On veterans day, we gave our students the option to donate to the Folds of Honor, and every dollar they donated would be deducted from the price of their next lesson.

8. Please list any Section or National awards the nominee has received

This is my first nomination for an award, and I'm extremely honored to have been nominated. Thank you.

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2018 KPGA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION

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1. Please list all National Teaching Workshops, Seminars and National PGA Teaching & Coaching Summits attended or conducted within the last five years. Also, if Certified in Instruction through the PGA Certified Professional Program, list the date Certification was obtained.

- 2013 TPI Level 1 Certification Program
- 2014 US Kids Golf Certification Program
- 2014 Trackman North American Users Conference
- 2014 Teaching & Coaching Summit
- 2015 KVEST Level 1 Certification
- 2016 KVEST Level 2 & 3 Certification
- 2016 & 2017 Open Forum @ PGA Show

2. Please list all Section Teaching Workshops, Seminars and PGA Teaching & Coaching Summits attended or conducted within the last five years.

- 2014-2015 Teaching & Coaching Summit Southern Ohio Section
- KPGA Teaching & Coaching Summit 2016 & 2017
- 2017 Biomechanics Teaching Seminar with Joseph Mayo, Chris Como, & Sasho MacKenzie
- 2017 Education Seminar with David Orr and HP Golf Academy

3. Please describe the nominee's overall performance in teaching at the facility, Section and National level.

-From 2016-2017 my lesson business has doubled from 700 lessons-1400 lessons, and Girls 18 and under comprise just over 70% of my individual lessons throughout the year. Many of these girls have gone from just starting the game two years ago, to now having a long-term goal of playing golf at the collegiate level.

-In 2017, I taught a total of 1,370 Individual Lessons. This total does not include those that participated in our Player Development Programs at the Academy.

-In 2014, 2015, and 2016 Recognized as a U.S. Kids Top 50 Instructor Honorable Mention

4. Please briefly describe any unusual, innovative or special teaching programs the nominee has initiated or implemented.

Approximately 70% of my teaching business is done through Monthly Lesson Memberships. I offer Three Lesson Membership Categories to students.

1. **Committed Player Program --** This Lesson Membership is available to Adults and Juniors. Included is one lesson per calendar month, with a minimum of a 1 year commitment required. CPP Members also receive additional incentives on our Practice Zone (Winter Simulator), as well as a special lower rate on additional lessons
2. **Girls Elite Membership—**This program is exclusively for Girls 18 & Under with aspirations to play golf after High School. This program includes three individual lessons per month, as well as additional group instruction and on course instruction from me. I currently have 9 Girls in this Program.
3. **Pee Wee Player Development Program –** This Lesson Membership is designed for Kids 7-13 that want to improve their golf skills, but aren't quite ready for their lessons to be 45 Minutes in length. Member of this program receive two 30 minute lessons per month with a 12 month commitment.

5. Please list any instructional articles, videos and/or publications the nominee has written or contributed to

At this time, no articles or videos have been published.

I do provide "Instagram stories" during various lessons on our Academy Instagram Page at @StephensGolfAcademy.

I have also gone "Facebook Live" on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stephensgolfacademy/>

6. Please list the names of outstanding golfers the nominee has instructed.

Caitlyn Richardson- Girls 13-18 Division Champion GCG 1905 Tour

2017 GCGA Junior Met Girls Division Runner-Up

Shot a 75 at regionals (career best) to get High School Team (Ryle) to State. Team finished in 3rd place at State Tournament.

Macy Luebbers- First Team GGCL (Greater Girls Catholic League- Cincinnati)

GCGA @ Miami Whitewater Girls 13-18 Division Champion

Lauren Abner- First Place KPGA Junior Tour Event @ Summit Hills CC

Zoe Luebbers- 1st Place GCGA Metropolitan Mixed Championship

Made PGA Junior League All-Star Post Season Team (Team Finished Runner Up at State)

Clare Hooper- First Place in KPGA Middle School Regional Championship Girls Division at Kenton County.

Third Place Finish at the KPGA Middle School Championship @ Quail Chase

Made PGA Junior League All-Star Post Season Team (Team Finished Runner Up at State)

Reagan Ramage- Advanced to Drive, Chip, and Putt Regional for the second year in a row. This year was held at Muirfield Village Golf Club

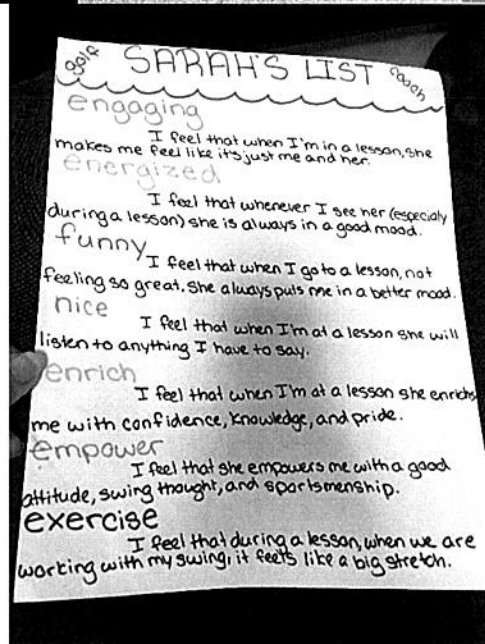
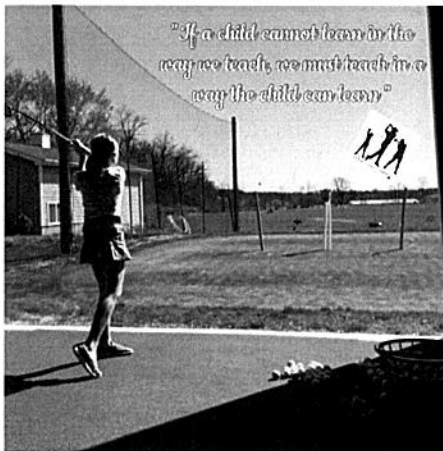
Abby Todd- Second Place in KPGA Middle School Regional Championship Girls Division at Kenton County.

Marcus Lynch- 7-9 Boys Division Champion GCGA @ Elks Run & GCGA & Boone Links

Jenna Day- Girls 7-9 Division Runner- Up GCGA @ Maysville CC

7. Please describe the nominee's involvement in growing the game of golf through juniors, women, minorities, seniors and the disabled.

- Approximately 70% of my Individual Lessons are with Girls 18 & Under.
- My Girls Golf of Northern Kentucky grew program from 9 girls to 37 girls from 2016-2017
- 2017 was our first year offering PGA Junior League, 31 kids participated across three teams, which became one of the largest in the state
- From December 2016-March 2017 Volunteered time to teach Golf In School to 48 4th and 5th grade classes in Boone County, KY. This program got a club in the hands of over 1,250 kids in Northern Kentucky.
- December 2017, Volunteered time to teach Golf In School to 10 2nd & 3rd Grade Classes in Boone County, KY. This got a club in the hands of approximately 250 kids in Northern Kentucky.
- 2016- Provided a putting demo at the EWGA Cincinnati Chapter Women's Tee Off Brunch
- 2016 & 2017- Provided a 2 hour clinic to 24 women at the Chamber Of Commerce Women's Initiative Golf Outing
- 2016 Guest Speaker at the Grant County High School Golf Team's End Of Season Banquet
- In 2015 & 2016 Served as guest teaching instructor for The First Tee's Summer LPGA USGA Girl's Golf Program at Reeves Golf Course
- Coached the St Ursula Girls Varsity Golf Team from 2015-2017.



8. Please list any Section or National awards the nominee has received

| Award | Year Received | Section |
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| US Kids Golf Top 50 Honorable Mention | 2014, 2015, 2016 | |
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2018 KPGA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION

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1. Please list all National Teaching Workshops, Seminars and National PGA Teaching & Coaching Summits attended or conducted within the last five years. Also, if Certified in Instruction through the PGA Certified Professional Program, list the date Certification was obtained.

| National Event | Date of Participation |
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| BioSwing Dynamics Certification | Fall 2013 |
| US Kids Certification | 2015 |
| PGA Certified Teaching & Coaching | 2017 |
| BioMechanics of Golf Certification | 2017 |
| SAM Putt Lab Certification | 2017 |
| Vision 54 Be A Player/Coaching for the Future | Winter 2017/2018 |

2. Please list all Section Teaching Workshops, Seminars and PGA Teaching & Coaching Summits attended or conducted within the last five years.

| National Event | Date of Participation | Section |
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| | Spring 2017 | HP Academy |
| | Fall 2016 | HP Academy |

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| | Fall 2015 | Nicole Weller |
| | Spring 2015 | HP Golf Academy |
| | Spring 2014 | Man O' War |
| | Summer 2014 | Brian Manzella |

3. Please describe the nominee's overall performance in teaching at the facility, Section and National level.

As Director of Player Development at The Golf Academy @ Persimmon Ridge, my responsibilities include introducing new golfers to the game, continuing to help established golfers improve, and always looking for new ways to make the game easier for our players. In the Kentucky Section, I strive to be a positive role model by conducting myself in a professional manner, being a constant face at educational opportunities, and encouraging assistants, apprentices, and PGM students to reach out for learning opportunities.

Thanks to Persimmon Ridge and our year old training facility, I have the ability to teach 12 months a year. In the summer, we stay busy with 3-5 week-long PGA Junior Golf Camps where we host up to 20 juniors a week for half/full day instruction. In 2016 & 2017 we coached St. Patrick's MS team which included more than 90 players/year, hosted a MS developmental weekly clinic for more than 40 players, fielded 3 PGA Junior League Teams, conducted weekly Saturday Junior clinics at Persimmon Ridge and King Louie's Sports Complex, worked with about a dozen college athletes, and have grown to nearly 100 middle school and high school golfers that we see weekly for group training and individual instruction.

I am always looking for ways to improve and be the best possible coach for our players. To me, this includes both growth and learning in the field of golf and also personal growth. On the side of golf, I have traveled to New Jersey to achieve a certification in BioSwing Dynamics under the tutelage of Mike Adams, spent a weekend in Richmond, VA shadowing the junior golf program at Independence Golf Club, one that sees over 3,000 juniors each year, gone through multiple online certification programs, completed the Vision 54 "Be A Player" program, and am enrolled in Lynn and Pia's Coaching for the Future training in early February. Personally, the greatest personal challenge I have found is Ryan Moran's 10 Day Challenge. Completing this has led to my desire to continue to learn more about myself and how I can best serve others. I have found that audiobooks and podcasts from mental coaches/life

strategists like Tim Ferris, Tony Robbins, Dr. Bhrett McCabe, Dr. Robb Bell, and many more have improved my coaching as much as, if not more than, golf specific learning.

Every Spring, I volunteer at the Louisville Golf Expo PGA Free Lesson booth and speaks on the main stage as a keynote speaker. I continue to reach out to fellow PGA Professionals for guidance and education in order to provide my students the best possible product I can offer.

4. Please briefly describe any unusual, innovative or special teaching programs the nominee has initiated or implemented.

I have implemented the following programs at Persimmon Ridge:

- The Littlest Golfer (Juniors ages 3-5)
- Weekly Junior Clinics (ages 6-13)
- MS/HS Player Program
- Vision 54 Training (4 hour clinic)
- 1-week long Junior Camps
- Supervised Practice- 1 ½ hours a week where each student would receive Colby's "Perfect Practice" program and work together in a group practice session.
- Course Management Clinics
- AimPoint Green Reading Clinics
- Short Game Golf Schools
- TrackMan yardage gapping sessions- 1-2 hours of hitting balls on TrackMan with each club. Clubs would be altered/fit as needed to create the desired carry yardages for each club.
- SAM Putt Lab sessions- Students would go through an initial measurement and extended training using SAM Putt Lab.

By far the most innovative and effective program we have created is our Committed/Elite program which includes weekly group practices and individual training. Due to its nature as a yearlong program, we are able to tailor the practice schedule to fit the time of year. In the off season (October-January) we focus on club head speed, body pivots, drivers, and TrackMan education. Our juniors have averaged an increase of 2 mph/month utilizing our speed training routine. As we get closer to the season, we transition into wedges and putting as well as starting to focus on course management techniques and Vision 54 training. Once back outside, we get into tournament/practice routines, tons of short game, on course training, and dispersions. Once in tournament season, the foundation is set and our focus shifts to making sure all of our players are tournament ready while making minor adjustments to fundamentals as needed but staying focused on short

game, course management, process, and feel. In 2017 players from this program combined for more than 60 tournament wins and over 100 top 5 finishes.

In the summer of 2017 I began using dispersions to help our high school and college players manage their tee shots for tournament rounds. I would use TrackMan to get a players dispersions and carry distances and create a course map for them using Google Earth. This would give players a start line and club selection based on their dispersions and tendencies for each tee shot they would play. In the Fall of 2017, I made course maps for players at St. Xavier, Trinity, KCD, Floyd Central, University of Kentucky, Indiana University, Dayton, Cincinnati, Moorhead State, Ball State and Bellarmine. Players using the course maps averaged 2-3 more fairways a round and more importantly dropped their scoring average by 1-2 strokes a round. Cooper Musselman used the course maps for this entire season at UK including an individual win at Crooked Stick which propelled him to #33 in the country.

5. Please list any instructional articles, videos and/or publications the nominee has written or contributed to.

I have written semi-monthly articles for Southern Gaming Magazine of Indiana as well as shooting 3-5 instructional videos a year with Inside Kentucky Golf. In the Spring of 2015, I published "Learn to Play Golf: A quick and easy guide, from tee to green" on Amazon Kindle.

6. Please list the names of outstanding golfers the nominee has instructed.

Cooper Musselman (UK), Hayden Zimmerer (Dayton), Clay Amlung (UC), St. Xavier golf team, Evan Bone, Frankie Morgan, Macie Brown, Griffin Barke, Drew Wallace, Peyton Bonny.

7. Please describe the nominee's involvement in growing the game of golf through juniors, women, minorities, seniors and the disabled.

I have served on the Player Development Committee for 4 years including chairing the committee for 2 years. The following are programs that we have implemented to continue to grow the game.

Get Golf Ready/Beginning Ladies Clinics- Our GGR program has transformed into weekly beginning ladies clinics for those that wanted to continue playing after the 5 week program.

Golf in Schools- Last Winter/Spring, I visited 6 different elementary schools with his Golf in Schools Program. He visited each school for 1-2 weeks with the attempt of seeing every student (K-6th grade) at least once. Since its inception Colby has reached over 3,000 kids.

Drive, Chip, and Putt- To coincide with the national program, I started a DCP Training series at Persimmon Ridge to help prepare his juniors for their competition. In its second year, the program reached over 20 juniors. 8 juniors made it through the local qualifying stage.

PGA Junior League Golf- In its third season at Persimmon Ridge, PGA JLG boasted 56 participants. Colby was able to create 3 travel teams and 1 practice team out of the juniors that participated. The practice team consisted of 8-10 juniors that were new to the game. They would practice with the travel teams weekly and competed in their own matches at the end of the season. The season kicked off with a very successful "Fun Night" which included SNAG Baseball, BirdieBall Golf (with the inflatables of course!) It concluded with much of the same: inflatables, SNAG Baseball, and an awards banquet.

Junior Camps- In 2017 Colby directed the following Junior Camps:

PGA Junior Golf Camps- 3 camps conducted reaching 50 juniors. Camps ran Monday-Friday and juniors had the choice to participate in either a half day or full day camp.

Weekly Junior Camps- We conduct weekly one-day junior camps year round. These camps totaled over 200 students taught.

EWGA Clinics- In 2017, Colby offered 2x 5-week clinic series' for the EWGA with a total of 12 women participants.

Louisville Golf Expo- I volunteer yearly at the KPGA Free Lesson booth at the Spring Golf Expo as well as speak on the main stage.

St. Patrick Middle School Team- In 2016 & 2017, we took over the Middle School team at St. Patrick School. Thea team consisted of 150 juniors that would meet twice a week during the season. I coordinated with 6-8 other coaches working on athletic development, short game skills, on course learning, full swing, and of course fun games weekly.

The Littlest Golfer- The Littlest golfer consisted of a group of golfers ages 3-5. The program utilized the book "Let's Play Golf" by Nicole Weller and The Littlest Golfer sets were provided to those that did not have their own clubs. I am a certified "Little Golf Train Conductor" which specialized in working with kids in this age range.

Juvenile Detention Center- I began visiting a local juvenile detention center with SNAG equipment in the winter of 2016. The goal is to provide an incentive for the kids to set goals and stay focused on getting their work done. I print out a goals sheet for each participant. In order to get to do golf the next week, they had to come up with a list of goals as well as steps to achieve them. They also needed to get all of their work done and be on good behavior. 100% of the juniors still at the facility the following weeks succeeded in both of these areas.

Semper Fi- In 2017 I spent 2 days working with wounded veterans through a golf school offered to them at U of L Golf Club. I have also been through the PGA Hope certification.

8. Please list any Section or National awards the nominee has received

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| Youth Player Development | 2016, 2017 | Kentucky |
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2018 KPGA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION

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1. Please list all National Teaching Workshops, Seminars and National PGA Teaching & Coaching Summits attended or conducted within the last five years. Also, if Certified in Instruction through the PGA Certified Professional Program, list the date Certification was obtained.

| National Event | Date of Participation |
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| 2013 PGA Teaching Coaching Summit | January 2013 |
| Proponent Group Fall Teaching Summit @ Talking Stick | October 2013 |
| Brian Manzella Trackman Seminar at Valhalla | August 2013 |
| One day teaching seminar at Mike Bender's Academy in Lake Mary, FL | January 2013 |
| One day teaching seminar at Mike Bender's Academy in Lake Mary, FL | January 2014 |
| Two Day Athlete Nation Coaching Combine in Nashville, TN | October 2014 |
| Proponent Group Fall Teaching Summit in Lake Mary, Florida | November 2014 |
| 2015 PGA Teaching and | January 2015 |

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| Coaching Summit | |
| Proponent Group Fall Teaching Summit in Dallas, TX | November 2015 |
| Andrew Rice's Coach Camp in Hilton Head, SC | February 2016 |
| Proponent Group Fall Teaching Summit in Scottsdale, AZ | October 2016 |
| WGCA Convention in Las Vegas, NV | December 2017 |
| PGA Magazine TOY Conference in Pinehurst, NC | December 2017 |
| Proponent Group Summit in Orlando, Florida | November 2017 |

2. Please list all Section Teaching Workshops, Seminars and PGA Teaching & Coaching Summits attended or conducted within the last five years.

| National Event | Date of Participation | Section |
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| Andrew Rice Wedge School at Champion Trace | May 2014 | Kentucky |
| Andrew Rice Driver Project at Keene Trace | May 2015 | Kentucky |
| Day of Learning at HP Golf Academy | March 2016 | Kentucky |
| Mental Toughness Seminar w/ Dr. Rob Bell | May 2016 | Kentucky |
| David Orr at HP Golf Academy | November 2017 | Kentucky |

3. Please describe the nominee's overall performance in teaching at the facility, Section and National level.

My teaching career began in 2005 at Man O' War Golf working with their junior golf program. I became a full time instructor in 2008 and in 2010 became their Junior Golf Director. Although my main focus was on junior golf, I was instructing golfers of all ages and skill levels both individually and in group lessons. At my time at Man O' War Golf we were one of the first facilities to utilize the Titleist Performance Institute and the Get Golf Ready Program from the PGA.

In 2011 I left Man O' War to help Larry Ward build the High Performance Golf Academy at Keene Trace Golf Club where I became co-owner in 2012. In 2016 alone I will have given over 1200 hours of golf instruction. The rest of my time has been spent doing research, writing, or whatever else I can think of to become a better golf instructor.

At the High Performance Golf Academy I'm able to work with elite players as well as beginner golfers. After 11 total years of teaching I am starting to see some of my players that I began working with when they were very young start to get scholarship offers to play golf in college.

In 2015 we became one of the first Golf Channel Academies in the country and 1 of only 2 in the state of Kentucky. With the name recognition of NBC and the Golf Channel we are able to reach more potential golfers than ever before.

Another component to my instruction is that I am currently a Titleist, Ping, and True Temper certified club fitter and have conducted over 1,350 club fittings in my career. I believe it is very valuable as an instructor to be knowledgeable about equipment and club fitting since I know my student's swings and would be best suited to fit them.

I am currently the only K-Vest Level 2 certified instructor in the section. My other certifications include SeeMore Putting Institute Certified Instructor, Eyeline Golf Certified Instructor, and Putting Zone Certified Instructor. In 2016 I became a Level 2 Sam Putt Lab Certified Instructor.

As a way to become more nationally known, I joined the SwingFix network of golf instructors in 2011. Swingfix is an online lesson platform that allows anyone to upload a golf swing, choose an instructor, and take a lesson. There are 43 instructors to choose from and I am currently the only one from the state of Kentucky. I have given online lessons to over 150 players during my time with SwingFix.

In 2014 I joined another online network of instructors called Athlete Nation, which provides a platform for branded online lessons. In 2014 and 2015 I have given over 200 online lessons to players from all over the country and am one of only two instructors from the state of Kentucky.

I was Head Golf Coach for the boys and girls golf teams at Sayre High School in Lexington, KY for 3 seasons.

I am now the Head Coach for the women's golf team at Transylvania University. In my first season we had 2 players finish 1st and 2nd in the

HCAC conference Championship. In my second season we won the HCAC conference championship and I was named the HCAC Coach of the Year.

In 2015 and 2017 Golf Digest Magazine recognized me as one of the top teachers in the state of Kentucky. In 2016 I was named as a Top Young Teacher in America by Golf Digest.

4. Please briefly describe any unusual, innovative or special teaching programs the nominee has initiated or implemented.

To make my instruction more affordable and available, I offer coaching packages that can be paid on a monthly fee. These packages allow me to charge students significantly less per lesson so I can increase the frequency I can work with them.

I use an online coaching platform called Edufii to stay in contact with my students after the lesson is over. I can share lesson notes, swing videos, tips, and other resources with them at anytime. It also allows me to send mass message broadcast to all or segments of my client base for improved communication.

In 2014 I began using Shot By Shot which is an online stat tracking service that analyzes rounds of golf in ways similar to what the PGA Tour does to measure Strokes Gained. This has given me more insight into what my players are going through and made our time together more efficient by spending time working on problem areas.

Edufii and Shot By Shot are included in all of my coaching packages.

A big part of my summer programs involves getting to junior tour events and observing them in action. This has also become a great way for me to talk to parents and help them understand what to expect from their junior golfer.

With the use of technology like a high-speed camera, iPad, and a collection of training aids, my golf instruction is portable. I have visited schools, and several golf teams at their facilities throughout the Kentucky Section bringing my instruction to them.

Using video software, Trackman launch monitor technology, and both standard and high definition cameras, I feel that I can offer my students

the very best lesson experience possible. Having an indoor/outdoor facility also allows me to continue my instruction during the winter months.

The use of 3D motion technology from K-Vest has been the biggest improvement to my instruction in my career. Having that technology readily available for all of my students has given me the ability to help them in ways I never thought possible. Combining what I learn from K-Vest and the information I receive from TPI evaluations, I feel I can help my students more than ever.

In 2015 I added Sam Putt Lab to my offerings and have already conducted over 100 sessions. Adding this new technology is also allowing me to be more thorough in putter fitting as well as helping me do more research to improve how I teach putting. I am currently a Level 3 Sam Putt Lab Certified Instructor.

In 2012 I began implementing the PGA Sports Academy into the summer camp program at Keene Trace Golf Club. We have seen steady growth each year in our junior camp program.

5. Please list any instructional articles, videos and/or publications the nominee has written or contributed to.

From 2012 - 2014 I was a weekly contributor to the Golf Channel's website and their Golf Instruction Blog. At the conclusion of each week's PGA Tour Event, I wrote an instruction article connected to how the winner performed.

I've also had instruction articles published in LexScene Magazine and the Danville Advocate Messenger. I've also contributed articles and videos to the Kentucky Golf Insider Newsletter.

My golf instruction articles have also been published on the Golf Channel's Swing Fix Instruction Blog, as well as SwingFix's Instruction Blog.

In addition to writing these articles I also manage my own golf instruction blog, <http://tyrusyork.com>. I not only write about golf instruction, but PGA Tour news, results in college and high school golf, and anything else pertaining to the world of golf. I also incorporate social media to increase exposure for my website and articles.

In the summer of 2013 our facility at Keene Trace Golf Club was featured on Inside Kentucky Golf. I also filmed a golf tip for the show that has been aired several times.

I have also utilized YouTube and Periscope to publish other golf tip videos.

In 2016 I began contributing instruction articles to The Golf Warehouse and their email marketing campaigns that are sent to millions of golfers around the world.

6. Please list the names of outstanding golfers the nominee has instructed.

Korey Philpot, Transylvania University
Sarah Black, Morehead State University
Ryan Gevedon, Pikeville College
Jack Bergstrom, Belmont University
Shawn Tipton, Tour Player
Jake McLeod, Asbury
Ben Highland, Asbury
Brennen Walton, Lindsey Wilson
B.J. Knox, Campbellsville University
Joe Muschong, Morehead State
Henry Lane, Lafayette
Jenna Soderling, Transylvania University
Meredith Moir, Transylvania University
Kyle Souleyrette, Union University

7. Please describe the nominee's involvement in growing the game of golf through juniors, women, minorities, seniors and the disabled.

Junior golf has been a passion of mine from the beginning of my career. In our programs at Man O' War Golf I've had the opportunity to work with hundreds of different junior golfers. Currently I am working to grow the game at our academy by incorporating the PGA Sports Academy into our junior golf camps.

I've offered Get Golf Ready and ladies only clinics and have also volunteered time working with the Special Olympics in the Lexington area.

In 2014 I began serving on the Player Development committee in the Kentucky Section.

I have volunteered to teach golf in PE class at Sayre School during the spring. I've been able to work with around 75 kids in 3 different grades. In the past I have volunteered to teach golf in PE classes at other local public schools in Lexington.

8. Please list any Section or National awards the nominee has received

| Award | Year Received | Section |
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| Teacher of the Year | 2014 | Kentucky |
| Teacher of the Year | 2017 | Kentucky |
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