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Kentucky Section

2019 KPGA HORTON SMITH AWARD NOMINATION

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1. Please briefly describe the nominee's contributions to the National PGA education program over the past five years (indicate whether participation was on a voluntary or paid basis).
 - As a member of the faculty at Eastern Kentucky University, I teach courses each semester that involve the PGA of America education curriculum. I have taught approximately 500 PGA Students in PGA education courses including Rules of Golf, Tournament Operations, Golf Car Fleet Management, Golf Operations, Customer Relations, and Merchandise & Inventory Management over the last five years.
2. Please briefly describe the nominee's contributions to the educational programs in the PGA Sections (indicate whether participation was on a voluntary or paid basis).
 - At EKU, I am involved in the development of educational seminars, which are open to EKU PGM students and KPGA Professionals. Previous seminars have been conducted by Joe Hallett, PGA, Mike Bender, PGA, Michael Hebron, PGA, and Charlie King, PGA.

3. Please briefly describe the nominee's contributions toward development of articles or materials related to and benefiting education.
- In conjunction with my colleagues in ECU PGA Golf Management, I regularly provide study materials and work experience portfolio guidance to local and regional PGA Associates to help with progression toward PGA membership.
 - At the beginning of each high school golf season, I am involved with the Model School in Richmond, KY conducting a *Rules of Golf* seminar. Additionally, I have been involved with several local KHSAA events serving as a rules official.
 - Served as a member of the PGM University Online Education Task Force to develop an online delivery model for PGA Education.
4. Please briefly describe the contributions the nominee has made to build the image of both PGA Professionals and the Association.
- As a PGA Professional working primarily in education, it is my daily responsibility to promote the PGA of America brand and advocate for becoming PGA Professional. In the classroom, we routinely have discussions about the benefits of being a PGA member and the opportunities that the PGA of America offers its members.
 - The program as a whole invites PGA Professionals who work in a variety of capacities to come to campus and speak about the golf industry in hopes that it will be motivational for current students.
 - As a function of my position, I regularly meet potential students and families to promote ECU PGA Golf Management and becoming a PGA Professional on campus as well as in the region.
 - As a way to continue contributing to educational improvements, I have completed two PGA certifications (Golf Operations and Teaching & Coaching), an MBA from Eastern Kentucky University, and I am currently working on a Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky.

5. Please briefly describe how the nominee inspires fellow PGA Professionals and promotes the game of golf.
- One of the best parts of being involved with ECU PGA Golf Management is the ongoing relationships that I have with alumni. I am fortunate that many graduates keep in regular contact and seek advice about employment, educational opportunities, and life.
 - Along with fellow PGA Golf Management staff and students, I have been involved with conducting golf programs for participants in the Kentucky Adaptive Physical Education (KAPE) program, Get Golf Ready for ECU faculty and staff, and local qualifiers for Drive Chip and Putt.
6. Please list any Section or National awards the nominee has received

Award	Year Received	Section
NONE		

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1. Please briefly describe the nominee's contributions to the National PGA education program over the past five years (indicate whether participation was on a voluntary or paid basis).

I have not contributed to section or national educational efforts because I have not been asked to contribute on a paid or non-paid basis. I would if I was asked. However, I feel like I have contributed to international education through my use of Facebook golf instructor forums where I have alerted fellow instructors worldwide about scientific research on the golf swing.

2. Please briefly describe the nominee's contributions to the educational programs in the PGA Sections (indicate whether participation was on a voluntary or paid basis).

Same as above.

3. Please briefly describe the nominee's contributions toward development of articles or materials related to and benefiting education.

Again, I have made relationships with some of the smartest and innovative minds in the teaching business. My contribution has been to raise awareness of what these "smart guys" have uncovered in their academic research revolving around physics, engineering, and biomechanics. Slowly but surely, the scientific results have seeped out to mainstream instruction and instructors – which is a good thing. Concepts that were laughed at 10 years ago now have found a place in almost every lesson given. I am a small part of this, but I feel like I am a conduit to good information.

4. Please briefly describe the contributions the nominee has made to build the image of both PGA Professionals and the Association.

My contribution would be that I have helped fellow PGA members access information from academia. I have inspired PGA professionals to seek out good information as opposed to waiting around to be spoon fed by a seminar or conference..

5. Please briefly describe how the nominee inspires fellow PGA Professionals and promotes the game of golf.

I inspire them to take charge of their educational journey. Tons of great info is out there. It just takes a little effort to go out and get it.

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Horton Smith Award	2018	Kentucky

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1. Please briefly describe the nominee's contributions to the National PGA education program over the past five years (indicate whether participation was on a voluntary or paid basis).

I've been fortunate to serve on the Education Committee for the past two seasons working with my fellow PGA Professionals on what is the best education possible for the membership as a whole. It is with great pride that our committee spoke openly about the many different roles our state's PGA Professionals serve their membership and we have been able to offer a variety of topics at both our business meetings as well as extending into local Pro to Pro Workshops.

2. Please briefly describe the nominee's contributions to the educational programs in the PGA Sections (indicate whether participation was on a voluntary or paid basis).

As a member of the Education Committee I have volunteered to serve the membership in assisting with the educational opportunities to earn the needed MSR pints to maintain membership status.

3. Please briefly describe the nominee's contributions toward development of articles or materials related to and benefiting education.

Serving on the Education Committee has allowed me to assist with the development of our Spring & Fall Business Meetings, Teaching Summit & Pro to Pro Workshops offerings and the necessary material to support our mission. It has been a tremendous honor to do so and I continue to look forward to our commitment to our mission.

4. Please briefly describe the contributions the nominee has made to build the image of both PGA Professionals and the Association.

I have always had a passion for developing my team of apprentice professionals towards gaining membership (having 5 former cart staffers gain membership) with a purpose of giving back to the game and their fellow members.

5. Please briefly describe how the nominee inspires fellow PGA Professionals and promotes the game of golf.

I go to work everyday to get better and always look to inspire others around me to do so too. We are all very fortunate to be involved with the greatest game in sport and it is my goal to promote that simple fact to all that I can.

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Assistant Golf Professional of the Year	1998	KY

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