

# **“Empowering Lives of Our Youth Through the Game of Golf”**

**Est. 2011**

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# ABOUT

## “Empowering Lives of Our Youth Through the Game of Golf”

The Student Athlete Foundation, developed by College Golf Coaches and PGA Professionals, exists to be a resource for high school golfers with the desire to play college golf. We do this by providing:

- College Golf Scholarship Fund
- College Golf Showcase
- Mentorship & Life Skill
- Learning Center for Junior Golfers in the Community

### SAF ADVISORY BOARD:

**Chad Handley** – The Woodlands (TX) High School Golf Coach. Contributes to local junior golf by offering cost effective tournament opportunities through the Beltway 8 Tour

**Billy Weber** – United States Army Ranger. Billy has a passion for college athletics, being a former athlete at California Lutheran University

**JJ Wood** – Founder of The Student Athlete Foundation. 4 Year Letter Winner at Pepperdine University & University of Oklahoma. Coached NCAA at Rice University & University of Oklahoma

**RJ Wood** – student of Founder JJ Wood. Benefited from programs, achieving success as Arizona HS State Champion, Arizona Amateur of the Year, and most recently Arizona Open Professional Champion (2015)



# **2016 GOALS**

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- **Open 1<sup>st</sup> SAF Golf Learning Center**
- **Expand Scholarship Fund to Junior Golfers in Arizona and Oklahoma**
- **Increase Scholarship Fund for Texas Junior Golfers**
- **Hire First Full-Time Staff Member in order to grow the foundation**
  - Established in 2011, SAF has ONLY had volunteers and not a full time employee dedicated to growing the cause. Funds raised have gone directly to junior golf organizations and programs.
  - SAF understands that in order to grow, we need to raise funds to handle the day-to-day operations, programming and mentorship

# Houston – Atascocita Learning Center

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- Over recent years, Dallas-Fort Worth has been producing 9 to 1 collegiate scholarship golfers compared to Houston. We believe this is due to the lack of resources available to the youth of our community.
  - Houston has a number of “golf instructors” but lacks full development academies that encompass; mental training, skill training, college recruiting mentorship, peer groups to compete in practice.
    - Dallas has Jim McClean Academy, Jeff Isler Academy, Cameron McCormick.
  - SAF will utilize the Golf Performance Group player development model to ensure players are trained in every aspect to reach their potential.
- Golf Preserve of Atascocita will be the site of our first SAF Learning Center! The vision for the learning center is to be fully equipped with skill development training aids, elite golf coaches, and an area for mentorship and consultations.
- Access to the facility will be granted to local high school teams and players that are approved through the SAF program application process.

# COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

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- SAF would like to increase the financial assistance opportunities available to local junior golfers. NCAA Golf Scholarship restricts men to 4.5 scholarships per team, women to 6 scholarships per team.
- In 2015 SAF presented the first annual scholarship through the South Texas PGA. For 2016, we have committed to offering scholarships to the South Texas PGA, Beltway 8 Junior Tour. Our goal is to offer additional scholarships through the Junior Golf Association of Arizona and Oklahoma Junior Golf Association.

# COLLEGE GOLF SHOWCASE

## “Empowering Lives of Our Youth Through the Game of Golf”

SAF has partnered with junior golf organizations to offer exposure opportunities that are cost effective. Most junior golfers do not receive the proper education and exposure to get recruited for college golf. It is not due to lack of talent but rather educational and financial resources available to families and small college institutions.



- **Benefits of College Golf Showcase:**

- Affordable exposure opportunities
- Tournament experience to showcase their skills in front of college coaches
- Life skill development while communicating and networking with college coaches
- Education on the academic requirements of college golf student athletes

- **Sponsorships raised go towards:**

- Cost of travel for college coaches
- Food, shirts and recruiting materials for the kids
- Use of golf facility for the event
- Staff to run event

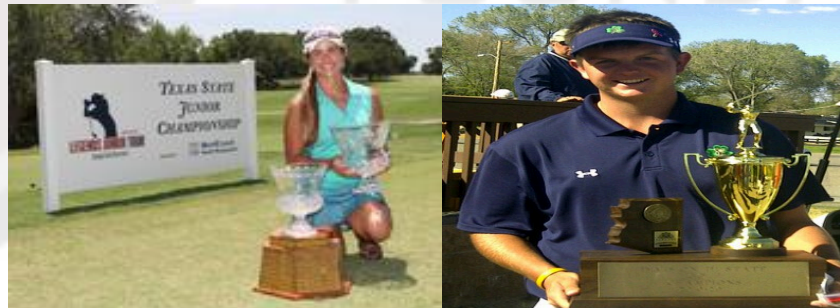
- **Past events:**

- 2012 Winter Golf Showcase
- 2013 Summer Golf Showcase
- 2013 “A Day with the PGA Tour Pro’s”
- 2014 Winter Golf Showcase
- 2015 College Golf Day

# Past & Present SAF Players

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- **Lakarebe Abe** – University of Alabama Women’s Golf, 2013 USGA Girls Jr. Runner-Up
- **Tezira Abe** – University of Texas Women’s Golf
- **Grady Bourguignon** – University of Arkansas, Little Rock
- **Mario Carmona** – Rice University, 2012 & 2013 Houson Golf Association Player of the Year
- **Annika Clark** – Texas Christian University, 2015 Texas State Women’s Amateur Champion, 2014 Texas State Junior Girls Champion
- **Valerie Routzong** – 2015 Texas State Junior Girls Champion



# SUPPORT SAF

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- SAF is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.
- Benefits:
  - Support your local community
  - Create Opportunities for Our Youth
  - Advertising on SAF website and materials (Donations of \$1,000 or higher receive name/logo)
- Sponsorship #1 – Learning Center Sponsor
- Sponsorship #2 – Scholarship Sponsor
- Sponsorship #3 – Showcase Sponsor
- Sponsorship #4 – Annual Fundraiser Sponsor