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LPGA FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2016 MARILYNN SMITH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., August 16, 2016 - The LPGA Foundation announced today the 30 high-school graduates selected to receive this year's Marilynn Smith Scholarship. Each candidate has demonstrated outstanding academic excellence, leadership skills and active involvement and service to her community while also fulfilling specific requirements for each scholarship award.

The Marilynn Smith Scholarship, named in honor of one of the LPGA's 13 founding members, is awarded to 30 high school seniors who plan to play collegiate golf while pursuing college degrees. Each of the 2016 recipients received \$5,000 scholarships

Marilynn Smith Scholarship Recipients

Abby Clark graduated from Westwood High School in Mesa, Ariz., where she was a three-time captain of the varsity golf team, the first chair flute for the Symphonic Honors Band, and a Fox Sports Arizona Student Citizen Athlete of the Month.

Clark plans to attend Avila University, where she will choose a major to pursue her passion of helping those in need.

Ali Brandt graduated from Wenatchee High School in Wenatchee, Wa., where she was co-captain of the swim and dive team, District Champion as a member of the golf team, and a recipient of the President's Education Award for Academic Excellence.

Brandt plans to attend Whitworth University, where she plans to major in biochemistry along the pre-med track with hopes to attend medical school.

Amy Holzer graduated from Hartford Union High School in Hartford, Wis.. There she was the captain of the varsity golf team, served as a Special Olympics track and field coach, and was the Student Council President. She is also a three-time recipient of the Varsity Golf Most Valuable Player Award.

Amy will be attending St. Norbert College, where she will major in biology and minor in Spanish and psychology. She plans to attend medical school in her pursuit of a career as a family physician.

Andi Chaloult graduated from Rochester Adams High School in Rochester Hills, Mich. She was co- captain of the varsity golf team for two years, a national merit scholar, a mentor for freshman, and a pianist with a rating of Superior from the National Federation of Music.

Chaloult will be attending Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., where she will be studying neuroscience. She hopes to use her knowledge to become an innovator in the field of neurology.

Autumn Hurd graduated from Bridgewater-Emery High School in Emery, S.D., where she was captain of the golf and volleyball teams, 4-year class president of the Student Government, and valedictorian of her class. She was also a 2-time Most Valuable Player of the varsity golf team.

Hurd will be attending Doane College in Crete, Neb. She will be on the pre-med track in her pursuit of a career as a

pediatrician.

Bailey Blezinger graduated from Bellville High School in Bellville, Texas, where she was the President of the Student Council, the FFA, and her Senior Class. She was also a member of the varsity golf team, which qualified for states all 4 years.

Blezinger will be attending Texas A&M University at Kingsville, where she will pursue a degree in agribusiness. Her goal is to become a news reporter on an agriculture television channel to promote agriculture.

Brooke Ciccone graduated from Cape Coral High School in Cape Coral, Fla.. There she was the secretary of the Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society, MVP of the Math and Golf Teams, and News Press Female Golfer of the Year.

Ciccone will be attending Cleveland State University, in Cleveland. Her plan is to obtain a Master's degree in chemical engineering and work for a pharmaceutical company.

Emily Schimbeno graduated from Lincoln High School in Lake City, Minn. She was the captain of the golf team, the soccer team, and the math league. As golf team captain, she holds the school record for lowest score in a round, which led her to win a conference championship.

Schimbeno will be attending the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, S.D.. She plans to major in industrial engineering.

Jenne Venier graduated from Eastwood High School in Pemberville, Ohio. She was captain of the golf team, and was recognized as the Most Valuable Player in golf two years in a row. She also used her golf knowledge to help teach participants in the Special Olympics.

Venier will be attending Lourdes University in Sylvania, Ohio, where she will be a part of the nursing program in her pursuit of becoming a pediatrician.

Jennifer Keim graduated from Monmoy Regional High School in Hudson, Ohio. She was captain of the golf team, treasurer of the National Art Honor Society, and President of the Best Buddies. Keim was also the only undefeated golfer in the Massachusetts Bay League.

Keim will be attending Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla., where she plans to study nursing on her way to becoming a pediatric nurse. She also has aspirations of playing on the LPGA Tour.

Julia Ford graduated from Shrewsbury High School in Shrewsbury, Mass., where she played four years on the boys' varsity golf team. She was the captain and MVP of the golf team her senior year, and was a 2015 Telegram and Gazette Boys' Golf All-Star.

Ford will be attending the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va. She plans to study business finance, but her career goal is to play golf professionally.

Julianna Collett graduated from Glynn Academy High School in Brunswick, Ga., where she was captain of the golf team for three years, a National AP Scholar, and a 2-time recipient of the Georgia High School AAAAA Player of the Year Award.

Collett will be attending Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Ga., where she hopes to find her passion and maintain a high GPA while focusing on golf.

Katy Flax graduated from Ashley High School in Wilmington, N.C.. She was the Vice President of the National Honor Society, the captain of the golf team, and a volunteer coach at the local First Tee site. She was awarded for being the Most Valuable Player on the golf team three times.

Flax will be attending the University of North Carolina at Pembroke in Pembroke, N.C.. There, she will study chemistry with a per-medicine concentration. She has a dream of becoming a pediatrician.

Kayla Stammer graduated from Vermillion High School in Vermillion, S.D., where she was captain of the golf, bowling, volleyball, and softball teams. She was president of her senior class, and was a member of the soccer, dance, and quiz bowl teams.

Stammer will be attending Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There she will play on the bowling and golf teams while earning a degree in nursing. After that, she plans to become a nurse anesthetist.

Kelsey Wessels graduated from Oak Hills High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she was a member of the varsity golf team, the basketball team, the Student Council, and the National Honor Society. As a member of the golf team she was awarded the Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player awards.

Wessels will be attending Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights, Ky., where she plans to study nursing in her pursuit of a career as a nurse anesthetist in a children's hospital.

Lauren Mekalip graduated from Troup High School in Troup, Texas. She was reporter of the National Honor society executive president of the Student Council, and captain of both the golf and basketball teams. She was also the district golf champion.

Mekalip will be attending Christian Brothers University in plans to obtain a degree in Chemical Engineering. She hopes to enter the oil and natural gas engineering field after graduating.

Lexie LaMar graduated from Hancock County High School in Lewisport, Ky., where she holds 5 school records for varsity golf, and was the individual winner of the All A Region Tournament. She was also the salutatorian of her class.

LaMar will be attending Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky.. There she will study Biology in the hopes of working in the medical field.

Madeline Sager graduated from Owen J. Roberts High School in Pottstown, Pa.. She played on the boys' varsity golf team, and tied for first in the District Championship on her way to a second place finish at States. She was the winner of the University of Rochester Young Leaders Award for her academic and athletic achievement.

Sager will be attending Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J., where she will major in financial analytics. She plans to earn her Master's degree in the financial field on her way to becoming a financial analyst.

Margaret Anna-Brown graduated from Caldwell County High School in Princeton, Ky.. There she was the vice president of the Caldwell County FFA, the president of the National Honors Society, and the reporter of the Spanish Club. She also played on the varsity tennis and golf teams.

Anna-Brown will be attending Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky.. Her career goal is to become a family nurse practitioner after she receives her bachelor degree in nursing.

Megan Medinger graduated from Moline High School in Moline, Ill., where she was the 3-time MVP and captain of the varsity golf team. She was also a member of the National Honor Society, the captain of the softball team, and the chairman of Share Joys.

Medinger will be attending Bradley University in Peoria, Ill.. There she will enter the Caterpillar School of Engineering to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.

Michelle Edgar graduated from Highland Park High School in Dallas, Texas, where she was the captain and Most Valuable Player of the varsity golf team. She participated in the National Spanish Honor Society, the Music Club, the National Honor Society, and was the lead pianist for the Jazz Band. She also created her own sports media company

called All Reel Sports which makes videos for local sports teams.

Edgar will be attending The University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson, Texas, where she will be pursuing a bachelor's degree in media and communications. She wishes to become a creative entrepreneur.

Nicole Triano graduated from Yorktown High School in Yorktown Heights, NY.. She was the captain of the varsity boys' golf team for 3 years, and the captain of the girls' golf team in its inaugural season her senior year. She also received Scholar Athlete recognition for 4 years.

Triano will be attending Methodist University in Fayetteville, N.C.. There she will enroll in the Professional Golf Management Program in her pursuit of a career in golf tournament operations.

Peyton Greco graduated from Smithtown High School East in St. James, N.Y., where she was captain and two time Most Valuable Player of the golf team. She was also a member of various clubs and received the White Letter Award for leadership and integrity.

Greco will be attending Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y., where she will pursue either a Master's or PhD in psychology. Her career goal is to work with athletes as a sports psychologist.

Ryan MacVicar graduated from Northridge High School in Tuscaloosa, Al. There she was a member of the National Honor Society, the varsity golf team, the Student Government Association, and the Science National Honor Society. She was named the West Alabama Female Golfer of the Year and an AP Scholar.

MacVicar will be attending Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass.. She will obtain a bachelor's degree in chemistry. She wishes to attend medical school to become a physician in order to provide medical services to under-served areas around the world.

Sydney Roberts graduated from Brownwood High School in Brownwood, Texas, where she was Most Valuable Player of the golf team, treasurer of the National Honor Society, and a 3-time state qualifier for high school golf.

Roberts will be attending the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Okla., where she will major in Kinesiology. She hopes to one day become a pediatric physical therapist.

Taylor Beckwith graduated from John H. Pitman High School in Turlock, Calif., where she was president of the Interact Club, vice president of Generation On, and captain of the varsity golf team. She was the Most Valuable Player of her team for 4 years in a row, and was the California Central Conference league MVP for 3 consecutive years.

Beckwith will be attending Whittier College in Whittier, Calif., where she will study psychology in the hopes of going into the field of child advocacy or public health law.

Taylor Hughes graduated from Sahuaro High School in Tucson, Ariz., where she was the captain of the varsity golf team, secretary of DECA, president of the Impact Club, and captain of the speech and debate team. She led her golf team to 4 consecutive region champion titles, and 2 state champion titles.

Hughes will be attending Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, Calif.. There she will double-major in management and engineering on her way to running her own company.

Victoria Cangero graduated from the Pine View School for the Gifted in Osprey, Fla., where she led the varsity golf team to 3 district, and 2 regional championship titles as captain. She also was a member of the National Honor Society, a recipient of the Greater Sarasota Junior Golf Association Player of the Year, and a member of the National Math Honor Society.

Cangero will be attending Southern Florida University in Lakeland, Fla., where she will pursue degrees in finance and sports management. She hopes to lead the Southern Florida Women's Golf Team to an NCAA National Championship.

Yedin Lui graduated from Idaho Falls High School in Idaho Falls, Idaho. There she was captain of the varsity golf team, senior class historian of the Student Government, and a member of the National Honor Society. She won 3 consecutive district titles, and was awarded the title of 2015 All-Area Golfer of the Year.

Lui will be attending Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., where she will study international relations and political science. Her goal is to use her knowledge of political and social issues in a career at the United Nations.

Daniele Giles graduated from Logos Public Charter School in Medford, Ore., where she was the valedictorian of her class, and a member of the StreamWise Watershed Assessment and varsity golf teams.

Giles will be attending the University of Oregon in Eugene, Ore., where she will study psychology.

ABOUT THE LPGA

The LPGA is the world's leading professional golf organization for women. Founded in 1950 and headquartered in Daytona Beach, Florida, the association celebrates a diverse and storied membership with more than 2,300 members representing 30 different countries. With a Vision to inspire, empower, educate and entertain by showcasing the very best of women's golf, LPGA Tour Professionals compete across the globe, while dedicated LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals (T&CP) directly impact the game through teaching, coaching and management. The Symetra Tour consistently produces a pipeline of talent ready for the world stage. Follow the LPGA on its television home, Golf Channel, and on the web via: www.LPGA.com, www.facebook.com/lpga.official, www.twitter.com/lpga, and www.youtube.com/lpgavideo.

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