

2008 WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Taisha Clark

Taisha lives in Yonkers, New York, and attends The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, NY. She has been an active student at her school participating in Varsity Basketball (3 years), Spanish Club, and Captain of the Varsity Softball Team her Jr. and Sr. years. She has been a Special Olympic Volunteer for four years and a volunteer at the Bronx VA Medical Center participating in talent shows for the veterans on a yearly basis. During the summer, she worked as an intern with the GolfWorks program in the Pro Shop at Moshulu Golf Course. According to Paul Giordano, the Head Professional for The First Tee of Metropolitan New York, Taisha was "a huge asset in selecting the inventory needed to provide the best customer service possible. She is bright, efficient, and reliable." Taisha will attend St. Johns University in the fall where she plans to specialize in Business and Marketing.



Monica Dias

Monica lives in Bridgeport, CT, where she is a student at Central High School. She has been a member of the Boys' Golf Team for four years and also participates in soccer and drama. Monica has been a participant and intern of the First Tee program at the Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course since 2004. She must take a one hour bus ride to get there. The money she earns goes to helping her family make ends meet and toward her future college expenses. As a First Tee representative, Monica participated in a commercial and attended the Future Leader's Forum in Orlando, FL, in 2007. The Program Coordinator states, "The First Tee has changed Monica's life, and she has touched all of ours". She will attend Sacred Heart University with a major in Education



Katherine Giaccone

Katherine lives in Bayville, NY, and attends Locust Valley High School. She is an excellent student with high honors in all her courses. Her English teacher states that Katherine "is blessed with an obvious abundance of intelligence, talent and ambition". She has been a member of the Varsity Golf Team for four years and manager of the Varsity Volleyball Team. She developed art projects for children in conjunction with an exhibition on Surrealism at the Nassau County Museum of Art and has successfully run the Sunday Art Activities there. She will major in Art History at Yale University this fall with thoughts of becoming a museum curator in the future.



Meaghan Kenny

Meaghan lives in Poughquag, NY, and attends Our Lady of Lourdes High School where she has a 94% average. She has played on the golf team for three years and now holds the number one position. She has also managed the Boys' Swim Team for three years. Her community service includes church greeter, Vacation Bible School teacher, and volunteer for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. She has been employed at the Beekman Country Club in 2006 and the Baird Golf Course & Villa Borghese in 2007. Meaghan will start on the golf team at NYU this fall where she plans on majoring in History and Education.



Ryo Michido

Ryo lives in Eastchester, NY, and attends Woodlands High School in Hartsdale. She has been a high honor roll student and a member of the National Honor Society as a Jr. and Sr. She has played soccer (captain), cross country, bowling, lacrosse, and varsity golf for three years. She is fluent in both English and Japanese and belongs to numerous clubs at school, among which she was co-president of Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse. She has been the secretary for the Key Club, keeping the records of over 100 members and their volunteer work and service. Her volunteer work has included the Breast Cancer Walk, the AIDS Walk, Blood Drive, the Special Olympics and the Empire State Games. She has held several jobs and is presently employed at Talbots, helping to defray the expenses of home. She will attend the University of Massachusetts, hoping to pursue a career in sports management.



Lindsay Silvestri

Lindsay lives in Marlboro, NJ, and attended Marlboro High School, from which she graduated in 2007. She was the only female member of the golf team for two years and was chosen as the captain of the newly formed girls' golf team her junior and senior year. While there she was active in the Italian and Octagon Clubs. The recommendation from her golf coach attests to her caring and moral commitment by referring to her volunteer work for several years with an autistic child as a family helper. Monica attends West Chester University where she participates in the West Chester Association for the Education of Young Children. She plans on becoming an elementary and special education teacher.