

Foundation Newsletter

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2017 Scholarship Recipients

The WMGA Foundation awards **scholarships** annually to deserving young women attending an institution of higher learning who have an interest in golf. Factors taken into consideration include: integrity, character, leadership, academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, civic or volunteer programs, and financial need.

Samantha Boehmcke

A Saint Rose H.S. graduate, Samantha Boehmcke, began her golfing journey when her family moved and joined Spring Lake Golf Club. She became an avid golfer and developed a true appreciation for the game. She played all four years on her high school team; three years as Captain. In 2015, she became the first female caddy at Spring Lake. Golf has embodied her with a passion for sports and a strong work ethic. She has become a mentor and role model to other young girls who wish to play or caddy. Samantha is attending Ohio State University as a sports industry major and hopes to become a sports broadcaster or work for the PGA of America.

Emily Chang

Four-year Varsity golf team member, Emily Chang, is not only a player but has been a volunteer instructor at the All-Par summer golf program for children with autism. In high school, Emily competed as the number one player on her team as well as playing on the Pioneer Tour. In 2016, she was ranked amongst the top 15 in Bergen County and we are proud to say that she participated in our Maureen Orcutt trophy tournament. She is now studying at Dartmouth College where she plans to major in Economics, Entrepreneurship and Global Studies. She hopes to become a management consultant or work in Health and Human Services on a national level.

Micaela Crines

Having spent most of her life as a golfer, Micaela Crines maintains that "golf is my passion". She played on the Wall H.S. Varsity golf team and served as Captain. Micaela is currently pursuing collegiate golf at East Stroudsburg University. Her love for the game has enhanced her bond with her father, her popular playing partner. She has participated in many tournaments, and earned the honor of being the youngest member to compete and win the Jumping Brook Golf Club Championship at the age of 14. This past year she won the Monmouth County Championship. Micaela hopes to share her passion and love of the game by becoming a professional golf coach.

Annie Farrell

West Windsor-Plainsboro H.S. South graduate, Annie Farrell, played all four years on the Varsity golf team and was Captain for her last season. Her involvement on the golf team made her a more confident and outgoing person. She considered herself a role model for the team's underclassmen. Annie is now attending Lewis College where she plans to major in Environmental Studies. She hopes to then study environmental law and become a human/women's rights activist or lawyer.





Olivia Ling

"Golf is truly a rewarding, fulfilling and lifelong sport" says another West Windsor-Plainsboro H.S. South graduate, Olivia Ling. She played on the school's Varsity golf team all four years; three years as the team's Most Valuable Player and two as Captain. Golf has truly shaped Olivia; she believes it has helped her develop strong leadership skills, patience, greater responsibility, acceptance and humility. She is continuing her education at Rutgers University, majoring in engineering.



Jazmine Meggett

Jazmine Meggett was a 2013 recipient of the WMGA Foundation Scholarship based on her high school success as a student and golfer. Jazmine went on to attend and has since graduated from Quinnipiac University with a Bachelors in Accounting. In college, she participated in various campus wide organizations and held numerous leadership positions. She is now dedicated to furthering her education by going for her Masters degree and hopes to become a Certified Public Accountant. She is the Foundation's first ever graduate recipient of the scholarship.

The Foundation Fellowship Program was established in 2011 to award junior girls who do not belong to any of our member clubs the opportunity to enjoy the privileges of a WMGA junior membership. The girl must be between 12 and 18 years old, with an HI of 14.0 or less and reside in the WMGA district. Excellent sportsmanship on and off the golf course and an interest in competitive golf are requirements for consideration.

Where are they now....

Jacquie Faldetta, one of the first 2011 award recipients of the Foundation's Fellowship program is currently working as an assistant golf pro at Trump Westchester CC. She is on her way to fulfilling the requirements necessary to receive a PGA Class A Certification having recently passed her PAT [Player Ability Test] on her first try. Born and raised in New York City, Jacquie began playing golf at age 4 and began competing at age 7. In 2011, she played on the winning WMGA Junior Intercity Team. In 2013, while still in high school, she qualified for the USGA Women's Amateur Public Links Championship. She completed her junior and senior years of high school in Florida, graduating from the K12 International Academy and the Mike Bender Golf Academy. She then went onto to play division one collegiate golf at Hofstra University where she graduated from on May 21, 2017. Jacquie is so grateful for the help she received from the Foundation. It truly enabled her to pursue her dreams of playing golf and now a career in golf.



Girls to the Tee is a free clinic for junior girls held in conjunction with PGA professionals. The clinic fosters friendships among the participants, identifies juniors with special talent, and teaches basics and love of the game.







