



### **Salma Aburomi**

A graduate from Passaic County Technical Institute, Salma Aburomi, found her passion for golf as a sophomore when she decided to join her school’s golf team. Since then, Salma has truly embraced the game, becoming her team’s Varsity Golf Captain. Golf has also helped Salma in her everyday life by giving her an outlet to remain more focused and patient. Salma will attend Montclair State University in the fall where she will major in Criminal Justice as she plans to pursue a career in law enforcement.



### **Taea Blackmon**

Taea has played golf throughout her four years in high school, beginning on her school’s Junior Varsity team and working her way up to playing on the Varsity team. Through golf, Taea has learned the importance of teamwork and has found a group of friends who have been a great support system. Outside of golf, Taea actively volunteers for multiple programs including Halls that Inspire and Salvation Army Angel Tree. Having had an interest in medicine in high school, Taea will study Biology at Fairleigh Dickinson University.



### **Jayla Brown**

Jayla and her family were first introduced to golf in her freshman year of high school when she joined her school’s golf team. At the same time, Jayla’s family also learned golf, discovering their interest and love for the game. Golf has taught Jayla many things, but in particular it has taught her perseverance – “every swing has to be thought of as the first swing, and that has disciplined me to bounce back quickly from losses”. At Syracuse University, Jayla hopes to continue playing golf in some capacity while studying Biology or Biochemistry.



### **Rebecca Chan**

For Rebecca Chan, golf has been a large part of her life since she was eight years old when she saw her twin brother pick up the game. Soon Rebecca began to play and practice more often, playing in tournaments that tested her mental strength, golf skills, and gave her a place to make new friends. As the captain of the golf team at Hunter College High School, Rebecca was both a leader and a mentor for many of her peers new to golf. Rebecca will continue her studies at Harvey Mudd College with an interest in becoming a software developer.



### **Elianni De la Cruz**

Elianni first found golf to be her passion in high school, and with the help of the WMGA scholarship, has since then graduated from Seton Hall University with a B.A. in Economics and is pursuing a career in corporate law at Seton Hall University School of Law. During her years as an undergraduate, Elianni took part in the University Student Government as Senator, was Chair of the Student Life Committee, and participated in the Seton Hall Law School “Summer Institute for Pre-Legal Studies”. Golf and the WMGA Foundation Scholarship has helped Elianni both connect with new people and pursue her dream of becoming a lawyer.



### **Heather Downey**

Though not a golfer herself, Heather Downey has spent five summers as a Caddie at Crestmont Country Club in New Jersey. Working as a caddie, Heather helped clean golf clubs, carts, assisted each player she was assigned to Caddie for, and faced the challenge of being the only female caddie. As a result, she has learned “to be a strong woman and subsequently, how to become a leader for other women who work in the bag room”. Golf gave Heather her first job from which she learned a lot and has taken such skills and knowledge, like working with others, with her to Muhlenberg College.



### **Natalie Preston**

Golf has been a large part of Natalie Preston’s life both as a player on her high school golf team for two years at Bay Shore High School and working in the Pro Shop at Southward Ho Country Club for four years. As a player and Pro Shop assistant manager, Natalie has made lifelong friends, and learned important social skills and responsibility. Natalie will study Interior Design at the Fashion Institute of Technology.



### **Emma Roane**

“[Golf] is a sport that has taught me more than I ever could have imagined” says Emma Roane, a graduate of Horace Greeley High School where she was involved in several extracurricular activities including the Boys Varsity Golf team where she was captain her senior year. Being able to meet new people is one aspect of golf that Emma greatly appreciates as well as improving her mental toughness. Emma hopes to study business at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.



### **Rachel Smith**

When Rachel Smith was a sophomore at Westchester Hebrew High School there was no golf team. Thus, she decided to start a golf club by recruiting several other interested students and participated in the club throughout the rest of her high school career. Rachel describes the game of golf as not just a sport where you compete against others, but one where she competes against herself. In her free time, Rachel enjoys golfing in New Jersey with her grandfather. At Quinnipiac University, Rachel is enrolled in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program.



### **Pasqualina Tartaglione**

Golf has become a true passion for Pasqualina Tartaglione having played on her high school golf team, in tournaments, and teaching golf to younger children as a volunteer counselor at the Town of Wallkill Summer Golf Camp. Not only does Pasqualina have a passion for golf, but more specifically has a passion for teaching others how to golf and/or working for the LPGA. Being a good role model for younger golfers is what inspires Pasqualina to pursue her goals. Pasqualina will be studying at the University of Albany’s School of Business.