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Happy Holiday season to our wonderful Heritage Academy families across the world! At school and in competition, this joyful season sees our students advancing full steam ahead. They have taken our 2018-2019 school theme, "Learning Changes Everything" to heart. Significant learning and doing is happening in classes, and student advocacy and college admissions are in full swing. We are rewarded daily with our students' motivation to succeed, our staff's innovative instruction, and our IJGA families' support of our school and mission.



On Dec. 4, 2018, Heritage Academy will host its 20th NCAA Early Commitment Ceremony. Already, 13 seniors (41% of the Class of 2019) have committed to NCAA golf, tennis, soccer, or swim teams! So proud are we!!! Congratulations to IJGA top golfers Kotaro Murata (University of Hawaii at Manoa), Chase Phillips (George Mason University), Felix van Kleef (University of Nevada-Las Vegas), and Hoshi Yadav (Holy Names University). These fine young men will represent their homes, Heritage Academy, IJGA, and themselves with great pride, purpose, and performance at their respective colleges! It is THE BEST week of the semester when we are able to celebrate this achievement.



A special THANK YOU to Olvin Arce, Gr. 8. During November, he spearheaded the Heritage Academy Deep Well Holiday Food and Toy Drive for the local food pantry. Students and staff collected over 260 foodstuffs, toiletries, and toys-- thanks to Olvin's leadership, generosity of time, and commitment to this worthwhile cause!

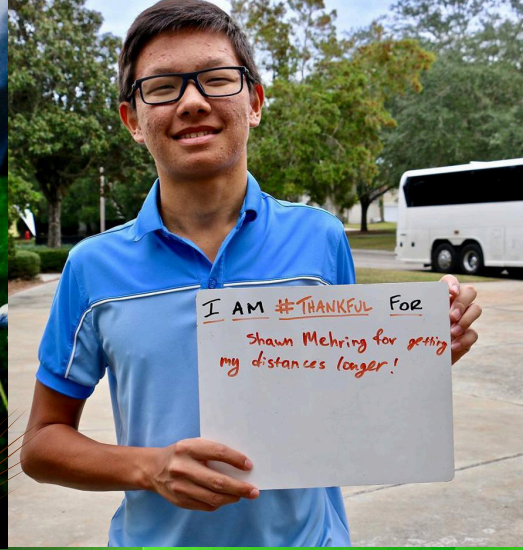
The campus is abuzz with excitement and alive with hopes for a terrific finish to Semester 1. We see school spirit and happy students working to make the grade in class and on the golf course.

Winter holiday begins 12:15 PM, Dec. 14, 2018. Semester I Final Exams are Dec. 13-14, 2018. Final exams must be taken during the exam window. Exams count for 20% of the semester final grade. Please ensure that your son or daughter is in attendance for final exams, and arrange travel plans accordingly.

Until the new year, we wish you a heartfelt happy holiday season with your families and loved ones.

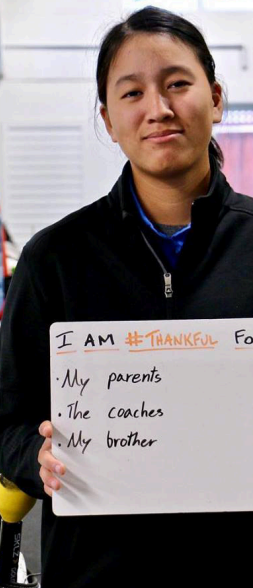
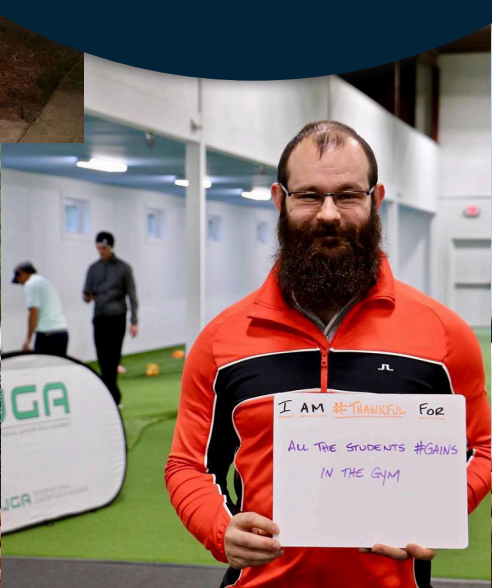


Peace and Joy,
Gloria Shoemaker and the
Heritage Academy staff



**CELEBRATING
THANKSGIVING &
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Students celebrated Thanksgiving by sharing what they are thankful for ... family, friends and IJGA. While some of the students traveled to Bishops Gate Golf Academy and played a Ryder Cup-style match with fellow players, some visited Disney's Animal Kingdom and Hollywood Studios and others stayed on campus and enjoyed a home cooked traditional Thanksgiving meal prepared by Senior RI Annette Craig and Operations Manager Randall Castillo.





College Commitments on National Signing Day

Congratulations to the IJGA students who have committed to play golf at the collegiate level on National College Signing Day.



Felix van Kleef - University of Nevada, Las Vegas (D1)

Felix van Kleef has committed to play on the men's college team at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). UNLV competes in the NCAA Division I Mountain West Conference.

Van Kleef is a former member of the German National Team. He won the 2016 Austrian Junior Golf Tour and the 2018 Greg Norman Championship Golf Academy Open. Van Kleef also made the cut at the PGA Tour's 2018 Wyndham Championship Pre-Qualifier with a score of 70 in a field of 150. He was the second-lowest of three amateurs to qualify. Additionally, he won the 2018 SCJGA 24th Annual Fall Challenge.

"I want to make my family proud of me. My role model is my dad," said van Kleef. He added, "I'll miss my friends and the great atmosphere at IJGA. Jonathan is such a great coach."

Kotaro Murata - University of Hawaii (D1)

Kotaro Murata of Japan, has committed to play on the men's golf team at the University of Hawaii (UH), Manoa, of Honolulu, Hawaii. UH is an NCAA Division I school and competes in the Big West Conference.



Murata's career golf highlights include wins at the Hurricane Junior Tour Elite Series at Orange Lake Resort 2018, IJGT Orange Lake Open 2018, IJGT Island Open at Dolphin Head 2017, and medalist at the IMG Junior Qualifying Tournament and the AJGA Davis Love III

Junior Open 2017. Murata is currently ranked 219 on the Rolex AJGA Rankings.

"My dad encouraged me to start playing golf at eight years old. He also played for fun. I hated it at first until I played in a tournament. Then I realized that I needed to practice harder to be competitive," said Murata. "What I really enjoy, is executing my golf plan and seeing results."



Chase Phillips - George Mason University (D1)

Chase Phillips has committed to play on the men's golf team at George Mason University (GMU) of Fairfax, Virginia. GMU is a



Division I school who competes in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

Phillips' golfing highlights include winning the IJGT Disney Classic 2017, placing second in the Thanksgiving Classic at Sawgrass 2016, finishing third at the Coastal Carolina Junior Open 2018, third-place at the HJGT Island Invitational on Hilton Head Island 2018 and placing fifth in the International Junior Golf Tournament (IJGT) Tournament of Champions 2018.

"It is a true blessing to be able to work with world-class coaches at IJGA. This is my fifth year at IJGA and I've never seen a more well-rounded, hard working and dedicated team of coaches. The changes that Jonathan Yarwood has made at IJGA are truly remarkable and I'm really excited to see what's in store for the future," said Phillips.

Hoshi Yadav - Holy Names University (D2)

Hoshi Yadav of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, has committed to play on the men's golf team at Holy Names University (HNU) of Oakland, CA. HNU competes in the Pacific West Conference which is the largest NCAA Division II conference in the Western region. Yadav will attend HNU in the fall of 2019 and play for Hawk's head coach Chris Oetinger.



Yadav's golf career highlights include a win at Junior Club Championship JGE in Dubai, second-place finishes at HJGT The Palmetto Classic

2018, Central Florida Classic 2018, Coastal Carolina Junior Challenge 2017 and Faldo Series Middle East 2017.

"My experience at IJGA has been great as I have been able to make friends from all over the world. IJGA has provided me with world-class facilities to really hone my game and take it to a whole new level," said Yadav.

Drew Maiorca - Chestnut Hill College (D2)

Drew Maiorca of Lake Placid, New York, has committed to play on the men's golf team at Chestnut Hill College (CHC) of Philadelphia, PA. CHC is a Division II school and competes in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference. Maiorca will play for the Griffin's head coach Mike Paukovits.



Maiorca's golf career highlights include a win at Lake Placid High School Team at the Craig Wood Golf Course 2018, and second-place finishes at New York High School Section VII at North Country Golf Club 2018 and New York High School Section VII at the Barracks Golf Course 2017.

"Drew has really applied himself at IJGA, and as a result is starting to get his rewards. His speed and ball striking have increased enormously in his time at IJGA. He is becoming a very competent golfer as a result," said IJGA Director of Golf Jonathan Yarwood.

Beng Keat Lim - Ottawa University (NAIA)

Beng Keat Lim of Malaysia, has committed to play on the men's golf team at the Ottawa University (OUAZ) of Surprise, Arizona. As a newer program, OUAZ is currently a member of NAIA and they compete in the Golden State Athletics Conference.



Lim's golf career highlights include first-place finishes at the SportsExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit 2018 Leg 1, Sarawak Chief Minister Cup / 18th Sarawak International Junior Championship 2016 and KGM Amateur Open Golf Championship 2016.

"Beng Keat Lim is a really strong player who is heading towards the tour in the future. He will be a great team player and offer a strong contribution to this team," said IJGA Director of Golf Jonathan Yarwood.

TOP FINISHES

IJGT Palmetto Classic held at The Golf Club at Hilton Head Lakes, November 3 & 4. There were 14 Top Ten Finishes with one win. Congrats to One Kashima on taking first-place in her age division!

Boys under 19 division

Hoshi Yadav - 2nd place: 71-76/147
 Kotara Murata - 3rd place: 77-71/148
 Steven Strasheim - 4th place: 72-79/151
 Kazuki Yamuach - T5th place: 73-79/152
 Matthew Pilgrim - T5th place: 74-78/152
 Beng Keat Lim - 8th place: 76-77/154

Boys under 16 division

Muhamad Zaini - 2nd place: 77-77/154
 Patrick Sun - 3rd place: 73-82/155
 Kevin Li - tied 4th: 80-76/156
 Eugene Kang - 10th place: 83-89/172

Girls under 19 division

Sae Saito - tied 3rd: 79-80/159

Girls under 16 division

One Kashima - 1st place: 74-77/151 CONGRATS!!
 Vasundhara Singh Thiara - 2nd place: 79-74/153
 Emma Kim - 4th place: 78-84/162



One Kashima

Vasundhara Singh Thiara



Hurricane Elite Series at Dolphin Head, Hilton Head Island, SC

Boys Division
 Kotara Murata - T 2nd: 73-72/145
 Aaron Pha - 4th: 73-74/147
 Alex Lamarca - T 5th: 74-74/148
 Beng Keat Lim - T 5th: 75-73/148

Girls Division

One Kashima - T 3rd: 86-76/162
 Vasundhara Thiara - T 3rd: 81-81/162

Hurricane Junior Golf Tour Hilton Head Junior Open #2

Navyug Rungta - T 9th: 79-79/158
 Vaibhav Kaila - T 9th: 77-81/158



SCJGA Major Cheraw Fall Challenge held at Cheraw State Park

Felix van Kleef took first-place: 72-71/143
 CONGRATS!!



Down the Stretch *with* Dan Jackson, IJGA Assistant Director of Golf

What are your top five favorite golf courses that you've ever played?

St. Andrews - Old Course
Sunningdale- Old Course
Walton Heath Golf Club
Old Cinque Ports
Royal St. Georges

Which courses are on your bucket list?

Augusta National

If you had VIP tickets to any golf tournament in the world, which tournament would that be?

The Masters

What's one of your most memorable rounds?

Playing at Royal Cinque Ports, in strong winds.

How many "hole-in-ones" have you had?

I've only had one. It was a par 3 at my home club in Nottingham. It was 174 yards, had one bounce and it went into the hole!

Who is your favorite tour player and why?

Lee Trevino. I love his unorthodox swing and his tenacity. Which is something I feel a lot of players nowadays can admire and learn from.

Outside of golf, what do you like to do during your "down" time?

Spending time with my family and being around nature.



Describe your favorite meal:

Indian/ Thai Curry.

Favorite places you've ever visited - or would like to visit?

Austrian Alps, I lived there for two years, it is beautiful!

List three things your co-workers probably don't know about you ...

- I used to Kickbox.
- I turned professional at 20.
- I have a growing interest in understanding theoretical physics.

FOLLOWING ALUMNI CONGRATULATIONS ALL AROUND!

Richy Werenski (Class of 2010) finished tied for 3rd in the Mayakoba Golf Classic held at El Chameleon Golf Club of Playa Del Carmen, Mexico. Werenski tied with J. J. Spaun with a 65-66-67-67 round, earning \$417,600 and 163 FedEx Cup points for a total of 221 points.



Mind Puangcharoen (Class of 2015) tied for 2nd place with an even-par 216 in the Legends Invitational, at the Country Club of Orlando. Puangcharoen, a junior at Wingate University shot a 68 during the first round, setting a school record and posting the second best round in South Atlantic Conference history.



Swing Catalyst Certification

IJGA recently conducted a Swing Catalyst Level Two Certification Course at the Old Carolina campus. The certification session was conducted by Hall of Fame coach Mike Adams along with world-renowned biomechanist Dr Scott Lynn. All the IJGA coaches attended as part of the certification process and their ongoing commitment to excellence. Numerous high ranking coaches attended as well. A special thank you to Diane and staff for catering the event.

WARRIOR PRINCEVILLE MAKAI INVITATIONAL (OCT. 28-30)

SHISO GO

71 RD 1 **71** RD 2 **68** RD 3 **210** T17 (-6)

Shiso Go (Class of 2017) led the East Tennessee State Bucs in their final tournament of the fall season as he finished T17 (-6) at the Warrior Princeville Makai Invitational in Hawaii; Go posted three top-20 finishes this fall, including a runner-up effort at the Bank of Tennessee Intercollegiate.

WHAT DRIVES YOU?



Alessandro Lamarca

In order to know what someone needs.
You first have to know what they want.
The reason they get up in the morning.
And stay awake at night.
That flame that ignited them to start the game.
And keeps them playing.

When it'd be easier to quit.
Some call it passion.
We call it drive.
Which leads to the question...

What Drives You?

IJGA WINTER/SPRING CAMP



Champions are made in the off season. IJGA Winter Camp is perfect for junior golfers aged 8-18. This four week golf camp program includes a personalized IJGA Golf Bag, IJGT Home Tournament and all golf and performance related training, boarding and meals at IJGA. Junior golfers will capture, compare and improve their performance on the course.

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