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International Junior Golf Academy (IJGA) student-athletes become good enough to earn spots and play golf at the college level, while using their skills to get an excellent education. They get into colleges they may not have been admitted to without their golf talents. They play hard and study hard. Here are just some of this season's IJGA alumni success stories.

Mind Puangcharoen - IJGA Class of 2015

Wingate University sophomore Mind Puangcharoen earned the South Atlantic Conference 2018 Championships individual medalist MVP honors and helped her team earn its fourth SAC women's golf championship title and its first since 2014. The Bulldog's 26-stroke margin of victory was the largest in a decade.

Saptak Talwar - IJGA Class of 2017

Sacred Heart University freshman Saptak Talwar used a five-under 67 to vault atop the leaderboard before winning the 2018 Northeast Individual Championship. The rookie recorded the round of five-under 67 with seven birdies in the final round. As individual conference champion, Talwar qualified for the 2018 NCAA Men's Golf Championships televised on Golf Channel.

Samuel Cudjoe - IJGA Class of 2017

Saint Augustine University freshman Cudjoe qualified for the NCAA II Atlantic/East Regional as Top Individual Seed. The Falcons' freshman won both CIAA Golfer of the Year and CIAA Rookie Golfer of the Year for posting the top individual average (73.25) in the conference. He earned All-CIAA honors in addition to winning the league's Southern Division title and tying for third in the Northern Division Tournament. He won four of seven tournaments including the Black College Hall of Fame Tournament in September 2017, the Falcon Fall Shootout in October 2017 and the Falcon Spring Invitational in April 2018.

Jasmine Chee - IJGA Class of 2016

Western Michigan sophomore Jasmine Chee was a second finisher for the Broncos' team at MAC Championships.

Lino Galdin - IJGA Class of 2017

Mercer University freshman Lino Galdin earned Southern Conference men's golf postseason honors named to the SoCon All-Freshman Team following an impressive individual performance at the 2018 conference championships. The IJGA alumni finished his rookie campaign with a strokes-per-round average of 74.70 over 20 rounds played.

Yuna Sato - IJGA Class of 2017

Central Oklahoma freshman Sato tied for sixth in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Women's Golf Championships. She was second of three Broncos placing in the top 10 at the tournament.

Sera Tadokoro - IJGA Class of 2017

The top Kansas finisher at the Palmetto Intercollegiate after recording a 1-under (71) in the final round, Tadokoro shot even-par in her first collegiate round at the Minnesota Invitational. She recorded a top-20 finish at the Marilyn Smith Invitational, finished in the top-10 at the Chip-N-Club Invitational, tied for 25th at the Briar's Creek Invitational, and fired a 223 (+7) at the MountainView Collegiate to finish tied for 19th. 🌿



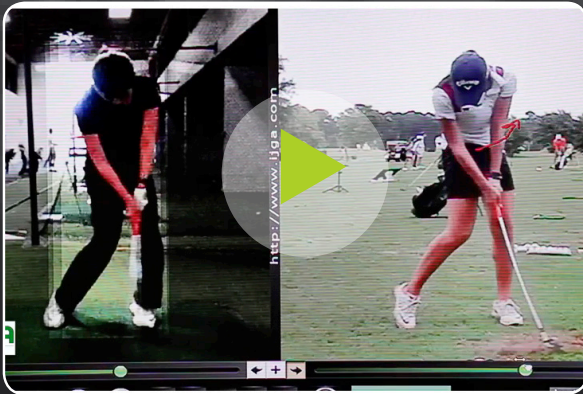
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WHAT IJGA CAN DO

Director of Golf Jonathan Yarwood narrates two student-athlete case studies.

Haruka Shintani



Zaid Khan



WHAT DRIVES YOU?

Pwintphoo "Fiona" Nadikhaing from Myanmar



IJGA Hosts 2018 College Signing Day

IJGA student-athletes celebrated their pursuit of higher education at the annual Spring Commitment Ceremony in the new IJGA Performance Training Center.

In 2018, 100% of IJGA seniors will go on to college, most earning scholarship opportunities.

“I’m so in awe of our college-bound seniors,” said Andrew Summers, IJGA CEO. “We know how hard you’ve worked to make your dreams of playing college golf a reality. We can’t wait to see what you do on and off the course as you move away from your second home at IJGA, and know that you are always welcome to return.”



The list of student-athletes honored:

Haruka Shintani – Setagaya, Japan

Early Commitment to University of Hawaii (DI)

Highlights: Qualified for the USGA Junior Amateur Championship and played in the Major Champions Invitational with John Daly’s team. Her lowest tournament round was a 72 at the Jr. Heritage Qualifier.

Shintani is excited to be a Hawaii Rainbow Warrior and also to be a little closer to home. Her character is a driving force behind her development as a player. Whenever something is asked of her, she always responds positively. One of her greatest strengths within the game is her desire to compete. No matter what the course or the conditions, she is ready to play. Her long-term goal is to play on the LPGA.

Mao Hirota – Nagoya, Japan

Commitment to Marymount California University (NAIA)

Highlights: Hirota is excited to go to California for the warm and sunny weather! He plans to pursue a business undergraduate degree, and then an MBA. What drives him is making his parents proud. He believes he is well prepared to blend his time on the golf course with academics.

Luis Martinez – Caracas, Venezuela

Commitment to Nova Southeastern University (DII)

Highlights: Low Round of 63 at Faldo Series U.S. Final. Martinez played for the Venezuelan National Team until last year, when he decided to come to IJGA to continue to develop his game for college. He will join the Sharks at Nova Southeastern to play on the #3 ranked Division II team. Luis plays in the low 70’s and will repeatedly play under par.

Under par rounds include 63 at the Faldo Series Grand Final at Bella Collina in Florida. Martinez thrives on competition, excels in pressure situations and when he has a putt for the win, he will often smile as he steps to make the final putt, almost knowing that he will make it. Martinez’ long-term goal is to play on the PGA Tour.

Leo Hernandez – Bluffton, SC (New Jersey)

Commitment to Newberry College (DII)

Highlights: Leo will join one of the top ranked Division II teams at Newberry College where he gets to stay in the south and play against some great teams in the South Atlantic Conference.

One of Leo’s greatest attributes is his desire to improve and how he applies himself. Leo has developed his golf game and regularly shoots low scores. Leo is a great team player and is supportive of his fellow players. He is also very independent, enabling him to concentrate on his own game.

Pwint Phoo Nadi Khaing “Fiona Wang” – Myanmar

Commitment to Western Michigan University (DI)

Highlights: Fiona developed her golf game at IJGA in short amount of time. She competed at AJGA, Optimist and the Trusted Choice Big I National Championship. She also played in the Faldo Major Champions Invitational for John Daly’s Team.

One of Fiona’s greatest attributes is that she is an amazing team player. With a number of tournament wins under her belt, Fiona is fully aware of what it takes to compete and win. Through with her relaxed demeanor and strong character she will surely succeed and achieve her goals within the game of golf and in her education. 🌳

IJGA Alumni Jasmine Chee represents Hong Kong for the Queen Sirikit Cup and World University Golf Championship

International Junior Golf Academy (IJGA) alumni **Jasmine Chee** (IJGA Class of 2016) has been selected by the Hong Kong Golf Association to the **40th Queen Kirikit Cup** to be held at Thana City Golf & Sport Club in Bangkok, Thailand from May 9-11, 2018.

The **Queen Sirikit Cup** is recognized as the official ladies' tournament in the Asia-Pacific region alongside the men's tournaments for the Putra Cup and the Nomura Cup. The championship is hosted annually on a rotation basis among 14 invited member countries with the objectives to promote the standard of ladies' golf in the region and to promote goodwill and friendship among participating teams. Each country is represented by two-three national team players who compete in the 54-holes stroke play over 3 rounds. The best two scores are counted each round as the team's score.

The team with the lowest combined gross scores over 3 rounds is the winner.

Jasmine Chee was also selected to participate in the World University Golf Championship held from May 16-19, 2018 in the Philippines.

The World University Golf Championship maintains its status as a favorite, not only among the world's amateur golf tournaments, but also among FISU competitions. 🌿





Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2018!

Luis Martinez *Nova Southeastern*
 Leo Hernandez *Newberry College*
 Haruka Shintani *University of Hawaii*
 Pwint Phoo Nadi Khaing "Fiona Wang" *Western Michigan*
 Mao Hirota - *College of the Canyons*
 Marc Groenhuisen - *undecided between SCAD*
 or *University of Hague, Netherlands*



IJGA 2018 Awards Winners

IJGA students and staff celebrated a successful 2017-18 year at the annual IJGA Awards Ceremony, held in the IJGA Performance Center.

IJGA CEO **Andrew Summers** (recognized as The IJGA Captain!) said, "I am inspired by our exceptional peer group of students, who have the courage to leave their home and country, and who make enormous sacrifices as they pursue their ambition to achieve greatness."

IJGA Coaches and Student Life team recognized the following student-athletes and staff with honors:

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| Mental Training Grit
Leo Hernandez | Most Valuable Player
Merlin Dohm |
| Chose Challenge
Eugene Kang | Performance Training Girl
Sae Saito |
| Best Attitude
Navyug Rungta | Performance Training Boy
Zaid Khan |
| Player of the Semester
Alex Lamarca | Most Dedicated
Jump Winwon |
| Most Improved Boy
Zaid Khan | Most Spirited
Daegun Im |
| Most Improved Girl
One Kashima | Personal Growth Award
Zaid Khan |
| Player of the Year
Kotaro Murata | Best Role Model
Navyug Rungta |
| | Orderly and Organized
Peter Grimes |
| | Resilience and Persistence
Haruka Shintani |
| | IJGA Community Award
Skylar Jewell |
| | The IJGA Captain
Andrew Summers |

IJGA End of Year Celebrations!

Take a peek at our 2017-2018 end of the year celebration highlights. Congratulations to the Class of 2018! We are so proud of you and everything you will accomplish. Here's to an amazing summer!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Who's your favorite pro-golfer? Tiger Woods, definitely. I love his play style and his personality.

Favorite sport besides golf? Basketball. I used to play both soccer and basketball with my friends back home, but decided to only focus on golf.

Favorite movie? Happy Gilmore

Favorite food? Shrimp and lamb chops. My family is from Pakistan, but I don't really like Pakistani food. I would definitely choose American food over any other type.

What TV shows are you watching right now? The Flash and Arrow. I don't really like comic book stuff, but I happen to really like both of those shows right now.

Favorite vacation destination? Arizona. It's beautiful there.

What is your favorite quote? "Shoot for the moon, because if you miss you land among the stars."

Favorite golf course? Edgewood Tahoe in Nevada. The course is pristine and the greens are amazing.

How did you get started in golf? My grandfather taught me when I was 12. He used to play all the time so he took me to local courses and taught me everything I know. I also learned a lot on my own by practicing and focusing.

Why are you passionate about golf? I think I can go really far in life with golf. I can keep improving all the time, which I like to do. I want to be the best version of myself.

How has IJGA improved your golf game? The coaches have really pushed me to do my best and to challenge myself. I am definitely able to focus more and control myself on the course. The new facilities are amazing too! It is really nice to have a place to go and practice whenever I can.

What do you do to prepare for a tournament? I don't have a usual routine, but I normally take tournaments slow and just take breath and try to focus.

What has been the biggest golf challenge in your life? Improving my swing has definitely been a challenge. I constantly have to remind myself about different techniques and try to trust the process.

What have you enjoyed most about IJGA? I really like meeting new people from all over the world and learning a lot of new things. The community at IJGA is so very welcoming. I enjoy the atmosphere here a lot. 🌳



WHAT DRIVES YOU?

Zaid Khan

My grandparents sacrifice a lot for me to be at IJGA. I'm so thankful for everything they've done. I try my hardest to show them how my hard work has paid off.

I want to first play golf in college, preferably at Stanford. Then after I graduate I want to play on the PGA Tour.