



AN UPDATE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Reflecting on a Year of Progress in the Methodist PGA Program

As we approach the one-year mark since I assumed the role of Director on April 1, I am thrilled to share the exciting developments that have unfolded during this transformative period.

Firstly, our PGA program continues to evolve and expand, reaching new heights in providing education and training for future golf industry leaders.

Our commitment to excellence remains unwavering, and we are proud to announce that our program continues to grow with a projected increase in student enrollment again for the fall of 2024. With resources and support from the Administration, both the program and golf course continue to get better than ever to nurture the next generation of professionals in the golf industry.

Next, working collaboratively with our dedicated team, we successfully revamped our curriculum to align with the dynamic PGA 3.1 program. This strategic update ensures that our program remains at the forefront of industry standards, providing our students with an education that prepares them for success in the ever-evolving golf industry.

In addition to curriculum enhancements, I am delighted to inform you that our study abroad program has reached new heights. We will leave on April 30th taking 22 students on an enriching journey to Ireland. This immersive experience will not only broaden their cultural perspectives but also foster a deeper understanding of the global dynamics within the realm of the golf industry. Of course, the highlight of our journey will be the opportunity to tee off on some of Ireland's most esteemed golf courses.

Our itinerary includes rounds at five renowned courses, each with its distinctive character and charm:

- **Ballybunion Golf Club (Old Course) 1893:** Nestled along the rugged shores of County Kerry, Ballybunion is steeped in history and renowned for its challenging links layout.
- **Dooks Golf Club 1889:** With its stunning views of Dingle Bay and McGillycuddy's Reeks, Dooks offers a quintessential Irish golfing experience amidst rolling dunes and gorse.
- **Killarney Golf and Fishing Club (Killeen Course) 1893:** Set amidst the idyllic beauty of Killarney National Park, Killeen Golf Course is a masterpiece of design, blending seamlessly with its natural surroundings.
- **Royal Dublin Golf Club 1885:** Located on Bull Island in Dublin Bay, Royal Dublin is one of Ireland's oldest and most distinguished golf clubs, offering a classic links challenge with breathtaking views of Dublin Bay.
- **The Island Golf Club 1890:** Situated on a narrow peninsula along the Dublin coastline, The Island Golf Club is revered for its natural links terrain and panoramic vistas of the Irish Sea.

As alumni, your continued support has played a crucial role in our achievements, and I invite you to share in the pride of these milestones. This fall, we hope to have an opportunity for some of you to return for a special event, our Pro-PGM event. This will align with the revamping of our Alumni Mentor Program, with more details to come on both. The Methodist PGA Program remains committed to excellence, and your ongoing involvement is invaluable as we continue to shape the future of golf education.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Methodist PGA community, and I look forward to updating you on more exciting endeavors in the months to come.

INTRODUCTION OF OUR TEAM



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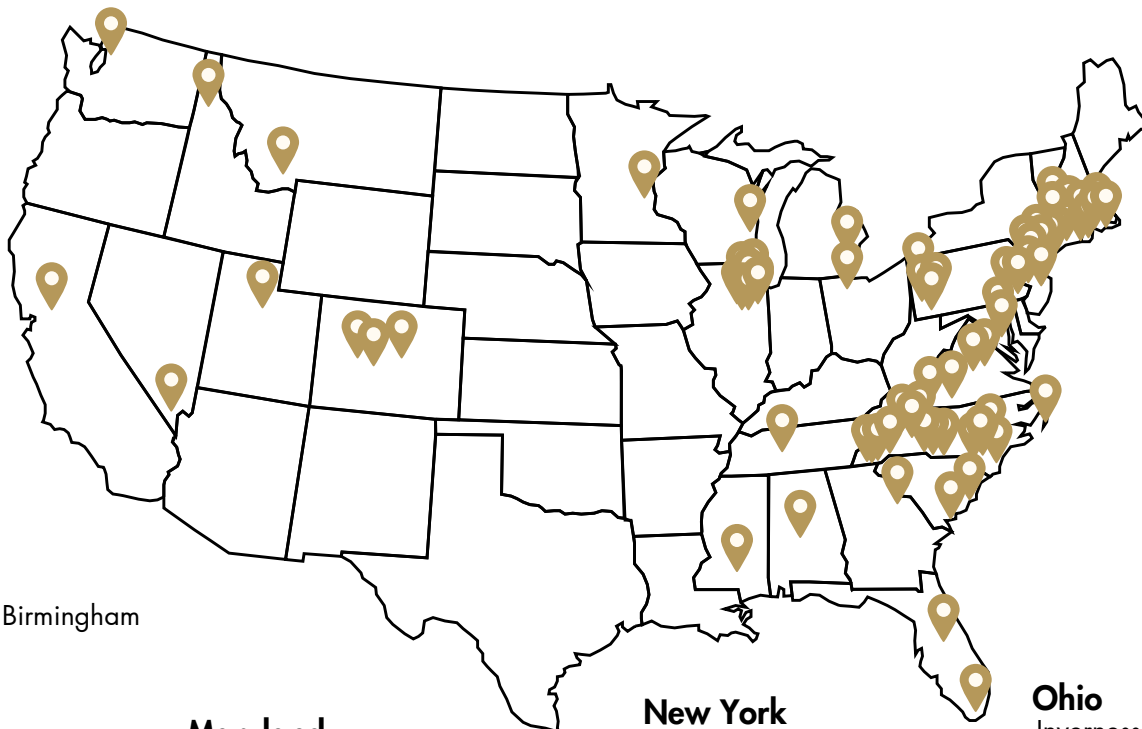
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SUMMER 2024 INTERNSHIPS

As one of the main requirements of the PGA Golf Management program, internships are both fundamental and critical for multiple reasons. Internships represent an integral link between the academic knowledge and an understanding of day-to-day operations within the golf industry. It is on their internship that students learn how to practically apply the information they learn in the classroom, which gains valuable experience for our students. Internships are also a valuable tool for students when building their network within the industry and assisting them in advancing their young careers. Below is a map and listing of where of our students are this summer:



Alabama
Country Club of Birmingham

California
Silverado Resort

Colorado
Colorado Golf Club
Frost Creek
Red Sky Golf Club

Connecticut
Innis Arden Golf Club
New Haven Country Club
Rockrimmon Country Club
The Millbrook Club
The Patterson Club

Florida
Jim McLean Golf School
MyGolfDNA

Georgia
Champions Retreat Golf Club

Idaho
Goozer Ranch Golf & Lake Club

Illinois
Bob O'Link Golf Club
Cog Hill
Glen View Club
Indian Hill Club
Medinah Country Club
Old Elm Club
Onwentsia Club
Twin Orchard Country Club

Maryland
Baltimore Country Club
Woodmont Country Club

Massachusetts
Belmont Country Club
Essex Country Club
Longmeadow Country Club
The International Golf Club
Titleist Manchester Lane Testing Facility
TPC Boston

Michigan
Meadowbrook Country Club

Minnesota
Interlachen Country Club

Mississippi
Country Club of Jackson

Montana
Spanish Peaks Mountain Club

Nevada
Western States Golf Association

New Jersey
Crystal Springs Resort
Maplewood Country Club
Morris County Golf Club

New York
Brae Burn Country Club
Eisenhower Park
Scarsdale Golf Club
Sleepy Hollow Country Club

North Carolina
Diamond Creek Golf Club
Duck Woods Country Club
Eagle Point Golf Club
Gates Four Golf & Country Club
Grandfather Golf & Country Club
Highland Country Club
Highlands Country Club
Lake Toxaway
Legacy Golf Links
Linville Golf Club
Pinehurst Resort, Course No. 6
Providence Country Club
Raintree Country Club
River Ridge Golf Club
The Club at Longview
Wade Hampton Golf Club
Wildcat Cliffs Country Club

Pennsylvania
Longue Vue Club
Montour Heights CC
Oakmont Country Club
Philadelphia Country Club
Saucon Valley Country Club
The Kawkwa Club

Ohio
Inverness Club

Rhode Island
Newport Country Club
Shelter Harbor
Wannamoisett Country Club

South Carolina
Fripp Island
Kiawah Island Club-Cassique

Tennessee
The Golf Club of Tennessee

Utah
Glenwild Golf Club & Spa

Vermont
Haystack Golf Course
The Quechee Club

Virginia
Country Club of Virginia
Farmington CC
The Highland Course at Primland
The Olde Farm


Washington
Seattle Golf Club


Wisconsin
North Shore Country Club


2024 PGA SHOW ALUMNI RECEPTION


DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI


This year we had another successful alumni reception at the 2024 PGA Show in Orlando, FL. We gathered to celebrate the achievements and contributions of our alumni, reflected on the journey that brought us together, and the impact our alumni continue to make in the world of golf and beyond. Our alumni are an integral part of our community and we take any opportunity to highlight their successes. Our goal is to build ongoing relationships with our alumni, allowing enrichment of our student's experience and network, while providing support and a family atmosphere for our alumni. Also, a big shoutout to our sponsors, Colonial Wealth Strategies and Prize Possessions

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Leighann Albaugh '02
Distinguished in Golf Instruction
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Rob Pilewski '92
Distinguished Golf Professional
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Dave Eavenson '96
Distinguished in Business
- 

Keith Duffy '01
Distinguished in Golf Industry
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Loretta Giovannettone '14
Distinguished Player



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Mark Your Calendar!!
2025 PGA Show Alumni Reception



January 22, 2025
5:00 - 7:00 PM

WHAT'S NEW AT MU?

MU Women's Golf Association



Chloe Kraus
Junior / Founder



Jamie Rush
Junior / Founder



Anna Ziegler
Junior / Founder

"We wanted to create a place where the women in the program could talk about their experiences, internships, and future opportunities! We are most excited about the possibility of bringing influential women in the industry in to talk to the girls in the program. Being in a male dominated field can feel nerve-racking and challenging at times so hearing others success stories will help to keep us excited an motivated to continue on our paths. We hope to break barriers in this industry and empower the women in our program to do this. Hearing other women's stories will inspire us and expand our knowledge of all we can do in the golf industry!"

Interested in being a mentor for our students? Email bstromberg@methodist.edu

MU Golf Association



Matt Lonto
Senior / President

"Our next big event that we are preparing for is the Hogge Cup which is April 2nd-4th. On Tuesday the second, we will be having a cookout dinner Downback where all students are invited to come and celebrate Mr. Hogge and the program. The tournament rounds are then on Wednesday and Thursday and are a Ryder Cup-style tournament between a select number of class representatives. On the first day, the seniors will play the freshmen and the juniors will play the sophomores. On the second day, the winners from the previous day will play each other in singles to determine which class takes home the trophy! We will also be having our MUGA elections coming up in mid-April."



MEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

March 4-5	Savannah Invitational Savannah, GA
March 10-11	Tiger Invitational Southern Pines, NC
March 16-17	The Manor Invitational* Farmville, VA
March 18-19	Flyer Spring Invitational** Southern Pines, NC
March 22-24	Jekyll Island Invitational St. Simons Island, GA
April 14-16	Shoals Intercollegiate Florence, AL
April 22-24	USA South Men's Championship Spartanburg, SC

WOMEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

March 11-12	Savannah Invitational Savannah, GA
March 18-19	Barton Intercollegiate* Wilson, NC
March 25-26	Capitol Hill Classic Prattville, AL
April 8-9	Stith Invitational Glen Allen, VA
April 22-24	USA South Women's Championship Spartanburg, SC

*B-team event
*C-team event

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