



**"African American Golfers Hall of Fame"
"African American Collegiate & Youth
Golfers Hall of Fame"**

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"African American Golfers Hall of Fame to Celebrate In Palm Beach County"

West Palm Beach, FL. (May 14, 2019) - The "15th Annual African American Golfers Hall of Fame (AAGHOF) Conference, Tournament, Reception, Dinner, Auction & Awards Celebration" & The "9th Annual African American Collegiate & Youth Golfers Hall of Fame (AAC&YGHOF) will be held in Palm Beach County, FL during the period May 23-27, 2019. The Annual AAGHOF Black Tie Optional Reception & Awards Dinner Celebration" will be held on May 26, 2019 at Eastpointe Country Club, 13535 Eastpointe Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

"We are excited to partner with and have the support of the Palm Beach County Sports Commission; Inner City Youth Golfers', Inc.; Riviera Beach Parks & Recreation Department; Jack & Barbara Nicklaus, James "Jim" Dent and The Honda Classic", said Malachi Knowles, Founder.

"This is a great opportunity to support our premier international organization dedicated to the history of African Americans in the sport of golf" said George W. Linley, III, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Sports Commission.

I have the honor to announce the awardees and their award categories! *Congratulations to ALL!*

"African American Collegiate & Youth Golfers Hall of Fame"

'2019 Youth Golfers of the Year'

Shyla Carolyn Brown, Elizabeth Lane Elementary School, Matthews, NC
Morgan Catherine Rodriguez, Bridge Prep Academy of Palm Beach, Delray Beach, FLA

'2019 Collegiate Golfers of the Year'

Timothy Simpson, Miles College, Fairfield, AL
Taylor Ann Waller, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

"African American Golfers Hall of Fame"

'2019 Member'

Mackenzie Mack, MBA, LPGA & PGA, Western Regional Director, Tennessee Golf Foundation & Associate Executive Director, First Tee of Tennessee in Memphis
Mark Davis Rodgers, Head Golf Professional, Madison Green Country Club, Royal Palm Beach, FLA
Kenneth Sims, MBA, PGA, Vice President of Golf Operations, Tampa Sports Authority
Thomas Woodard, PGA Director of Golf, Foothills & Meadows Golf Courses, Littleton, CO

'2019 Leadership Awardee'

Kenneth Wayne Bentley, Retired Vice President, Nestle USA, Inc. & President, Advocates Professional Golf Association Tour, Los Angeles, CA

'2019 College Golf Coach of the Year'

Leonard Smoot, Jr., Head Golf Coach, Miles College, Fairfield, AL

'2019 High School Golf Coach of the Year'

Darrell Ray Washington, PMP, PMI-ACP, Golf Coach, Arabia Mountain High School, Lithonia, GA

'2019 Humanitarian Awardee'

Dr. Russell B. Stoch, President, Russell B. Stoch DMD, PA, Palm Beach Gardens, FLA

'2019 Pathfinder'

Kamille Linnell Ramos, Manager, Inclusion and Talent Acquisition, United States Golf Association, Liberty Corner, NJ

'2019 Trailblazer'

Herschel Valentine Caldwell, Founder, Minority Golf & Sports Magazine, Aurora, CO

'2019 Founder's Awardees'

Melvin Ambrose Gouthro, Chairman, Northern Division, Bahamas Golf Federation
Victoria Kingdom, Retired PGA National Resort & Spa, Riviera Beach, FLA
Denzel Joseph Walker, Golf Professional, New Orleans, LA

Inner City Youth Golfers', Inc. (ICYG) established the AAGHOF & AAC&YGHOF annual event in order to give all African-American Legends of Golf an opportunity to be recognized for their contributions to the sport, to continue being role models to our youth, to network with their peers, to interact and share their own stories about golf "then and now." For more information, log onto the above website!

"Celebrating the Accomplishments of Yesterday While Paving the Way for Tomorrow!"