



**"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. (February 12, 2020) - The "16<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Golfers Hall of Fame (AAGHOF) Conference, Tournament, Reception, Dinner, Auction & Awards Celebration" & the "10<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Collegiate & Youth Golfers Hall of Fame (AAC&YGHOF) will be held in Palm Beach County, FL during the period May 21-25, 2020. The Annual AAGHOF Black Tie Optional Reception & Awards Dinner Celebration" will be held on May 24, 2020 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; 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.

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**"2020 Youth Golfers of the Year"**

Kendall Jackson, Pearland High School, Pearland, Texas  
Makenna Rodriguez, Florida Virtual School, Delray Beach, Fla  
Joshua Anthony Cornelius Siplin, Winter Park High School, Winter Park, Fla

**"2020 Collegiate Golfers of the Year"**

Vincent Burbank, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan  
Joseph Anthony Lawrence Journey, PGA, CHG, UMES, Princess Anne, MD  
Amber Kuykendall, Graduate, Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas  
Jalyn Kuykendall, Graduate, Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas

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Jesse Allen, Professional Golfer, Jackson, MS  
Morris Stanley Alexander\*, Caddy Master & Professional Golfer, Lynchburg Oakland Country Club  
Craig B. Bowen, Director of Diversity & Community Engagement, Chicago Parks Golf Alliance  
Dr. Tommy J. Dorsey, Founder, Orlando Minor Youth Golf Association  
Gordon Reynard Fleming, United Automobile Workers, Springhill, Fla  
Kevin Michael Hall, Professional Golfer, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Jamila Johnson, First Year Experience Coordinator, UMES & Hollywood Golf Institute, Detroit, Mich  
Angela Moody, CEO, EDJ Associates, Herndon, VA  
Michael Thomas "Mike" Rice, Jr., Head Men's Golf Coach, FAMU/LUA Bartley  
Dr. Catana Starks, Former Head Men's Golf Coach, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tenn  
Carolyn Suttles, Desert Mashie Golf Club, Goodyear, AZ  
Joe N. Weems, Jr., Head Varsity Golf Coach, Charles R. Drew Charter Boys & Girls Golf Team, Atlanta, GA  
Robert "Bob" Williams, President/CEO, Golf Tournament Productions, Garner, NC.

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." The ultimate purpose of the AAGHOF is to honor the legacy and achievements of African Americans in the game of golf and build a permanent place for the world to see their collective contributions. This celebratory event has institutionalized the true recognition of the historic involvement in "the growth of the game of golf" since the 1800's. The African-American golfing community is at no loss for stories documenting its struggles, tragedies and ultimate triumphs. Little has been done however to recognize the accomplishments of those who really paved the way for today's "Black Golfers."

The AAGHOF also very strongly believes in its youth! It feels strongly that golf's future cannot be passed from its "Legends" to our "Youth" unless they are included and honored annually during this event. Hence, ICYG is also on a mission to add value to its community through golf, especially with our youth! In cooperation with the African American Golfers Hall of Fame and the African American Collegiate & Youth Golfers Hall of Fame, ICYG is in the preconstruction phase of building "ICYG Learning Center & Museum" in Riviera Beach, Fla to ***"Celebrate the Accomplishments of Yesterday While Paving the Way for Tomorrow!"***

For more information about this year's Celebration, log onto our website above!

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