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Subject: Ferris State University Professional Golf Management student receives Paul Runyan Scholarship
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Dear Editors/News Directors:

Included below is a press release noting that PGM student Todd Griffin was awarded the 2005-06 Paul Runyan Collegiate Golf Management Scholarship. Griffin is from Shelby, MI Please call/e-mail with questions.

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Ferris PGM students receive Paul Runyan Scholarship

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University’s Professional Golf Management students Todd Griffin and Brian Jerred are two of the ten recipients of the 2005-06 Paul Runyan Collegiate Golf Management Scholarship.

The Professional Golfers Association of America created the Paul Runyan Collegiate Golf Management Scholarship in memory of Paul Runyan, who died on March 17, 2002, at age 93. Runyan was a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame and two-time winner of the PGA Championship and Senior PGA Championships. He was also chosen as one of GOLF Magazine’s Top 50 Teachers. Since then, the scholarship program has benefited 16 PGM students and has awarded \$42,500 in scholarship aid.

In order to be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be enrolled in a sanctioned PGM program. In addition, they must submit their Golf Professional Training Program test scores, have a GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 grading scale, have successfully completed the Playing Ability Test, demonstrate community involvement as it relates to increasing participation in the game of golf, have PGM intern experience, complete the Level I GPTP checkpoint and present a paper on “Why do you want to become a PGA Professional?” College of Business seniors Griffin and Jerred, along with the other recipients, were nominated by PGM directors at their respective colleges/universities.

“The PGA of America is proud to expand the Paul Runyan Collegiate Golf Management Scholarship to award 10 very deserving recipients,” said Roger Warren, president of the PGA of America. “Paul Runyan left a legacy of achievement in both education and in playing the game. His life’s work serves as a model for all PGA professionals.”

Founded in 1916, the PGA of America, comprised of more than 28,000 men and women, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting the game of golf, while continuing to enhance the standards of the profession.

This year the PGA Scholarship Committee granted three different levels of awards totaling \$20,000 to ten of the most outstanding PGA/PGM students in their junior years at five PGM colleges/universities—New Mexico State University, Ferris State University, Florida State University, Methodist College and Penn State University.

Griffin, a 22-year-old from Shelby, received the 2004-05 Bulldog Award, which is presented annually to a men's golf team member who demonstrates the most dedication and hard work throughout the season. In his first year of varsity competition, he attained All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Second-Team laurels. At the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Fall Regional Tournament I, Griffin led his team to a first place finish, which earned him his first top individual medalist honor.

Jerred, a 23-year-old from Sioux Falls, S.D., was awarded the 2003 'Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities' certificate. In the summer of 2005, he was a test subject for a high-tech research study aimed at improving golfers' swings, during which he participated in two testing sessions using one-wood tee shots and 35-yard wedge shots. The pre-shot routines and actual swings were recorded on GolfTEC's SEVA system, which features digital video, motion analysis and ball-flight projection. Based in Naperville, Illinois, GolfTEC provides comprehensive golf lessons by comparing swings with those of tour professionals.

Established in 1975, the PGM program at Ferris was the first of its kind in the nation sanctioned by the PGA. The program is a joint venture with the PGA and is designed for students interested in a career in the golf industry as a PGA member. This mission is accomplished by offering students a bachelor's degree in business in the areas of marketing and integrating the PGA's Golf Professional Training Program into the curriculum through a unique internship program. This allows students to gain real-life experience at golf facilities with PGA professionals or in administrative positions in PGA affiliated organizations.

For more information about the PGM program, contact Coordinator Matt Pinter at (231) 591-2380.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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