



# ARIZONA MEN'S GOLF

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## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

Senior Kolton Lapa is one of the University of Arizona Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (S.A.A.C.) and was sent to San Francisco with senior gymnast Danielle Buchanan for the Pac-12 S.A.A.C. conference.

"I am very humbled and blessed to be going to San Francisco, representing the University of Arizona," commented Lapa. "The student athlete-advisory committee is a program that I've wanted to be a part of since freshman year and it has been a lot of fun. This trip will be a new experience for me and I'm looking forward to representing the University of Arizona at the Pac-12 meetings for SAAC. This is my senior year and I have made it a goal of mine to get involved with the community and athletics as much as I can.



## TOP PERFORMERS

Sophomore Max Donohue, a business finance major who was admitted into the prestigious Eller College of Management, holds a 3.787 GPA.

Redshirt sophomore Jake Kreuz holds a 3.400 as a finance major in the prestigious Eller College of Management.



## COMMUNITY CORNER

Senior Kolton Lapa has logged 36.75 hours of community service, reaching out to over 1,500 people. Lapa has been heavily involved in Arizona's PAL (Peer Athletic Leaders) program throughout his time at Arizona.

Sophomore Max Donohue has accumulated 26.75 hours of community service hours, reaching out to over 900 people. Donohue was heavily involved with helping elementary school children, as well as participating in a pen-pal program to help children improve their writing skills.



## HOBBY HUDDLE

Redshirt freshman Austin Stadeli spends his summers wakeboarding, and enjoys playing guitar

Freshman Tyler Moore sits front row at every home basketball game for Arizona.



## NUTRITIONAL CORNER

"The night before the event, I like to really hydrate so I'm ready in the morning. For breakfast, I always have bacon and eggs and add something else to make sure it will last me the day. I always have a cup or two of coffee to make sure I'm awake and ready to go."

-Kolton Lapa



## FAMILY TIES

N/A



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## **ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT**

--The golf team recorded a 1000 (100%) APR, tied for best in both the Pac-12 and the NCAA. ASU's cumulative single-year 987 in APR is an all-time high.

--Max Rottluff (3.55/Marketing), Jared du Toit (3.53/Marketing), Tobias Eden (3.18/Interdisciplinary Studies) and Jon Rahm (2.86/Communication) recently received Sun Devil Scholar Athlete honors.

--Notable Sun Devil Graduates and degrees: Phil Mickelson (B.A., Psychology, 1995; 3X NCAA Champion), Alejandro Canizares (B.I.S., Landscape Architecture/Sociology, 2006; 2003 NCAA Champion), Todd Dempsey (B.A., Psychology, 1995; 1993 NCAA Champion), Chez Reavie (B.I.S., Political Science/Sociology; 2001 U.S. Public Links Champion).



## **DID YOU KNOW?**

--2015-16 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NCAA/Pac-12 Champion Sun Devils led by ASU Hall of Famer Randy Lein.

-- Jon Rahm of Barrika Spain and Max Rottluff of Dusseldorf Germany competed for team Europe in the 2015 Palmer Cup.

-- Alberto Sanchez as a 17-year old qualified for the 2012 U.S. Open, turning 18 on the day of the final round. He shot a 2-over par and was tied for 23rd after the first round of the U.S. Open, but missed the cut after the second round.

--A transfer from the University of Idaho, Jared du Toit spent two seasons with the Vandals, notably leading the team in scoring (69.61) and posting three victories, including a first-place finish at the Big Sky Conference Championship in 2014-15. The junior is also the reigning champion of the British Columbia Amateur.



## **COMMUNITY CORNER**

--The team aided in the rendering of the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Healing Field flag display, hosted at Tempe Beach Park in the fall. The event provides a solemn tribute to the Victims of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, as 3,000 flags are displayed in memoriam of those inflicted.



## **TOP PERFORMERS**

--Jon Rahm is currently ranked World Amateur No. 1 by the World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR). Max Rottluff (No. 23) and Jared du Toit (No. 84) are ranked within the top-100.

--Rahm earned his ninth-career victory at the ASU Thunderbird Invitational to pass Billy Mayfair for the second most wins in program history. Rahm stands as the only three-time winner in the event's 34-year history.

--Rahm is the reigning recipient of the prestigious Ben Hogan Award, honoring the top player in collegiate golf. He was also awarded the McCormack medal as the top world amateur in 2015.

--Entering this year Sun Devil Athletics has had 70 Academic All-Americans since 2000, second-most in the Pac-12 in that time and seventh in the NCAA.



## **DEVIL DATA**

--Tim Mickelson was a member of Arizona State's 1996 NCAA Championship team and earned runner-up honors at the 1999 Pac-12 Championships while playing for Oregon State.

--Entering this season ASU had produced 29 Pac-12 Scholar-Athletes of the Year, second in the Pac-12 since the award was created in 2007-08.



# CALIFORNIA MEN'S GOLF

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## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

*The Cal men's golf program has had a long-standing relationship with the school's prestigious Haas School of Business with many of the team's former and current players business administration majors including the trio of All-America Scholars Brandon Hagy, Joël Stalter and Michael Weaver in 2014. The program also encourages its student-athletes to redshirt one season during their career to apply for the program as both Hagy and Weaver did. Current players KK Limbhasut and Collin Morikawa are among those intending to attend Haas.*

## TOP PERFORMERS

*Shotaro Ban picked up honorable mention All-Academic honors for the first time as a junior in addition to earning the team's Ben Furth Award for academic and athletic excellence with both honors still to be named this season. Ban is majoring in interdisciplinary studies has a 3.024 cumulative GPA.*

## COMMUNITY CORNER

*Cal men's golf student-athletes participate in Youth On Course at the Richmond Country Club two days a week for approximately 15 weeks each season. The core purpose of Youth On Course is to provide youth with access to life-change opportunities through golf and provides youth with subsidized golf rounds that are the core of their program. Cal student-athletes teach golf skills to hundreds of youth in the program.*

## HOBBY HUDDLE

*Alexander Wilson is an aspiring musician who performed in a musical group at the 2014 Oski's (student-athlete run awards show based on the ESPY's) with former Cal men's golf teammate Clayton Madey*

## NUTRITIONAL CORNER

*KK Limbhasut normally orders grilled salmon before every tournament.*

## FAMILY TIES

*Stephen Griggs is the first legacy player for Cal head coach Steve Desimone with his father, Chris, playing for Cal's current head coach from 1988-92.*



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## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

### PHILIP JUEL-BERG

Senior **Philip Juel-Berg** is majoring in Economics (and earning a minor in Leadership Studies). He owns a grade point average of 3.51 and will graduate on May 7. As a junior, he was named a Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) All-America Scholar (and will likely be recognized again for his senior year); he also earned second-team Pac-12 All-Academic Team honors (he was honorable mention as a sophomore).

Here's what his daily schedule looks like (\*—Econ classes):

**Monday:** Dance (8:15-9:45), \*International Trade (11-11:50), Practice (2-6 p.m.)

**Tuesday:** \*Market Design (9:30-10:45), Practice (12-3), Leadership Capstone (3:30-6 p.m.)

**Wednesday:** Dance (8:15-9:45), \*International Trade (11-11:50), Practice (2-6 p.m.)

**Thursday:** \*Market Design (9:30-10:45), Practice (2-6 p.m.)

**Friday:** Dance (8:15-9:45), \*International Trade (11-11:50), Practice (2-6 p.m.)

Now what's a golfer doing taking dance? Ah, that last college elective ...

## COMMUNITY CORNER



Last December in coordination with TEAM IMPACT, the Colorado men's golf team "drafted" 11-year old **Addison** of nearby Broomfield as the newest "recruit" of the program. Addison was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia when he was six. He attends team practices and workouts and had the team over to his home for dinner. *Addison, in the black CU tee, is pictured with his family and CU coaches Pat Grady (left) and Roy Edwards (center).*

## FAMILY TIES

**Jeremy Paul** is the older (by a minute) twin with brother Yannik; the two were both on the CU golf team as freshman and sophomores, but Yannik opted to return home to Germany this year where he initially planned to turn pro (he now may return to the states). It's easily the longest the twins have ever been apart.

## MOST IMPROVED

Earlier this week, at Colorado's 24th Annual Student-Athlete Academic Recognition Breakfast, the men's golf team was recognized with the Most Improved Team GPA Award. The team's cumulative grade point average rose from 2.845 after the Fall 2014 semester to 2.932 after the Fall 2015 term. The team won this honor one other time—in 2005.

Those with 3.0+ grade points that helped the improvement:

**Philip Juel-Berg** (3.507; Economics/Leadership),  
**John Souza** (3.392; Economics),  
**Wilson Belk** (3.071; Integrative Physiology), and  
**Kade Crossland** (3.025; Sociology).

## HOBBY HUDDLE

The hobbies and past loves of the Buffs run an interesting gamut—despite just eight members on the squad:

The most impressive? **Wilson Belk**: he is in the process of earning his pilot's license (Cessna 172s; he soloed when he was 16); he's also an Eagle Scout.

**John Souza** is a big ping-pong freak; remove the N from ping, and you have **Kade Crossland** who raised 4-H pigs for 10 years.

The Europeans? **Philip Juel-Berg** and **Jeremy Paul** are soccer nuts.

And you can't be from Colorado without some liking winter sports, as **Pierce Aichinger** still plays hockey and **Ross Macdonald** is an avid skier.



# OREGON MEN'S GOLF

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## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

*Senior Brandon McIver earned his second straight Pac-12 all-academic honorable mention nod last season with 3.19 cumulative GPA, majoring in sociology. As a team, the Ducks have been just as sharp in the classroom as on the golf course, with five golfers with GPA's above 3.0.*

*The John E. Jaqua Center for Student Athletes at the University of Oregon provides the Oregon women's tennis team a place to gather as a community focused on study and learning. The challenge of creating a tranquil environment where students feel connected to natural landscape elements and daylight was heightened by the chosen location: a busy intersection between campus and the city of Eugene. The Jaqua Center, as it has become known, uses a series of creative innovations in the design of the building envelope and the surrounding landscaping in support of resolving the challenges of the site.*



## COMMUNITY CORNER

*Over the Christmas break, a group of Oregon student-athletes, including a faction from the men's golf team spent a day in Portland visiting and dropping off gifts to impoverished adults who receive support through the Macdonald Center. The center is named for Maybelle Clark Macdonald, who before her passing in 2009 established a foundation that also generously supports scholarships at the university. The athletes visited men and women living in single-room occupant hotels and low-income housing apartments, in Old Town and downtown Portland. The seven "Santa Ducks" carried bags filled with T-shirts donated by The Duck Store, knit caps from Nike and bundles of toiletries.*



## TOP PERFORMERS

*Sam Foust – Freshman, Pre-Business, 3.77 GPA*

*Brandon Baumgarten – Junior, Business Administration, 3.50 GPA*

*Aaron Wise – Sophomore, Undeclared, 3.26 GPA*

*Max Carter – Senior, General Social Science, 3.22 GPA*

*Edwin Yi – Freshman, Undeclared, 3.05 GPA*



## HOBBY HUDDLE

*Through his mother's work at the University of Oregon, junior Sulman Raza has enjoyed the opportunity to travel and see the world. Raza has visited Japan, China, Malaysia, Vietnam, India, Kenya, South Africa, Brazil and Cuba, among a host of other destinations.*



## NUTRITIONAL CORNER

*At the University of Oregon, athletes will find a Sports Nutrition program that meets the needs of every them, whether they are focusing on strength or speed, hydration, weight gain or loss, or just overall good nutrition. It is highly important that athletes at the U of O are educated on how to properly recover and hydrate with food and fluid before, during and after workouts to maximize physical development.*



## FAMILY TIES

*Junior Sulman Raza was originally born in Lithuania, before being adopted by a family located right here in Eugene. His adopted mother is a professor of international studies (with an emphasis on Pakistan) at the University of Oregon, while his Pakistan-born adopted father is a former professional cricket player.*



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## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

Chris Tedesco, a senior from Gig Harbor, Wash., was named Pac-12 All-Academic Honorable Mention for the first time last year for his 3.32 GPA in Business Finance.

He has continued to be heavily involved in athletic department and community service, as he was appointed the Vice President of Oregon State University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

In 2014, the Oregon State men's golf team earned an NCAA Public Recognition Award for posting scores in the top 10 percent of its sport in the Academic Progress Rate (APR).



## TOP PERFORMERS

### **Oregon State GPA**

Conner Kumpula - 3.37

Jonas Liebich - 3.27

Chris Tedesco - 3.32

Trevor Yu - 3.28



## HOBBY HUDDLE

### **Hobbies**

Tyler Carlson - fishing

Calum Hill - rugby

Tom Kerkvliet - Australian rules football

Conner Kumpula - hunting

Jonas Liebich - soccer

Chris Tedesco - working on his car

Trevor Yu - drawing



## COMMUNITY CORNER

Oregon State assistant coach Jonnie Motomochi, who was a recipient of the prestigious Pac-12 Scholar Athlete of the Year Award in 2012, is currently working hard to earn his master's degree while coaching the Beavers.

He took part in the Beavers Without Borders trip to Ethiopia in the summer of 2012 where he and 12 other Oregon State student-athletes built two homes for single-parent, female-headed families in Silti.

Motomochi graduated from Oregon State in December 2012 with a degree in New Media Communications. After graduation and before being named an assistant coach at Oregon State on July 1, 2013, Motomochi coached youth in his hometown, worked with CPGA professional Kendal Yonemoto and served as a volunteer coach for the Beavers during the second half of the spring season.



## FAMILY TIES

Tyler Carlson - Father, Rod, and sister, Kaylin, played golf at Whitworth University, and brother, Chad, played golf at Washington State

Conner Kumpula - Mother, Michelle, and grandfather, Evor Kumpula, both attended Oregon State

Kevin Murphy - Has 11 brothers and sisters



## NUTRITIONAL CORNER

Whole foods including lean proteins, starches, fruits, vegetables and multiple hydration options are provided prior to competition. While pre-competition nutrition is certainly important, all of the meals leading up to competition are what support the hours of training and preparation. At Oregon State we emphasize the importance of starting the day off with a healthy breakfast and then continuing to fuel throughout the day with whole food options, especially fruits and vegetables.



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## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

Maverick McNealy tends to favor an analytical approach when it comes to breaking down his game, which is no surprise, because he is studying industrial engineering that is modified to add computer science and statistics. His concentration is in financial and decision engineering -- or, basically, how to take a massive amount of data and make the best possible decision from that information.

He has developed a model to calculate strokes gained-putting and his proximity to the hole relative to PGA Tour standards. He figured he was losing about three shots per round on the greens. Part of the reason? He never knew how to practice -- this was the first time in his life that he'd had a golf club, not a hockey stick, in his hand every day of the year. "There's no rebuild phase trying to get my touch back," he says.

Just as he sought out Cameron Wilson for his stinger driver shot and David Boote for his bunker play, McNealy also worked with the best putters on the team and tried to learn from them. During his sophomore season, he was about three shots better on the greens, per round, which made him eight or nine shots better over the course of a 54-hole tournament. That's the difference between finishing, say, 25th and first.

But his strokes gained model is nothing compared to his tournament logs. For every event -- every round, every qualifier -- he writes up four pages of notes. A general assessment of how he played. Every shot he hit. What he felt. What he thought.

"It's a stockpile of information," he says of his notes, "all right there at my disposal."

"It's not just a record. It's a form of therapy."



## FAMILY TIES

- Jeffrey Swegle's mother, Dr. Carol Swegle, specializes in obstetrics and gynecology at The Iowa Clinic.

- Maverick McNealy's brother, Dakota, will be a freshman on the Cardinal golf team for the 2016-17 season.



## TOP PERFORMERS

Viraat Badhwar (3.52 GPA)  
- Mgmt. Science and Engineering

David Boote (3.32 GPA)  
- Human Biology

Franklin Huang (3.00 GPA)  
- Undeclared

Maverick McNealy (3.51 GPA)  
- Mgmt. Science and Engineering

Jeffrey Swegle (3.36 GPA)  
- Undeclared

Brandon Wu (3.53 GPA)  
- Undeclared



## HOBBY HUDDLE

- David Boote competed in rugby and field hockey as a prep. He also plays tenor and baritone saxophone.

- Franklin Huang spends time away from the course playing billiards and chess. His freshman roommate, Parimarjan Negi, is a chess grandmaster from India. Negi also is a former Asian and Indian champion. He achieved the grand master title at the age of 13 in 2006, becoming the second youngest chess grandmaster ever.

- Brandon Wu enjoys playing recreational hockey.



# UCLA MEN'S GOLF

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## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

**Senior Lorens Chan** is the Bruins' nominee for the Pac-12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year award for men's golf. Last season, he was named to the GCAA All-America Scholar Team and is a multiple-time member of the UCLA Athletic Director's Honor Roll.

**Freshman Phil Delisi** was a member of the National Honor Society at Yokota High School.

**Sophomore Brandon Mai** holds the highest cumulative grade point average on the team at 3.69.

**Sophomore Corey Shaun** was a 2013 AJGA HP Scholastic All-American.



## FAMILY TIES

### **Sophomore Brandon Mai**

His sister, Brittany, played on the UCLA women's golf team for two seasons (2013-2014 and 2014-2015).

### **Freshman Cole Madey**

His brother, Clayton, plays golf at California.

### **Senior Jonathan Garrick**

His sister, Victoria, is a women's volleyball player at USC.



## TOP PERFORMERS

### **Senior Lorens Chan**

\*Pac-12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year nominee for men's golf

\*Named to the GCAA All-America Scholar Team

\*Multiple-time member of the UCLA Athletic Director's Honor Roll

### **Sophomore Brandon Mai**

\*His 3.69 cumulative grade point average is the highest on the team.



## HOBBY HUDDLE

### **Senior Lorens Chan**

\*Swimming, tennis, music and watching movies.

### **Sophomore Tyler Collier**

\*Fishing and basketball.

### **Freshman Phil Delisi**

\*Playing soccer and basketball, and hanging out with friends.

### **Senior Jonathan Garrick**

\*Skiing and fishing.

### **Freshman Cole Madey**

\*Fishing and playing the piano.

### **Sophomore Brandon Mai**

\*Listening to music and playing other sports.





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## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

Senior Andrew Levitt is eyeing a career in real estate one day. It's something he gained an appreciation for while sharpening his academic skills during a semester away from USC's golf team. But Levitt has been refining his ball striking skills as well and is in the midst of the best season in his collegiate career, so it's no surprise that he'd just as soon continue with his golf career as long as he can. Levitt has started every tournament during his final season, his nine events played more than his combined total of the past three seasons. He has three top 5 finishes, including his first collegiate win at the Southwestern Jones Invitational. It's a satisfying rebound for Levitt, whose swing change late in his prep career (he calls it "just the wrong decision") derailed the start of his college career. Levitt, the former prep star, saw limited action as a freshman and, as a sophomore, spent the spring semester in 2014 away from the team. He also broke his wrist during that respite, further distancing himself from the game. He found, however, the time away from golf not only re-focused his academics but re-ignited his game as well. Head Coach Chris Zambri brought him back onto the squad for the 2014-15 season as a reserve and Levitt then grabbed a starting spot on this year's squad, one that has been ranked No. 1 for much of the spring. He is majoring in in the real estate track of policy, planning and development and has an internship lined up this summer. But as he nears the finish of his college career, he plans to take a shot at playing professionally as well. Said Levitt: "It is really rewarding to finally be playing and starting. The level of where my game is at, I kind of expect that. It made it a lot easier to come back as I had seen myself doing it before. It made it easier to find my groove again. I came back to have a shot at making this a career. It's awesome, and the people on the team have really made me better. You're playing with guys who shoot low and you have to rise to their level. It's been a key to me getting back."



## COMMUNITY CORNER

*The entire Trojan men's golf team joined more than 125 USC student-athletes at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Trojan "Community Bowl" – this year featuring a day spent at 186<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary in Gardena, Calif., to meet local schoolchildren and help spruce up their school. The Trojan student-athletes spent an entire Saturday, completing a sum of 30 tasks with the school's students, which included painting murals, digging and planting gardens and re-tooling the school's athletic facilities. The children also worked through a lesson plan designed to discover more about what the Trojans learn in college and their study habits.*

*Juniors David Kim and Danny Ochoa represented the USC men's golf team at the annual "A Day in Troy" on Feb. 4, a community event hosted by the Trojan Athletic Department. Local fans and schoolchildren get a chance to tour the USC campus, take part in USC's education S.C.O.R.E. program and then attend a Trojans' women's basketball game.*



## FAMILY TIES

*USC sophomore Sean Crocker was born in Zimbabwe and learned golf from his father, Gary, who was a competitive junior growing up. Gary, however, chose a different route and became a successful professional cricket player before the entire family moved to the U.S. His father was 30 when he first represented Zimbabwe nationally, called up due to a late injury of another player.*



## TOP PERFORMERS

*Freshman Ryan Slater has been USC's top reserve this year, and its top golfer in the classroom. In the fall 2015, he registered a 3.67 GPA in business administration in his first year on the squad.*



## HOBBY HUDDLE

If you listen closely during a practice round, you might be able to hear sophomore Jonah Teixeira's voice accompanying the soft EDM and R&B music on his headphones. Actually, you probably don't have to listen that closely, because Teixeira sings a lot.

And he does it well. Of course, the singing is a bit of a family thing. One of five children, his oldest sister, Keana, is a pop singer who had a major following in Japan, including a No. 1 hit ("Could You Be the One"), a few years back. As Teixeira tells it, she sold more records there, that year, than "Lady Gaga, Beyoncé or Miley Cyrus." She's now focusing on her stateside career.

Teixeira, who is doing the same, is known to sing on the course, on the way to the course, on the way back. He has yet to choose a major but says it won't involve music. For him, it's a way to relax, not a career.

That, he hopes, will be in golf.



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## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

*The Utah Golf team has seven of its 11 members boasting at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA. Redshirt freshman Remec Carlson (Undeclared) leads the squad with a 3.603 cumulative GPA, while senior Brent Pollock (Communications) follows right behind with a 3.602. Redshirt freshman Drew Grundberg (Undeclared) has a 3.593 cumulative GPA and senior Brandon Kida (Business Administration) follows with a 3.438 GPA. Rounding out the remaining 3.0 GPA's include: Freshman Trent Hill (Pre-Business) 3.275, junior Justin Mortensen (Communications) 3.121, and junior Gentry Hicks (Exercise & Sport Science) 3.115.*



## TOP PERFORMERS

*Seniors Brandon Kida, Jose Pelayo and Brent Pollack were each named 2015 Pac-12 All-Academic Team selections last season.*

*Pollock was tabbed a second-team selection, while Kida and Pelayo were both earned honorable mention accolades.*



## GROWING UP A UTE

*Freshman Nathan Wunderli, a native of Sandy, Utah, grew up wanting to be a Utah Ute. A graduate of Brighton High School, Wunderli imagined himself always playing golf at Utah and being a Ute!*



## HOBBY HUDDLE

*Senior Jose Pelayo enjoys hiking the Wasatch Mountain trails and watching Netflix in his spare time.*

*In addition to playing golf, senior Steven Croft also enjoys playing basketball and baseball. He also likes to road bike and travel the country.*



## KEEPING IT LOCAL

*The Utah Golf team has four players on the roster that hail from the state of Utah. Senior Steven Croft (Salt Lake City); senior Brandon Kida (Layton); senior Jonathan Thomas (West Points); and freshman Nathan Wunderli (Sandy).*



## FAMILY TIES

*A primary reason that redshirt freshman Remec Carlson, who hails from Bradenton, Fla., chose to attend Utah was because he had a lot of family that lived in the Salt Lake City or surrounding areas.*



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## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

*Highlight one story of academic success, research project, summer abroad, internship, etc.*

Jonathan Sanders carries a 3.47 cumulative GPA while majoring in Political Science.

Sanders is also one of 10 finalists for the 2016 Byron Nelson Award, which is given annually to a graduating senior who excels not only on the golf course, but also in the classroom and the community.

Senior Tyler Salsbury, an Academic All-Pac-12 selection last year was on the Dean's List again this winter and carries a 3.69 GPA while majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in marketing. His admittance into one of the most competitive and highly regarded schools at UW is a testament to his hard work.

Senior Chris Babcock joined Salsbury on the most recent Dean's List, finishing the winter quarter with a 3.60 GPA while majoring in Communication.

During Matt Thurmond's tenure as head coach, four Washington players have earned Scholar All-America honors.



## COMMUNITY CORNER

*Highlight 2-3 community involvement stories by team or individual.*

The Huskies participated in the Coins for Kids drive in the fall.



## FAMILY TIES

*Family-related stories (i.e. dad played here, mom overcame cancer, etc.)*

Jonathan Sanders's brother Jeremy also played college golf at the University of Redlands for two years where he was a Division III GCAA All-American both seasons. He then transferred to Pepperdine where he led the Waves in stroke average as both a junior and senior.



## TOP PERFORMERS

*Feature academic bios for top performing students in terms of Winter 2016 GPA.*

Seven of 10 Washington players and five of the six competing at the Pac-12 Championships had a GPA over 3.0 during the 2016 winter quarter.

Chris Babcock: 3.60/3.25 Cume  
Frank Garber: 3.05/3.14 Cume  
Kevin Kwon: 3.27/3.35 Cume  
Corey Pereira: 3.40/3.05 Cume  
Tyler Salsbury: 3.79/3.69 Cume  
Jonathan Sanders: 3.07/3.47 Cume  
Carl Yuan: 3.43/3.56 Cume



## HOBBY HUDDLE

Having fun is one of the pillars of the Washington men's golf program. The Dawgs often partake in activities like boogie boarding or racing go-karts when traveling to tournaments. They also have monopoly and ping pong tournaments at UW as the ping pong table resides in the golf center next to the Trackman swing analysis tool. Finally, as part of hosting the Husky Invitational each fall, the teams compete in a cornhole (tossing bean bags onto a board with a hole in it) tournament the night before the event.



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## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

The team appreciates courses that expand their knowledge outside of the classroom. A business major, Grant Cole's favorite class is kinesiology due to the variety of guest speakers that taught the class how to live better lives beyond college.

Junior humanities and social sciences major Nick Mandell gained valuable real-world experience by interning at a financial firm.

If golfing on the PGA Tour doesn't work out, sophomore sport management major Derek Bayley plans on being a sport broadcaster or analyst.



## COMMUNITY CORNER

The team stays involved with the Pullman community by participating in the Reading Buddies program with students at Sunnyside Elementary and assisting with Butch's Bash, a holiday event which raises donations for a local charity. The Cougars also help develop children's golf skills by hosting an annual free junior clinic.

Senior Seth Nickerson, a native of Olympia, Wash., volunteers at his local golf course for The First Tee, an organization that aims to promote life skills and leadership among youth through mentorship and golf.



## FAMILY TIES

A few members of the team attribute their interest in golf to their fathers. Sophomore Brian Mogg carries on a family tradition as his father played collegiate golf at WSU, while junior Nick Mandell's dad is a PGA Section professional and a head golf professional at Mandell's hometown course. Freshman Austin Brown's father introduced him to the sport when he was about five years old.

Sophomore Zach Anderson's father also competed at a collegiate level on the University of British Columbia's rugby team.

Freshman Grant Cole's cousin lives in Pullman with his wife Ashley, who is an assistant coach for the women's basketball team. "They have made the transition to WSU easier and provide an additional sense of family within Pullman," Cole said.



## TOP PERFORMERS

Senior Seth Nickerson has a 3.33 grade point average and is majoring in accounting.

His favorite class is Management 401, stating that "It is a leadership course and the material can be applied to both athletics and the real world in working environments."



## HOBBY HUDDLE

While he's not on the green, senior Seth Nickerson enjoys fishing with family and friends.

Not only is freshman Grant Cole a welder, he also plays guitar, piano, and trombone.

Freshman AJ Armstrong, a native of St. Albert, Alberta, played hockey for seven years growing up.



## NUTRITIONAL CORNER

"Carbs and more carbs for energy," said junior Nick Mandell when asked about what he eats before a tournament.

Freshman Austin Brown refers to eggs, bacon, and hash browns with orange juice as the "breakfast of champions."