



## KARL G. ESTES SCHOLARSHIP

2020 UPDATE

### **Scholars Class of 2020**

Ryan Sauer, Jacksonville, FL - \$20,000

Isabel Matos, Saint Johns, FL - \$20,000

Danny Neddo, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL - \$20,000

### **Scholars Class of 2019**

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Tristan Mihalich, St. Augustine, FL - \$20,000

### **Scholars Class of 2018**

Warren Day, Jacksonville, FL - \$20,000

Trevor Madrideojos, St. Augustine, FL - \$20,000

Chase Killeto, Jacksonville, FL (Alumni) - \$5,000

### **Scholars Class of 2017**

Austin Evans, Jacksonville, FL - \$20,000

David Dendler, St. Augustine, FL - \$20,000

John Paul Garrido, Jacksonville, FL - \$20,000

Stephanie Pulido, St. Augustine, FL - \$20,000

## Scholars Class of 2020

In 2020, the Karl G. Estes Scholarship was awarded to the following Scholars of First Tee - North Florida:

### Ryan Sauer - \$20,000



Ryan Sauer graduated from Mandarin High School in Jacksonville, Florida in May 2020. He will attend Methodist University in Fayetteville, North Carolina in the fall of 2020. Ryan will be majoring in business through the PGA Golf Management Program. His degree concentration will be in management & leadership. He will be working towards achieving his goal of playing on the PGA Tour and following his passion for golf by having a career in the golf industry as a PGA Professional. He has many different attributes that define him including confidence, drive, passion, and a heart for helping others. Ryan played varsity golf for four years at Mandarin High leading the team as the "Most Outstanding Player" for three years and earning the "Coaches Award" his freshman year. Ryan achieved All Conference his senior year and advanced to the State Individual Regional Competition several years during his high school career. Ryan has been active in several school clubs, served as a mentor for the Moore-Myers Children's Fund, and was awarded the Presidential Scholarship from Methodist for his high school GPA and outstanding ACT scores.

In addition to his achievements thus far, Ryan has been an active participant of The First Tee of North Florida and since moving to FL almost ten years ago. Ryan is grateful for the impact The First Tee has had on his life and the vast amount of opportunities it has provided for him to grow into the young man he is today. Ryan was selected for the national opportunity of playing in the Pure Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach in 2019. Ryan has grown under the guidance of many First Tee coaches and is grateful for their mentorship. He has represented the First Tee of North Florida in various charity events and playing series which has awarded him the opportunity to grow in the areas of public speaking, networking and relationship building on and off the golf course. Ryan has continued his passion for furthering the sport of golf by becoming a First Tee employee for summer programs, working at Brentwood Golf Course and mentoring young men through the Moore-Myers Children's Funds' golf activities. Ryan reached the Ace level of the First Tee program and will be trying out for the prestigious golf team at Methodist University this fall. Ryan desires to pay forward the many opportunities he has been provided, and to have an impact on the world through the sport of golf and as a First Tee Alumni.

### **Isabel Matos - \$20,000**



Isabel Matos graduated from Allen D Nease High School in Ponte Vedra, Florida in May of 2020. She will attend Southern Wesleyan University in Central, South Carolina. Matos will be playing on the golf team and majoring in communications with the eventual goal of becoming a broadcast journalist.

Matos was the team captain of her high school golf team for two years and helped them to a top ten finish at states three years. Along with that she was very active at her school. She was the editor in chief of the yearbook, president of Senior Women, in Link Crew, and National Honors Society.

Matos has been a part of First Tee and Girls Golf for ten years. She loves being able to mentor younger kids in her shoes and help them to reach their highest potential. Matos has been to five national opportunities including The National Par 3 Championship, Life Skills and Leadership Academy, Perfect Sense Unified Challenge, Cobank Peak Performers, and her favorite the Pure Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach. Matos is thankful for every opportunity First Tee has given to her and hopes to be involved in the program in some shape or form for years to come.

### **Danny Neddo - \$20,000**



Daniel Neddo (Danny) graduated from Ponte Vedra High School, Ponte Vedra, FL in May 2020. He graduated Magna Cum Laude and was in the top 15 percent of his graduating class. He will attend the University of Central Florida in Orlando, FL in the fall of 2020. He was accepted into the Rosen Collage of Hospitality Management and he will be majoring in Hospitality Management and Tourism and hopes to minor in Turf Grass Science. He aspires to be a

General Manager or Superintendent of a golf club. Several activities have defined Danny throughout his high school years. He was active in several honor societies and he was a leader in Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was active in Future Business Leaders of America in which he represented his high school twice in the Florida State Competition and in his church where he volunteered each summer with Vacation Bible School. Outside of school and church, Danny has worked two part-time jobs. One being a soccer referee and the other being a server at a Local Retirement Community. He is now training to be a Supervisor and will continue working while attending college on breaks.

Danny has been an active participant of The First Tee of North Florida since 2010 and is very thankful to all that The First Tee has provided him. By the end of this summer, Danny hopes to have completed the Ace Level of the Program. Being involved in The First Tee has helped Danny grow his leadership skills through volunteering as a Junior Coach at their summer camps. He truly enjoyed working as host with several other chapters when they visited the area and the connections he made. He also was able to be a Junior Golf Camp Coach at a local club that one of The First Tee Instructors worked at. He was honored when she reached out and asked Danny for help in the camp.

## Scholars Class of 2019

In 2019, the Karl G. Estes Scholarship was awarded to the following Scholars of First Tee - North Florida:

### Mombo Ngu - \$20,000



Mombo Ngu graduated from Darnell Cookman School of the Medical Arts in Jacksonville, Florida in May 2019. She will attend the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida in the summer of 2019. Mombo will also be majoring in Biology taking the Pre-Med track to achieve her goal of becoming an oncologist. She has many different attributes that defined her. Mombo was the captain of her high school golf team for two years, president of multiple clubs, active in all of her church events, and in the top 20 percent of her graduating class.

In addition to her achievements, Mombo has been a participant of The First Tee of North Florida and Girls Golf program for over 11 years. Mombo is grateful for the impact The First Tee and the vast amount of opportunities to grow into the person she is today. Mombo has been selected for multiple national opportunities such as the John Deere Drive Your Future Academy in 2018, the First Tee Scholars program in 2019, and has also been awarded the John Deere Power for Good Scholarship where she will play in the Wednesday Pro-Am at the John Deere Classic. Mombo reached the Ace level of the program and will play golf on her college's club team, noting that this was a life time sport and golf has allowed her to grow and connect with others.

### Taylor Fowler - \$20,000



Taylor Fowler graduated from Bartram Trail High School in St. Johns, Florida in May 2019. She plans to attend The University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida in the fall of 2019. In addition to academics, Taylor was very involved with her school's choir program. She was in the program all 4 years of high school, was in 3 different choirs within the program, and was the chorus librarian.

In addition to chorus, Taylor has been a part of The First Tee program for over 10 years. She has been a participant, volunteer, and now a paid coach. She finished as an Eagle level participant and continues to play golf recreationally with her friends and family.

Taylor is also very involved in church and will continue to be while in Tampa. She will be attending USF as an Elementary Education major and plans to later become a teacher.

### **Tristan Mihalich - \$20,000**



Tristan Mihalich graduated from Pedro Menendez High School through the IB Program in St. Augustine, Florida in May of 2019. Tristan will be attending the University of Central Florida in Orlando in the fall of 2019 to study Mechanical Engineering. On top of the IB Program, Tristan has been a part of the Pedro Menendez varsity golf team for 4 years as well as the Track and Field team during his junior year. In addition, over the last four years Tristan has remained active in school clubs and extracurricular activities such as National Honor Society and youth group. This has allowed for Tristan to become active in the community throughout his high school career.

Tristan has also remained a participant of the First Tee of North Florida for over 11 years noting the lessons friendships and values he has learned over the course of these years. Finishing the program at the Eagle level he plans to play intermural/club golf at UCF during his schooling. Tristan plans to utilize the 11 years of teachings and lessons learned from the program and input them not only to his future for golf, but his life and schooling in college.

## Scholars Class of 2018

In 2018, the Karl G. Estes Scholarship was awarded to the following Scholars of First Tee - North Florida:

### Warren Day - \$20,000



Warren Day graduated from Stanton College Preparatory School in Jacksonville, Florida in May 2018. He plans to attend Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida in the fall of 2018. In addition to Stanton's rigorous academic program, Warren was also the star running back for their football team. Student-Athlete really defines Warren as he always put his academics first.

In addition to football, Warren has been a part of The First Tee program for over 10 years. He finished as an Eagle Level participant and chooses to play golf as a recreational sport, noting the fun he has with his friends and meeting new people. Warren mentioned he will pursue golf in college as a club sport, knowing that his body can't handle football anymore, but will be a golfer for life.

Warren is very avid in church and will continue to be active even in Tallahassee. He will be attending FAMU as a Mechanical Engineering Major.

### Trevor Madrideojos - \$20,000



Trevor Medrideojos graduated from Nease High School in May 2018. A Four-Year Varsity Letterman on their golf team, Trevor helped his team to many victories. Trevor has spent over 13 years with The First Tee, starting at age 4 in New Jersey before moving to Florida soon after. Graduating as an Eagle Level Participant, Trevor spent many hours additionally as a Volunteer Coach.

For his entire High School career, Trevor had to balance not only academics and sport, but also family. His mother was diagnosed with Thyroid Cancer when Trevor was in Middle School and was not given long to live. Through years of battling cancer, Jenny missed a lot of Trevor's golf matches including his trip to The First Tee Open at Pebble beach where Trevor played with local legend Fred Funk. Unfortunately, she also passed away right before his High School Graduation. Trevor has dealt with a lot in the past few years and feels that without The First Tee in his life, he may have not been strong enough to deal with these life events.

In the fall, Trevor plans to attend St. Johns River College where he will major in Business and become accustomed to college life with hopes of transferring to another school and continue his academic and golf career.

## Scholars Class of 2017

In 2017, the Karl G. Estes Scholarship was awarded to the following Scholars of First Tee - North Florida:

### Austin Evans - \$20,000



Austin Evans graduated from Stanton College Preparatory School in Jacksonville, Florida in May 2017. He plans to attend Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida in the fall of 2017. Austin is an avid golfer and played with Stanton's golf team beginning as a freshman and finished out his senior year on the team at the State Regional tournament. Austin was captain of the golf team his junior and senior years and played in the State championship in 2016. He has played tournament golf since he was a freshman, but he was introduced to game a young age and participated in The First Tee Program at Brentwood Golf Course since 2012. Austin credits The First Tee Program with stirring his interest in golf. He not only learned golf skills, but learned life skills that are transferable to others areas in his life. One of his most rewarding activities is teaching younger kids every Saturday at First Tee.

In addition to golf, Austin participated in sports since he first played soccer, basketball and baseball in elementary school and continued to play through middle school. He plays Ultimate Frisbee in a local league and spends much of his free time working out, running, skim-boarding and taking long bike rides. He also works and coaches in The First Tee Program.

Other activities that Austin participated include Boy Scouts and volunteer programs, such as the Safe Routes to School initiative, which focused on walking and biking safety in his community. Austin is interested in studying criminal justice in college and hopes one day to work in this field as he continues to pursue and improve his game of golf.

### David Dendler - \$20,000



David Dendler claims St. Augustine, Florida as his home town where he attended Pedro Menendez throughout his high school career. At Menendez, David was enrolled in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program. Also while at Pedro, David has logged over 2,000 hours of varsity golf and has also lettered all four years. He spent the last two years of his high school career as Team Captain, leading the team to a 24-4 record. In addition, David competes regularly in competitive junior golf tournaments throughout the state.

He is an active participant of The First Tee (Birdie level), a student-intern at Anastasia Baptist Church, and a member of Link Crew. His favorite Core Values are confidence and perseverance as "Confidence is what inspires us keep running with endurance and perseverance provides us with the internal motivation to accomplish extraordinary dreams". While not studying or



playing golf, David regularly has spent the past five years volunteering throughout the community.

In the fall, David plans to attend University of North Florida where he will major in political science.

### **John Paul Garrido - \$20,000**

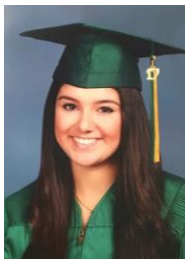


John Paul Garrido graduated with Honors (Cum Laude) from Bishop John J. Snyder High School in Jacksonville, Florida in May 2017.

JP had the honor to lead the Varsity Golf Team as Captain and MVP for his Junior and Senior years. An active participant of The First Tee at the Eagle level, JP won numerous tournaments through The First Tee and other competitive golf tours locally. His hobbies outside of golf include watching YouTube instructional videos and old tournament footage of players such as Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, and Seve Ballestros.

JP plans to attend University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Florida fall of 2017. He will go into the Civil Engineering program and keep playing golf with hopes of potentially walking on to the UNF Golf Team.

### **Stephanie Pulido - \$20,000**



Stephanie Pulido graduated from St. Joseph Academy with Magna Cum Laude, due to her dedication to schoolwork and extracurricular. She is a member of Spanish Honor Society and thanks her Cuban background for the influence. She maintained Honor Roll all throughout high school and earned the title that every little girl dreams of- Prom Queen.

She joined her high school golf team freshman year with hesitancy, considering it was an all-boys golf team. Four years passed and she earned the team captain title and made her way to regionals every year in between.

Logging over 400 community service hours, Stephanie lives her life with the Golden Rule as her primary motto. From assisting the elderly at the Center of Council on Aging, and guiding youth at The First Tee of North Florida, volunteer work has been an avid part of her journey. Most recently, she spent every weekend for six months this year preparing a retreat at her parish for high schoolers wishing to grow in their Christian faith.

Her success in her academic and athletic career could not have been made possible without The First Tee of North Florida. She enrolled in this program at the very beginning of middle school with only limited knowledge on the game of golf nearly seven years ago. While struggling with a lack in confidence and withdrawing from school work at this young of an age, The First Tee quickly taught her values she would use the rest of her life and tactics to succeed.

Stephanie currently serves The First Tee of North Florida as a coach at Palm Valley summer camps. She will be taking her studies to the next level at Flagler College in the fall with golf as an outlet to her future career with the PGA Headquarters or Golf Channel.