

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (May 23, 2019) – As part of its continued investment in the game, the United States Golf Association (USGA) is helping to cultivate the next generation of golf industry talent by funding 153 paid internships in 2019 through its annual P.J. Boatwright Internship Program.

The internships provide college students and additional qualified applicants with valuable experience as staff members at the USGA's network of Allied Golf Associations, where they prepare for careers in golf administration.

Since its inception in 1991, the P.J. Boatwright Internship Program, named for one of the USGA's most respected executive directors, has provided nearly \$30 million to fund more than 2,500 internships at the state and regional golf association level. The value of the internship funding in 2019 alone totals more than \$1.6 million.

All 59 Allied Golf Associations in the United States, Puerto Rico and Mexico were granted funding for the 2019 class. Lasting between three and 12 months, the internships provide experience in managing all aspects of the game, including conducting competitions, junior golf programs and supporting membership initiatives.

"Through the P.J. Boatwright Internship Program, we've been able to make a meaningful impact on both individuals and countless golf organizations and a significant contribution to the future of our industry," said Mike Davis, CEO of the USGA. "We are preparing future generations of talent to take on key leadership roles within the game."

The internship program included a two-day summit sponsored by the USGA in which 81 Boatwright interns from around the country visited the USGA campus in Liberty Corner, N.J. earlier this week. The program offered professional development sessions on topics such as championship administration, community outreach programming, Course Rating, agronomy, Rules, partnerships and the USGA Handicap System, and provided interns with the opportunity to network with each other and with various members of the USGA staff.

Alumni of the Boatwright program have advanced to successful golf careers throughout the world, including nearly 150 current employees of state and regional golf associations, 16 current USGA staff members and many golf companies and courses throughout the country.

Short- and long-term 2019 funded internships remain available in several states, including California, Ohio, Nebraska and others. To learn more and to view a list of opportunities, visit <http://www.usga.org/about/p-j--boatwright-internship---golf-administration-.html>

About the USGA

The USGA celebrates, serves and advances the game of golf. Founded in 1894, we conduct many of golf's premier professional and amateur championships, including the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open. With The R&A, we govern the sport via a global set of playing, equipment and amateur status rules. Our operating jurisdiction for these governance functions is the United States, its territories and Mexico. The USGA Handicap System is utilized in more than 40 countries and our Course Rating System covers 95 percent of the world's golf courses, enabling all golfers to play on an equitable basis. The USGA campus in Liberty Corner, New Jersey, is home to the Association's Research and Test Center, where science and innovation are fueling a healthy and sustainable game for the future. The campus is also home to the USGA Golf Museum, where we honor the game by curating the world's most comprehensive archive of golf artifacts. To learn more, visit usga.org.

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