

Jordin Cowing

Grade Level: Junior

GPA: 4.57

USGA Handicap: 1.9



How were you introduced to golf/First Tee?: I was introduced to golf and the First Tee when I was seven years old and my dad had signed me up for classes. When I was starting golf I was always excited to learn more about the sport and improve my skills with the First Tee and would often go out with my dad on weekends to play or practice. I will always revel in that feeling of when you know that putt is going in and that got me addicted.

Tell us a fun fact about yourself: Because of my last name being Cowing, and that being associated with cows, I have chosen to play with a cow head cover on my driver. People often don't understand the reference right away, but I always enjoy it when people figure it out on their own.

Kyla Layman

Grade Level: Senior

GPA: 3.8

USGA Handicap: .7



How were you introduced to golf/First Tee?: I was introduced to golf by my dad. He is a PGA professional and introduced me to the game at a very young age. He inspired me and gave me the opportunity to practice as much as I wanted. The First Tee happened to be at the same range we would hit balls at. I joined the First Tee when I was about seven years old. Being in the First Tee at a young age helped me grow up knowing how to play golf the right way. It not only taught me the rules and about course management but made golf fun and interesting. As I got older, I was able to combine the skills taught by my dad involving the golf swing and use the lessons from the First Tee about the importance of enjoying the game and I became a very competitive golfer.

Tell us a fun fact about yourself: I used to love to bake and even sold baked goods at my parents' golf shop when I was younger.

Jay Nergard

Grade Level: Senior

GPA: 3.878

USGA Handicap: 3



How were you introduced to golf/First Tee?: I was introduced to golf and to the First Tee by my parents at the age of 8, and I have enjoyed it and stuck with it all the time since. However, I wasn't fully committed to the sport until I met two of the most important people in my life. The first person was my swing coach Jacob Thorvardson. Before this, I was not really focused and motivated to get better; but after a few lessons with Jacob, I was able to truly get motivated and really love the sport. The other person is my old First Tee Coach, Scott Johnson. When I originally joined the First Tee, I didn't really feel a reason to go above and beyond. This all changed when I met Coach Scott. After his influence on me, he encouraged me to be an outstanding golfer and member of the First Tee.

Tell us a fun fact about yourself: A fun fact about myself, is that I have played the piano ever since I was four years old. I also enjoy composing music. My favorite songs to play are The Entertainer by Scott Joplin, Shelter by Porter Robinson, and Root Beer Rag by Billy Joel.

Noah Quiros

Grade Level: Senior

GPA: 3.7

USGA Handicap: 3.1



How were you introduced to golf/First Tee?: I was first introduced to golf and First Tee around the same time. I was about eight years old when I was first introduced to both of these things, and it was one of my close friends who acquainted me with golf. Both he and his father used to golf a lot and one time they invited me to golf with them. At the time I had no idea how to even play golf but even from the beginning I was very intrigued by the sport and wanted to get better. Because of this, I asked my friend what a good starting place to improve my game would be and that was when he recommended joining the First Tee of Phoenix.

Tell us a fun fact about yourself: I can solve a rubix cube in under a minute and I also know how to play the piano.

Emilee Swagger

Grade Level: Senior

GPA: 3.96

USGA Handicap: 3.2



How were you introduced to golf/First Tee?: I was introduced to the First Tee and golf through my Papaw. When I was 10 years old he took me to the range just to try it out, and in the car ride home I told him “One day I am going to beat you” and from there I set my mind to it. He enrolled in the First Tee 2 months later and the rest was history. Two years later at a small local course I beat him by two strokes! Even though he passed away two years ago I will never forget the times we had together and be forever grateful that he enrolled me in the First Tee of Phoenix.

Tell us a fun fact about yourself: A fun fact about me is I have been to 19 countries in 7 years!