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First Tee - GVR Alumni Davis Bryant Wins Southwestern Amateur Title

Colorado State University Ram and our very own alumni Davis Bryant won the 107th Southwestern Amateur at Desert Mountain Golf Club in Scottsdale Arizona. You can read more about Davis' victory below.

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2022 Colorado Open Volunteering

July 19th - 24th is our Colorado Open Championship! Festivities begin Tuesday with our Colorado Open Pro Junior, 36 juniors from our chapter, First Tee - Southern Colorado, and First Tee Colorado Rocky Mountains will be joined by 36 professionals from our Colorado Open Championship! They play an alternate format on our wonderful par 3 short course. Events continue on Wednesday with the JLL Pro-Am. The Inspirato Colorado Open Championship begins Thursday July 21st - 24th. Admission and parking is free to all spectators! If you are interested in volunteering for the best state open in the country, use the button below to get involved!

Volunteering For Championships



Swanson and Leydon Finish T2 and T9 at the AJGA Hale Irwin Colorado Junior

Hunter Swanson shoots -9 for the tournament to secure a T2 finish, while Kyle Leydon shoots +1 for the tournament to finish T9 at the AJGA Hale Irwin Colorado Junior. This year's event was held at Walnut Creek Golf Preserve in Westminster.



First Tee Nation Championship Photos

Swanson Wins 2022 First Tee National Championship

We had two boys from our program compete in the annual First Tee National Championship this year! Hunter Swanson and Kyle Leydon competed for the second consecutive year. Last year Hunter finished 2nd after losing in a playoff, while Kyle finished 10th. They returned this year looking to improve on their finishes from 2021. Hunter won the boys' division of the First Tee National Championship at Notre Dame University's Warren Golf Course. While Kyle finished T7 +12 for the tournament.

The event, June 27-July 1, brought together First Tee's elite golfers for an opportunity to showcase how the program has helped build the strength of character needed to play at the next level.

Swanson, 18, recently graduated from Northfield High School and has signed on to play collegiately at the University of Colorado in the next school year. Ranked No. 111 in the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) boys rankings, Swanson was the only boys' division competitor to finish under par with an overall score of 1-under-par 212 (70-72-70). He played his final 14 holes bogey-free and tallied his three birdies on Friday at the sixth, 10th and 17th holes on the way to capping off a wire-to-wire victory by three strokes.

Said Swanson: "Last year,



definitely, wasn't the happiest moment but I was proud of myself for at least playing well. And today, to come back and actually get the win this time, feels a lot more special. Kind of like I finished what I started. It's an honor, truly. I wouldn't be anywhere, where I'm at, without the First Tee."

"Congratulations to all of the competitors who participated in this event," said Greg McLaughlin, First Tee CEO. "Especially to Hunter Swanson, winner of the boys' division. He played with confidence and composure, and we look forward to watching him pursue his goals both on and off the golf course."

We are so proud of both these boys and all of the hard work they put in to represent our chapter on and off the golf course!

First Tee National Championship is held annually at various college golf courses around the nation providing First Tee participants the opportunity to network with others from across the country and take in the college experience. University of Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course hosted the second-annual Championship, following the inaugural year at Clemson University's The Walker Course.

The field included 23 boys and 22 girls, ages 14-19, who were selected based on their golf skills and competitive golf experience including four players ranked in the top 250 on both the American Junior Golf Association and Junior Golf Scoreboard. Players came



Society of Industrial Office Realtors

The Society of Industrial Realtors (SIOR) have been a wonderful donor to our program for the last several years, hosting a fundraiser and putting contest at Green Valley Ranch. Over a ten year span the wonderful donors of SIOR, donated \$250,000 to our program in that time. That money has helped our program get equipment, clothes, and materials

from 28 First Tee chapters across the country.

The National Championship is one of more than 10 national opportunities provided by First Tee headquarters to empower and motivate teens as they progress through the program and toward higher education opportunities. For more information on the tournament and First Tee, use the button below.

[First Tee National Championship](#)

First Tee Junior Clinic at The Ascendant Presented by Blue

Participants from our program were treated to a wonderful kids clinic held at TPC Colorado, home to the Korn Ferry Tour event The Ascendant Presented by Blue. Forty kids from our chapter and First Tee - Colorado Rocky Mountains were treated to a skills clinic with help from Korn Ferry Tour players in the event, inspirational speeches, autographs, and a special Q & A with Korn Ferry Tour player and Colorado Open participant Taylor Montgomery! Along with all of the fun our chapter received a \$50,000 donation!!

to help families and participants of First Tee. We love each and every donor, small or large, we could not provide the program we have to our participants without your help!



Colorado Open

Pro/Junior Qualifying

Our Pro/Jr event is five weeks away! We are hosting qualifiers during our Friday Play Days! Participants who qualify will have a chance to be paired with a professional from the Inspirato Colorado Open Championship! This is a very fun event for any child who qualifies! We have three qualifiers left to earn a spot into the Colorado Open Pro/Jr! Register for play day online, like any other play day and declare to Coach Zach that you would like to qualify for the Pro/Jr!





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