



## 2024 WOMEN'S GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION MEMBER CONVENTION FEATURED SPEAKER PROFILES



### **Notah Begay, Four-time PGA Tour Winner and Golf Channel Analyst**

Notah Begay III, the only full-blooded Native American to ever play on the PGA Tour, was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In 1990 Notah began his collegiate career at Stanford University where he finished with a degree in Economics and became a 3-time All-American while leading Stanford to a National Championship in 1994. In 1998 Notah shot the first “59” in the history of the Korn Ferry tour and enjoyed a 12-year career on the PGA Tour which included 4 wins and a spot on 2000 US Presidents Cup Team. In 2012, Notah transitioned from professional golf to be a part of the NBC Sports and Golf Channel broadcast team. And, in 2005 Notah started the NB3 Foundation which focuses on improving the health of Native American youth. Notah has received the following accolades and awards: 2009 Golf Magazine, Innovator of the Year, 2010 Institute for International Sport, Top 100 Sports Educators, 2014 Stanford University, Athletic Hall of Fame, 2021 Albuquerque Academy Athletics Hall of Fame, 2022 National High School Hall of Fame, 2022 PGA Tour, US Jr Presidents Cup Captain.



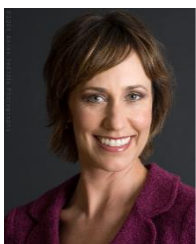
### **Ryan Burr, Golf Channel and ESPN Broadcaster**

Ryan Burr is a sports television journalist, working for the NBC Sports Group, with his duties mainly consisting of hosting programs on Golf Channel and college basketball coverage. Before joining the NBC Sports Group, Burr was previously a studio host and Sports Center anchor for ESPN. Burr is the founder of the Notah Begay Junior Golf National Championship which is broadcast on Golf Channel.



### **Joe Castiglione, Vice President & Director of Athletics, University of Oklahoma**

In his 27th year at the helm of the legendary program, he leads an OU Athletics Department that hardly resembles the one that welcomed him in July of 1998. From conference realignment — now in the Southeastern Conference after 28 years in the Big 12 — to fundraising records and significant growth in capital projects, Castiglione has shaped and stewarded the department’s widespread and longstanding success. In fact, the Sooners have won 25 of their 44 team national championships since he arrived in Norman. He has celebrated 113 conference titles in that same period. Castiglione previously served as athletics director at Missouri for five years. His career began as the sports promotions director at Rice. Other stops included director of athletic fundraising at Georgetown, then director of communications and marketing at Missouri. He marks his 32nd year of serving student-athletes as an athletics director with the 2024-25 academic year.



### **Kay Cockerill, LPGA Tour Member & Golf Commentator**

Kay Cockerill has been with GOLF Channel since the network's inception in 1995. She serves as an on-course reporter for the network's LPGA Tour and college golf live tournament coverage. She also is an occasional contributor to the network's PGA TOUR live tournament coverage, and contributes to the network's coverage of the NCAA Golf Championships. Cockerill played on the LPGA Tour for nine years before joining the network, and is a two-time U.S. Women's Amateur champion (1986-87) and participant in the 1986 Women's World Amateur Team Championships. She received her economics degree from UCLA in 1987, where she won six times and was a two-time All-American, and is a member of both the WGCA Players Hall of Fame and the UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame.



### **Jason Cummins, Managing Partner, Horizon Performance**

As the Managing Partner for Horizon Performance, Jason partners with leaders to develop disciplined organizations, fueled by cohesive teams, led by leaders of character...empowered to achieve their mission. Through meaningful content, scientific methodologies, and remarkable services, they remove blind spots, facilitate personal growth, and develop winning organizations that accomplish their mission. Previously, Jason served as an Executive Associate Athletics Director within UK Athletics, responsible for all departmental learning management initiatives and the holistic development of leaders at all levels. Prior to joining UK Athletics, Jason served as the Director of Athletics Operations for Horizon Performance where he grew the business unit from infancy to formal partnerships with 5 Athletics Departments and the Southeastern Conference league office. He has designed and led deliberate, progressive leadership programs for elite teams, military commissioning sources, and university scholar programs. As a teacher and trusted confidant, Jason coaches high profile leaders and their teams to build winning cultures, select the right teammates, and develop them to be their best.



### **Tanner Gardner, Director of Athletics, Pepperdine University**

Tanner Gardner joined Pepperdine University as the director of athletics in June 2024. Previously, Gardner served at Rice University's athletics department as the deputy athletic director for external affairs. While at Rice University, Gardner and his team were responsible for a growth of more than 85 percent in transactional revenue. Achievements include record highs in season ticket sales across all sports and sponsorship revenue. His team also oversaw the 2016 brand refresh of Rice Athletics, including a partnership with Adidas, leading to unprecedented licensing revenue. Gardner also played a pivotal role in the development of Rice Athletics' strategic roadmap, "Vision for Victory," in 2018. His leadership directly contributed to securing an invitation to the American Athletic Conference in 2021.



### **Erick Harper, Director of Athletics, University of Nevada, Las Vegas**

Erick Harper is in his fourth year leading Rebel Athletics after being selected as UNLV's 14th permanent Director of Athletics on Jan. 1, 2022. Harper served as UNLV's Interim Director of Athletics from August 16, 2023 to December 31, 2023. As UNLV's AD, Harper oversees all aspects of the athletics department and the Thomas & Mack Center, including general operations, fiscal affairs, facilities, strategic planning, and external relations. Prior to becoming Director of Athletics, Harper served nine years as UNLV's senior associate athletics director for

development. Harper has been in university athletics administration for more than 30 years. He joined UNLV as associate athletics director for development in 2012. In that role, he oversaw fundraising efforts for the department and served as a sport administrator for multiple sports, including football and women's golf. Prior to UNLV, Harper was associate athletics director for football operations at the University of Arizona from 2003-11. He began his athletics administrative career at Kansas State University (1990-2003), where he served in development, marketing, and compliance roles and as a sport administrator for multiple sports.



#### **Roger Knick, Founder of Player Development Index (PDI)**

PGA Professional, Sports Performance Specialist, Entrepreneur. Founder of the golf Player Development Index (PDI), The Golf Performance Center and Golf Performance Academy in Ridgefield, CT, the Junior Golf Hub, and Founder/Executive Director of the USA Junior Golf Federation. Roger has extensive experience and a passion for coaching athletes of all levels to reach their potential leveraging his "5 Elements of Success Principles."



#### **Dr. Bhrett McCabe, Founder of The MindSide**

Dr. McCabe is the founder of The MindSide, a center for Sports and Performance Psychology, and trusted advisor for the top performing competitors in the country. He combines his personal experience as a two-time National Champion Division I athlete, his training as a licensed clinical psychologist and his corporate leadership experience to help competitors achieve an elite performance mindset. He serves as the Sports & Performance Psychologist for elite-level athletes, corporate leaders, and teams including the University of Alabama Athletics, PGA Tour, NFL, and NBA. Dr. McCabe is the author of *The MindSide Manifesto: The Urgency to Create a Competitive Mindset, Break Free from Suckville, and his newest book Kick Anxiety's Ass: Take Control of the Uncontrollable Force in Your Life*. He also hosts a weekly podcast entitled "The Secrets to Winning" and has published several academic journal articles, presented numerous scientific presentations, as well as provided insight and authored articles for trade magazines such as GOLF Magazine, Golf World, Golf Week, and ESPNW, among others. Dr. McCabe has made several appearances on The Golf Channel's Morning Drive and The Golf Fix, and is an expert on coaching the newest generation of performers.



#### **Danny Randolph, PDI Director of College Partnerships**

An accomplished coach with 20 years of experience at the NCAA D1, D2, and NAIA levels, Danny Randolph has achieved success in both men's and women's college athletics. He led Lynn University to back-to-back NCAA D2 National Championships in 2013 and 2014, earning National Coach of the Year honors in 2014. With 67 career wins as a head coach, Randolph brings a wealth of knowledge and a proven championship pedigree to the PDI team. In his role as Director of College Partnerships, Danny gets to bring his passion for coaching collegiate athletes to campuses across the country, leveraging PDI's comprehensive, objective assessment methodology to help college coaches develop their athletes.



### **Judy Rankin, Analyst, LPGA Tour**

Judy Rankin joined GOLF Channel in 2010 as the lead analyst for its LPGA Tour live tournament coverage. A 26-time LPGA Tour winner and World Golf Hall of Fame member, Rankin was the leading money winner in 1976 and '77, and finished in the top-10 on the money list 11 times between 1965 and '79. She was a three-time recipient of the Vare Trophy for the lowest scoring average in a season (1973, '76, and '77), a two-time LPGA Player of the Year (1976 and '77), and captained the 1996 and '98 American Solheim Cup teams to victories. Rankin also was the first veteran player to be voted into the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame in 2000 and was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame the same year. Rankin also received the First Lady in Golf Award from the PGA of America in 1999 and the Bob Jones award from the USGA in 2002. Rankin became the first woman to work full-time on broadcasts of men's events and previously has served as a golf commentator for ABC and ESPN.



### **Robert Yang, Team Nutritionist for the USGA U.S. National Development Program.**

Robert Yang has over 25 years of experience as an integrative practitioner. He specializes in digestive wellness, hormone restoration and performance enhancement. His integrative programs have helped individuals resolve digestive issues, achieve hormonal balance and improve performance. As an internationally sought after presenter Robert has covered a variety of topics on nutrition, gut health, and performance enhancement. He is an advisory board member for the USGA's U.S. National Development Program, the Titleist Performance Institute and the National Pitching Association. In addition, he is the Team Nutritionist for the USGA U.S. National Development Program. Robert consults with elite professional athletes from the X-Games, NFL, NHL, MLB, AVP, PGA, LPGA and European Tour. Robert has appeared in numerous radio and television segments such as the Golf Channel. Robert has been published in magazines such as Golf Digest, Men's Fitness and Muscle & Fitness. He is the author of Hole-in-One Nutrition: a guide to fueling better golf.