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The Kentucky Golf Coaches Association (KGCA) is excited to announce its inaugural class of the KGCA Coaches Hall of Fame, which will be inducted on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at the conclusion of the first KGCA All State Championships, which will feature the top 15 teams and 21 individuals in both boys and girls golf, and will be held at the University of Kentucky Club in Lexington on Saturday and Sunday of this weekend.

The KGCA hopes to honor two to three coaches each year who have made significant contributions to the game of high school golf in Kentucky, and has chosen five individuals for this first class who have helped to lead the way in making high school golf in the Commonwealth such an outstanding sport. This group was chosen by the Hall of Fame committee earlier this fall and will all be attending the ceremony on Sunday afternoon.

This year's inaugural class will include:

Marty Donlon, St Xavier

Mr. Donlon was the head golf coach at St X from 1963 to 2008, where his teams won 22 KHSAA state championships during that time. He was the founder of the Kentucky Invitational Tournament (KIT) which he ran for 55 years, and also founded the All State Golf Teams in 1992, and ran that program until 2017. Mr. Donlon is a member of a Hall of Fame for 6 different groups, and in 2006 was recognized by Scholastic Coach Magazine as the Three Quarter Century (1931-2006) Golf Coach Of the Year.

Mike Harris, Glasgow

Mr. Harris was the head girls golf coach at Glasgow from 1988 to 2008, and the head boys golf coach from 2011 to 2014. His girls teams won five KHSAA championships, including four in a row from 1997 to 2000. He also won a Girls All A State championship, 14 girls regional championships, and one boys regional championship. He was selected as the 1998 NFHS National Girls Golf Coach of the Year, and the 1999 NHSCA National Girls Golf Coach of the Year

Leslie Bender, Sacred Heart

Ms. Bender was the head golf coach at Sacred Heart from 2006-2017, and also served as head coach at Assumption from 1995-2001. Her teams won six KHSAA state championships in 7 years between 2011 and 2017, including four in a row from 2011 to 2014. She was selected as NFHS National Coach of the Year in 2014, and as NHSCA National Coach of the Year in 2015.

Marcus Camacho, Grant County

Mr. Camacho has been the head golf coach at Grant County since 1999, after serving as assistant coach from 1990-1998. His teams and players have qualified for the state tournament over 20 times during his coaching tenure. He is the tournament director for two tournaments, the Grant County Classic, which is in its 26th year and is currently named for him, and the Grant County Invitational, which is in its 13th year.

Andy Oder, Bullitt East

Mr. Oder was the girls golf coach at Bullitt East High School from 2006 to 2012. He coached the first girls golf team in school history to qualify for the state tournament, and founded the Bluegrass Invitational during his tenure. In 2011, Mr. Oder was the founder of the Kentucky High School Golf Coaches association, with the idea to create a website to report scores, and to honor all region teams, regional coaches of the year and statewide coaches of the year.