



Kimberly Coleman Receives 2020 LPGA Professional National Award!

Kimberly Coleman is the LPGA National Professional of the Year!

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Aug. 31, 2020 – The LPGA Professionals announced today the following members as winners of the 2020 national awards in acknowledgement of their dedication and achievements: **Courtney Mahon**, Falcon Ridge Golf Course at Tour Striker Midwest in Lenexa, Kansas, Teacher of the Year; **Kimberly Coleman**, Vista Valley Country Club in Vista, California, Professional of the Year; **Maria Lopez**, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, Coach of the Year; and **Stephanie Peareth**, Melreese International Links in Miami, Florida, Junior Golf Leader of the Year.

The national award winners were selected by the LPGA Professionals membership's Executive Committee from the pool of Section Award winners voted on by officers of the six regional sections: Central, International, Midwest, Northeast, Southeast and Western.

Professional of the Year, Kimberly Coleman

The LPGA Professional of the Year was established in 1980 and is awarded annually to an LPGA Professionals member primarily engaged in a golf operation, golf association or industry position, promoting the game through player development, growth of the game initiatives and other golf-related activities.

Kimberly Coleman has been in professional golf for over 18 years and was promoted to Head Golf Professional at Vista Valley Country Club (Vista, California) in 2018. She has worked with the USGA and AJGA in hosting five USGA Qualifiers and four AJGA tournaments since 2016. Having joined Vista Valley in 2010, Kimberly is responsible for tournament operations, merchandising, instruction, junior golf camp coordination, staff management, playing with members, creating special events and daily golf operations.



Coleman's initiatives at Vista Valley have continued to promote and support the LPGA by communicating with both members and non-members through the golf industry. In her time as the Club's Head Golf Professional, Coleman has increased club revenue by coordinating several successful golf outings, tournaments, and junior programs, including clinics with LPGA Tour player Tiffany Joh.

In the past three years, Coleman has served on the LPGA Western Section Tournament Committee (2016-2017), was the LPGA Western Section Treasurer (2017-2018) and was a LPGA Section Golf Professional of the Year in 2018. Since 2019, she has been a member of the LPGA National Tournament Committee and currently serves as LPGA Western Section President.

"I'm so honored to receive this award and to represent such an outstanding organization. The hundreds of talented and dedicated women of the LPGA continue to inspire and motivate me. I have a quote hanging in my office, 'The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away,'" said Coleman. "This award is truly a thank you to my family, my friends, my mentors, the LPGA, Callaway and my Vista Valley CC family who have all helped me find my purpose and allow me to share my passion for the game of golf."

Before becoming a dual LPGA Professionals Class A Member and PGA Class A Member, Coleman was a professional player, competing on numerous mini-tours throughout the U.S. and Canada from 2000 to 2010. She made one attempt at qualifying for the LPGA Tour, played in numerous U.S. Women's Open Qualifiers, and competed in many State Open tournaments throughout the years. In 2006, she was part of a small contingent of U.S. golf professionals who traveled to Xaimen, China to compete in the country's inaugural "Orient Open."

From 2005-2013, Coleman also owned and operated ProGolfEvents.com, to promote women's professional golf and provide professionals worldwide access to events throughout the U.S., while also organizing professional tournaments for women golfers in Las Vegas, Phoenix and San Diego to provide additional playing opportunities. Before pursuing golf professionally, Kimberly served as Director of Operations of the National Volleyball League, a women's professional indoor organization. Coleman graduated from San Diego State University with a B.S. in Business-Marketing in 1992 and was also a member of SDSU's intercollegiate basketball team.

About the LPGA

The LPGA is the world's leading professional golf organization for women. Founded in 1950 and headquartered in Daytona Beach, Fla., the association celebrates a diverse and storied membership with more than 2,300 members representing more than 30 countries. With a vision to inspire, empower, educate and entertain by showcasing the very best of women's golf, LPGA Tour Professionals compete across the globe, while the Symetra Tour, the official development and qualifying tour of the LPGA, consistently produces a pipeline of talent ready for the world stage. Additionally, LPGA Professionals directly impact the game through teaching, coaching and management.

The LPGA demonstrates its dedication to the development of the game through The LPGA Foundation. Since 1991, this charitable organization has been committed to empowering and supporting girls and women through developmental and humanitarian golf initiatives, such as LPGA*USGA Girls Golf, the LPGA Women's Network and the LPGA Amateur Golf Association.

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