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MUW golfers named to Academic All-District Team selected by CSC



MUW’s winning golfers from L-R: Logan Pannell, Ta’Dashia Flowers, and Katie Gray. (Photo/Courtesy: MUW)

COLUMBUS, Miss. – Mississippi University for Women had three members of its golf teams – **Logan Pannell** (Columbus, Miss.) from the men's team and, **Ta'Dashia Flowers** (Meridian, Miss.) and **Katie Gray** (Birm-

District® At-Large teams recognize the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances in their sport and in the classroom. The announcement was made on June 27.

Outstanding student-athletes are nominated for Academic All-District® recognition by communications directors and must have a minimum 3.50 GPA and meet high athletic standards. (25,000+ nominations annually).

"I am so proud of Logan, Ta'Dashia, and Katie for their hard work to achieve this recognition," The W Head Coach Benji Williams said. "Especially in our very first year as NCAA Division III members, this reinforces our philosophy of the proper balance between academic and athletic success. As a golf coach, the classroom is the one time I am always glad to see my student-athletes finish well above par."

ingham, Ala.) for the women – selected to the 2024 Academic All-District At-Large teams in their respective gender. Selected by College Sports Communicators (CSC), the Academic All-

Pannell, a biology major, came to The W from New Hope High

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Tigers to host Tennessee and Louisville in FedExForum in power conference showdown

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – University of Memphis head women’s basketball coach Alex Simmons has announced two games against power conference opponents for the upcoming season in Tennessee (Dec. 18) and Louisville (Dec. 21), both to be played at FedExForum.

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very special. Not only will we have an opportunity to play in FedExForum, but we will also be competing against two extremely high-caliber teams in Tennessee and Louisville,” Simmons said. “Our game against Tennessee

has awakened an in-state rivalry that I think our fans have been longing for and deserve. It’s a huge day for our program and women’s basketball as a whole, but more importantly for the city of Memphis. This December, our ‘Party in the Fieldhouse’ is temporarily relocated to FedExForum!”

The Tigers are no stranger to big name opponents; just last season, Memphis took on the Lady Vols and stunned the basketball world when they took the then 15th-ranked team to overtime in Knoxville. They would go on to face off with (RV) Arizona and (RV) Mississippi State later in the season.

The games will be the first regular season matchups played in FedExForum for the women’s basketball team since the 2014-15 season. For complete information on Memphis Tigers Basketball, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Cam Spencer signs two-way deal with Memphis Grizzlies

MEMPHIS, Tenn. July 8, 2024 – The Memphis Grizzlies announced the team signed Cam Spencer, the 53rd overall pick in the 2024 NBA Draft, to a two-way contract. Per team policy, terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Spencer (6-3, 201), whose draft rights were acquired by the Grizzlies in a multi-team trade on July 6, started all 40 games for UConn last season and averaged 14.3 points, 4.9 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 1.5 steals in 32.8 minutes to help guide the Huskies to the 2024 NCAA Championship. The 24-year-old,

who was selected First Team All-Big East, shot 48.4 percent from the field, 44.0 percent from 3-point range and 91.1 percent from the free throw line. Before transferring to UConn, Spencer also played one season (2022-23) at Rutgers and three seasons (2019-22) at Loyola. The Baltimore native appeared in 132 games (114 starts) during his collegiate career and averaged 14.2 points, 4.3 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 1.6 steals in 32.3 minutes while shooting 46.8 percent overall, 41.7 percent from 3-point range and 87.8 percent from the free throw line.

FedEx St. Jude Championship and Nike partner to celebrate with ‘Summer Series Program’

MEMPHIS, Tennessee—The FedEx St. Jude Championship and Nike have announced the Summer Series, a joint initiative dedicated to uniting the city of Memphis in a celebration of the city’s rich culture by hosting five events in the local community. “We’re thrilled to launch the Summer Series in collaboration with Nike. This initiative is a testament to the vibrant spirit of Memphis—we can’t wait to feature the incredible golf, fashion, food, music and art that the Mid-South has to offer,” stated Joe Tomek, Executive Director of the FedEx St. Jude Championship.

Event Details:

Tee Up Memphis



Memphians are invited to the newly renovated The Links of Pine Hill for a day of fun on the golf course, hosted by two iconic city brands, the FedEx St. Jude Championship and Nike. The free event will feature music, contests, product displays and food.

- Location: The Links of Pine Hill (930 E Mallory Ave, Memphis, TN 38106)
- Date: July 12th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

NFL expands to Nigeria, following success in Ghana, Kenya, and South Africa

LAGOS, NIGERIA — The National Football League's Africa program is set to expand to Nigeria as the league continues to prioritize growing the game at all levels across the continent.

Activities took place in Lagos, with a 3-day football talent identification camp as well as NFL Flag football activities which began on June 14-18 — underlin-

ing a commitment to developing more ways to serve athletes and fans in the country.

“It’s truly an honor to be leading the NFL’s efforts across Africa and expand key programming into a fourth country across the continent, Nigeria – a place that is very close to my heart,” said two-time Super Bowl Champion

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Art Drive

In collaboration with the Carpenter Art Garden, this event will involve students creating unique golf-themed art by hitting paint-covered golf balls at canvases. The art pieces will be displayed at the Nike exhibit space and auctioned to support the Art Garden.

- Location: Carpenter Art Garden
- Date: July 23rd from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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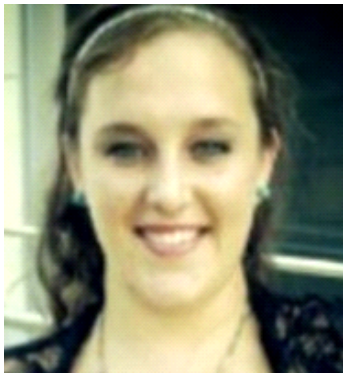
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