

BIO OF SPECIAL AWARDS CANDIDATE

NAME OF NOMINEE: David Kendall
YEAR ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP: 1981
AWARD NOMINATED FOR: Teacher of the Year

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT WOULD PERTAIN TO THIS AWARD:

— Owner/Operator of Kendall Academy of Golf at Miles of Golf for the past 23 years. Kendall Academy has grown from 2 Instructors in 1997, to between 6 and 9 Instructors since 2000. The Kendall Academy brand has become quite well known among golfers in the State of Michigan and beyond. Mentored by Ron LaParl, Norm Bennett, Lynn Janson, Randy Erskine and his Parents, Bob and Betty, among others. Ron encouraged the importance of the ability to Teach and Play, to be a worthy example for your members and students. Norm encouraged the Coaching aspect of Teaching, giving your student a reason to believe in themselves. From Lynn, that it is possible to be an outstanding and dedicated Professional, and also be a good player. From Randy, to be an example of a positive attitude during all times. From Parents, to be a worthy adult, kind, considerate and appreciative of others.

— Averaged well over 1000 Hour Lessons per year for the past 23 years. Developed Coaching Programs that work with up to 4 students at a time for multiple hours weekly, on the Range, on the Short Game areas, in the Classroom, and multiple times per month, on the Course.

Provide Lessons for low or no cost for worthy Juniors who show a willingness to work at their game who would otherwise be able to afford Lessons.

Hosts travel Golf Schools during January and February to PGA Village and Black Diamond Ranch. Collaborated with the Golf Association of Michigan on Golf Trips to PGA Village for up to 20 Players at a time.

— Dave's students have won many Championships including : GAM Men's Championship, Michigan Amateur, GAM Girls Junior Amateur, GAM Junior Girls Invitational, GAM Boys Junior Amateur, MHSAA Girls State Champion, MHSAA Boys State Champions, Northern Amateur Champion, Women's Western Golf Association Junior Championship, AJGA Titles, Collegiate Titles, Canadian Tour Title

— Dave's students have received many great honors including: GAM Girls Junior Player of the Year, GAM Junior Boys Player of the Year, MIGCA Miss Golf, MIGCA Mr Golf, Big Ten Player of the Year, NCAA All American, NCAA Academic All Americans, Collegiate All Conference Teams

— Dave's students have qualified for many prestigious Championships including: PGA Junior Championship, USGA Boys Junior Amateur Championship, USGA Junior Girls Championship, USGA Senior Men's Amateur Championship, USGA Men's Amateur Championship, USGA Men's Open Championship, USGA Men's Senior Open Championship, Michigan Opens, Michigan Ams

— One of 20 Founding Lead Coaches that were invited to join together to form the Golf Channel Academy Network. Has done 2 live appearances on Golf Channel's Morning Drive Show, an appearance on Champions Tour Learning Center from Harbor Shores, and 12 Golf Tips filmed in the Golf Channel Academy Studios.

— Recognized by Ferris State's Professional Golf Management Alumni Association as the recipient of their 1998 Bill Strausbaugh Award and 2015 Don Perne Award.

In 2017, Ferris State University presented Dave with its Distinguished Alumni Award.

— Dave does not use a single method, but draws from many methods to find what will be best suited each individual. He does not insist that his fellow Kendall Academy Coaches subscribe to a method, but use various methods that will create consistent positive results. Each Kendall Academy Coach must be caring, considerate, and effective, consistently.

Each of us who Teach is a support person, not the star. Most importantly, we strive to help each student to achieve a belief in themselves, not a dependency on the Coach.

— I am very honored to have been nominated for this prestigious Award. Thank you for your consideration.

