## 2023 Special Awards Candidate Bio Form

Please send this form back no later Friday, October 21, 2022.

If you were nominated for more than one award you must submit a bio form for each award.

Email * Fegertb@Ferris.edu
Name of Nominee: *  Bryan Fegert
Award Nominated for: *  2023 Youth Player Development Award
Facility Employed at: *  Battle Creek Country Club
Year Elected to Membership: *  2020

Please describe your achievements/accomplishments that would pertain to this award. \*

As an Assistant Golf Professional at Battle Creek Country Club, working with juniors plays a substantial part of my every day role. Starting the first week of June when kids are out of school, we have our annual week-long, 6-hour a day, Junior Sports Camp. 72 kids ranging from 6 to 14 will split into two age groups for the week and rotate between tennis and golf each day. Demonstrating to kids on how to become better individuals and keeping them engaged to the game of golf for the summer is what this week is all about.

After Sports Camp kicks off the year, from June 15th through August 5th, we have Junior Golf twice a week, with a Junior Championship on the last day, followed by a shaving cream party on the driving range. We typically have 5 instructors for each session. Kids are split up into 5 or 6 to a group. 2 Instructors on the driving range, one on the putting green, one chipping, and 1 exercise/non golf drill. This year we had 59 kids in Junior Golf. Kids 10 & Older (30 Total) on Wednesdays for an hour and a half, with 9 & Younger (29 Total) following. Fridays are optional for all kids and sessions are one hour long. Our Junior Championship serves as our last day of Junior Golf for the season. All boys and girls are split up and put in age groups for the event. Depending on age, kids will play anywhere from 3 to 9 holes.

At BCCC, I also coach the PGA Junior League team. This year we had 15 kids on our roster, with 7 of them never playing "competitive" before. The opportunity to play a course other than our own for the kids is a fun and enjoyable way to watch the progression of our juniors.

Throughout the week I give one-hour private lessons to numerous juniors. At the end of every lesson, we take our practice to the golf course for a 1-hole scramble with each other. The transition from driving range to the golf course helps determine what they need to work on for future lessons.

Overall, Youth Player Development is a part of my job that I take pride in and am deeply passionate about. I enjoy spending time with the juniors and watching them grow and enjoy the game of golf.

Thank you all for the nomination.

Bryan Fegert, PGA

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