

2025 Golf Executive of the Year Candidate Bio Form

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Name:

David Kendall, PGA

Facility Employed at:

Washtenaw Golf Club

Kendall Academy of Golf

Kendall Academy Investments

Number of Years in your Executive Management position:

Washtenaw Golf Club	5 years
Kendall Academy of Golf	26 years
WGC & KA Both	3 years
Kendall Academy Investments	2 years

Describe your service to the local Section and Association:

Western Chapter Michigan PGA

- Policy Board 1981

Northern Chapter Michigan PGA

- Junior Golf Chairman 1982 - 83
- Chapter Secretary 1984 - 85
- Chapter Tournament Chairman 1986 - 87
- Chapter President 1988 - 89
- Chapter President 1994 - 95

Michigan Section PGA

- Education Committee Chairman
- Special Awards Chairman
- Tournament Committee Member 1998 - 2001
- Tournament Committee Chairman 2002 - 03
- Member Section Board of Directors 23 years
- Section Secretary 2004 - 05
- Section Vice President 2006 - 07
- Section President 2008 - 09
- Section Honorary President 2010 - 11

Michigan PGA Seniors Organization

- Secretary 2007 - 08
- Vice President 2009 - 10
- President 2011 - 12

PGA of America

- Tournament Committee Task Force
- Winter Program Tournament Committee
- Tournament Committee 2008 - 2012

Describe your leadership ability and how you inspire other golf professionals:

I aspired to be a PGA Professional when I became a Professional Golf Management student in the first year of the first Professional Golf Management Program at Ferris State University. Myself and another PGM graduate became the first A1 Members from a PGM Program on the same day, 4/1/81. At my first PGA Business School I was encouraged to leave the business of golf, better than I found it. I had mentors who were both Section and Chapter leaders, who encouraged me to lend a hand. As one of the early graduates of the Professional Golf Management Program at FSU, I have been asked to visit campus many times and speak to PGM students, encouraging them to make their mark on the business of golf, Junior Golf, Teaching Golf, and Playing Golf. To not only serve their facilities, and their Members, Clients, and Customers, but to also help improve the industry. We should all aspire to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

In 1981, I began my service to Michigan PGA. Between 1981 and 2012 I served the Michigan PGA at either the Chapter level, Section level, and/or National level for 30+ years.

I have been a Head Professional at Cadillac Country Club for 16 years, 1981 - 96. During that time, I had the privilege of mentoring those who became the leaders of Michigan golf as I was mentored by respected leaders in golf. I then founded Kendall Academy of Golf, at Miles of Golf, in the Ann Arbor/ Ypsilanti area and operated KA from 1997 - 2022. Today Kendall Academy has 6 PGA Members and a PGA Associate, 2 former Michigan PGA Teacher of the Year Award winners, the new Owner/Operator, Patrick Wilkes-Krier, PGA, is one of the top Coaches, one of the top players, and one of the outstanding people in Michigan golf.

At Washtenaw Golf Club, our PGA Professional, Zach Szawara does a great job and is a vital part of our leadership and decision making.

Describe how you support leadership and growth of the game initiatives within the industry, community and the Section:

During my 17 years at Cadillac Country Club, we dedicated every Wednesday from 8am - 1pm, to conducting 5 Hands on Clinics and play on the Course for 3 Holvers, 5 Holvers, 7 Holvers, 9 Holvers, and 18 Holvers for 10 weeks each Summer concluding with a Club Championship. As the Northern Chapter PGA Junior Golf Chairman, we created a Summer schedule of interclub matches, where Courses would put together a Team to compete against all others, concluding with a Chapter Championship, including boys and girls in age groups and a Team Championship. Doug Bell and Ian Ziska, along with many others, were products of this Program.

During my 26 years at Kendall Academy, starting with 2 Coaches the first year to 6 Coaches by year 4 and between 8 and 10 for the next 20+ years. The growth came from developing programs that attracted and developed players from beginning Juniors and Adults, Middle School players, High School players, Collegiate players, and Adult players. Kendall Academy became known for creating hundreds of success stories of players of all ages and abilities.

Once I became a Golf Course Owner in 2020, our Course, Washtenaw Golf Club, we made it our business maintain a player development relationship with Kendall Academy/ Miles of Golf, to create a relationship with the Golf Association of Michigan, GAM Youth on Course, make our Course available to Championships and Qualifiers, well below the market price for golf, on a regular basis and to the most well run Junior Tours, such as Callaway/Meijer Tour among them. Washtenaw Golf Club is very well known to GAM, and Junior Golf Tournament circles. We are also a frequent host of Michigan PGA Junior and Member events, whenever asked.

List any other Section or National Awards you have received and the year(s) you received them:

- Michigan PGA Golf Professional of the Year 1991 & 2006
- Michigan PGA Teacher of the Year 2000 & 2004
- Michigan PGA Senior Player of the Year 2007
- Michigan PGA Professional Development Award 2010
- Michigan PGA Hall of Fame 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Kendall, PGA