

2025 Professional Development Award Candidate Bio Form

Please submit this form no later than **Friday, October 4, 2024 at 4pm.**

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Name of Nominee: *

Joe Hatch

Facility Employed at: *

Ferris State University

Year Elected to Membership: *

2011

Are you a Master Professional, Certified Professional, serve as an Association Subject Matter Expert or adjunct PGA faculty member? *

No

Please describe your contribution to the PGA educational programs in the Michigan Section or nationally in 250 words or less: *

I have been deeply involved in the educational programs within the Michigan Section, contributing to both local and national initiatives that enhance the professional development of PGA members. I've participated in and lead discussions with the PGA education to help design and deliver content that is both practical and forward-thinking. My goal is to facilitate understanding of the PGA and our PGA Golf Management students with the theoretical and practical application of the diverse skills set demanded by the golf industry. My commitment to education also extends to my involvement in national seminars and meetings, where I've collaborated with other professionals to create programming that addresses the evolving needs of the golf industry. Whether it's through technical skills training or leadership development, I've worked to ensure that the education we provide equips PGA members with the tools they need to succeed in a rapidly changing environment.

Please describe your contribution toward development of articles or materials related to and benefiting education in 250 words or less: *

In addition to my work with educational programs, I have contributed numerous articles and materials that benefit the broader PGA community. These materials, often focused on professional development, leadership, and career advancement, have been published in both regional and national golf industry publications. I've also contributed to the development of online courses and training guides that are used to support our PGA Golf Management students in their continuous learning journey. My work in this area reflects my belief that education is the foundation of our profession, and I am committed to producing content that is relevant, engaging, and impactful.

Please describe your contribution to build the image of PGA Professionals and/or to inspire PGA Professionals or Associates in 250 words or less: *

Throughout my career, I have always worked to elevate the image of PGA Professionals by exemplifying the highest standards of professionalism and integrity. My leadership roles within the PGA Golf Management program at Ferris State University allow me to serve as a mentor and role model for many aspiring PGA professionals. By participating in public speaking engagements, community outreach programs, and industry events, I have had the opportunity to showcase and promote the value that PGA Professionals bring to the game of golf. Additionally, I've strived to inspire others by sharing my own career experiences and offering advice on how to navigate the challenges of the industry. My goal has always been to empower others to achieve their full potential, both within the PGA and beyond.

Please list any other PGA Section or National Awards you've received and the year(s) you received them (50 word limit): *

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