



## Two Area Teens Selected To Attend The First Tee Leadership Summit in November 2017



**CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (October 25, 2017)** – Gavin Gwaltney and Grace Kehoe from The First Tee of Greater Charlotte have been selected from a pool of national candidates to attend The First Tee Outstanding Participant & Leadership Summit, November 8–11 in Orlando. The summit will be an interactive and educational event in which participants will have the opportunity to develop and hone skills to become leaders in their chapters, schools and communities.

Workshops during the summit will cover a variety of topics including college preparedness, the importance of community service and volunteerism, environmental sustainability, and will be presented by experts in these fields. During the workshops, Gavin and Grace will develop plans for leading a meaningful service project in our community as a way to apply the skills and concepts learned at the three-day summit. They will also be mentored by an alumnus from The First Tee.

Gavin and Grace have both been involved with The First Tee of Greater Charlotte and are Ace Level participants. Gavin most recently represented the Chapter on a national level at The 2017 PURE Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach, CA—a Champions PGA Tour Event. Grace has represented the Chapter on a regional level at the North Carolina Leadership Academy and Eagle & Ace Academy. The OPLS will be her first national opportunity.

Both participants are extremely active as volunteers—helping to mentor younger participants at the Chapter as well as outside volunteer opportunities with Teen Court and Holy Angels.

“Being selected for the OPLS is a tremendous honor and I look forward to using this opportunity to again represent The First Tee of Greater Charlotte on a national level,” says participant Gavin Gwaltney. “Additionally, I am excited to share this experience with my friend Grace and meet other outstanding participants from all across the country.”

“We are delighted to have two participants selected to attend this prestigious opportunity,” says Executive Director, Jane Myers. “The life experiences that they will gain working alongside alumnus of The First Tee are invaluable. The service project they will create will help to make the city of Charlotte a better place. We are proud of the sustainable impact these two young people will have on our community.”

Gwaltney and Kehoe are one of 28 participants selected to attend the summit based on academic achievement, community service, chapter involvement, leadership, essay responses and letters of recommendation.

The First Tee is a youth development organization that introduces young people to the game of golf and its inherent values. The summit and will be held in conjunction with The First Tee Network Meeting, a biennial conference with more than 800 chapter representatives of The First Tee.

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