



The Clubhouse Recap

First Tee – Cleveland successfully hosted nearly 200 people for its Taste of the Tee, a culinary-inspired event that featured three country club chefs. First Tee students assisted the chefs prepare the meal and helped serve the guests.

Several First Tee participants were recognized during the event. Vinh Lai was named a First Tee National Scholar, allotting him \$20,000 for college. Ryan Kemer earned a Western Golf Association's Evans Scholarship, which affords him full tuition at housing. He will attend Ohio State this fall as a freshman.

The organization also announced the hiring of six interns. Along with Kemer and Lai, Kaylee Daley, Michael Farrell, Samone Harris and Antonio Jofferion will work at First Tee – Cleveland this summer.



Next on the Tee

Test your endurance while raising money for First Tee – Cleveland programs by playing in the 5th annual [100 Hole Golf Marathon](#) on Friday, July 18 at Seneca Golf Course.

Pebble Beach Opportunity! That's right!

First Tee – Cleveland proudly presents our Pebble Beach 'Stay and Play Raffle'! This incredible package includes a three-night stay in an oceanfront room at the iconic Pebble Beach Resort, one round of golf at Spyglass Hill, one round at Pebble Beach Golf Links, and \$1,000 in spending money. Tickets are \$100 each, with only 500 available.

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Community Corner

Jason Reed was exposed to golf at a young age, but it wasn't until later in life that he truly realized the positive impact the sport could have on the development kids.

As founder and operator of Gideon's Army, a non-profit serving Cleveland's young men, Reed partnered with First Tee – Cleveland in 2019 to elevate his program's golf brand.

"Our core values align seamlessly. First Tee reinforces what we are doing through golf, teaching patience, confidence and building character through adversity," said Reed, who also works at Holy Name High School in Cleveland.

"Our scholars have grown to appreciate the game of golf. Motivated by Coaches David Alexander and Dorothy Kasper, First Tee most importantly inspires them to become a better version of themselves beyond golf."

In addition to golf, Gideon's Army offers its students opportunities in other non-traditional city sports, including lacrosse, rugby, yoga, crew and sailing.

"We want to empower a young man, to change the trajectory of his life. First Tee has been a great partner and resource for us," Reed said.

Where Are They Now?



Nathan Lewandowski has a lifetime of memories from his eight years at First Tee – Cleveland.

One of the fondest is from his time training as a caddie. "I didn't realize the impact it would have on my life, but it gave me my first opportunity to really live out the core values in the world," he said. Other highlights include Saturday morning classes, competing in the River Rivals Cup and attending the International Junior Golf Academy (IJGA) in South Carolina.

Since leaving the program, Lewandowski has participated in networking events and fundraisers, such as the 100 Hole Golf Marathon. Lewandowski, who got married in May, works as a research scientist at Agriplex Genomics in Cleveland.

"I'm forever grateful for all the coaches and leaders at First Tee that have guided me to where I am today," he said.

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