

Passing the Torch: A New Chapter for First Tee – Cleveland

First Tee – Cleveland is entering an exciting new chapter. After 16 years of dedicated service as Chief Executive Officer, **Pat LoPresti** will transition into a part-time role as Strategic Advisor on April 1. Associate Director **Brian McFarland** will step into the role of Chief Executive Officer, continuing his longstanding leadership within our chapter.

This thoughtful transition follows a year-long succession planning process designed to ensure stability, continuity and continued growth for the young people we serve.

Under Pat's leadership, First Tee – Cleveland experienced extraordinary growth. What began as a program serving 300 participants on one golf course has expanded to provide a First Tee experience to more than 20,000 young people annually.

Pat also led the successful More Than a Game Capital Campaign, raising \$3.5 million to create the 12,000-square-foot Woodworth Activity Center – giving kids year-round access to life skills programs.

Board Chair Craig Glazier said, "Pat has guided remarkable growth and innovation over the past 16 years, and Brian's steady leadership, heart for the mission, and operational strength position First Tee – Cleveland well for its next chapter."

"I'm incredibly proud of what this team has accomplished," said LoPresti. "Together, we've built a place where young people develop confidence, character and life skills—on the course, in schools and through innovative programs like our culinary class, Fit to a Tee. I couldn't be more confident in Brian's leadership and am grateful to continue supporting First Tee – Cleveland in this next chapter."

Brian brings 15 years of experience with First Tee – Cleveland and a lifelong connection to the First Tee network. He has previously served with First Tee – West Virginia and First Tee – Charlotte and began his career in 2003 at First Tee Cooks Creek in his hometown of Ashville, Ohio.

McFarland said, "We will continue creating safe, welcoming spaces where young people can grow, thrive and discover their potential. Having the opportunity to positively impact so many young people is both a joy and a responsibility I take very seriously. I'm excited to build on the momentum Pat has created over her decorated career."

Please join us in thanking Pat for her extraordinary leadership and welcoming Brian as our next CEO as First Tee – Cleveland moves confidently into the future.

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Next on the Tee

Programs

Registration for **Spring, Summer, and Fall sessions** is now open at all locations! Explore class offerings and register today using the link below or scan the QR code.

[Program Details and Registration](#)



Programs

Golf Camp

First Tee – Cleveland is excited to again partner with Cleveland Metroparks to co-host **week-long summer golf camps** for ages 8–18 at **Washington Golf Course** in Newburgh Heights. Learn more and register today using the link below or scan the QR code.

[Camp Details and Registration](#)



Golf Camp

Taste of the Tee

Join us on **April 23 at First Tee – Cleveland's Woodworth Activity Center** for an unforgettable evening where top club chefs team up with First Tee participants for a one-of-a-kind culinary experience! Tickets are \$175 per person; use the link below or scan the QR Code for full details and registration!

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