

Volunteer Spotlight - Ann Lang



It didn't take long to sell **Ann Lang** on becoming a volunteer at First Tee - Cleveland. It took even less time for her to take big swings once she was on board.

"I fell in love immediately," said Lang, who was introduced to the organization by board member **Julie Lamb**. "I'm the kind of person who wants to help others, and I wanted to do as much as I could from the beginning."



Now in her **sixth year** with First Tee, Lang has proven herself to be a valuable asset. As a volunteer coach in the west suburbs under Program Manager **Mike Reiter**, she helped expand the chapter's all girls programming to the west side last year with a class at Meadowood Golf Course in Westlake. Lang, who grew up in Parma and lives in North Ridgeville, is at Brentwood Golf Club in Grafton this year.



"It's so important to me to grow the game with girls," Lang said. "It can be a tough world, especially for young girls. We're instilling confidence and bringing out the real person inside of them. It's been a game-changer."

Golf plays a big role in Lang's life. She enjoys the outdoors and spending time with friends on the course. She has also found the game to be an essential networking tool in the business world.

"It's a way to build relationships," said Lang, who works as a project manager for a commercial interior construction company. "I've had outings where I'm in a foursome with clients and potential business partners. I absolutely love the sport."

Lang's commitment to First Tee extends off the course as well. She was instrumental in furnishing the new Woodworth Activity Center in Newburgh Heights through her business connections. She can also be seen helping at various First Tee events, such as this year's 27th Annual Benefit at Lakewood Country Club in Westlake.

"This is easy for me because I love golf and I love kids," she said. "The concept, the programs, and the people all align with my core values. First Tee is something I needed when I was a kid. I'm glad I got involved."

"Every time I leave First Tee, I have a big smile on my face because I know we are making a difference."

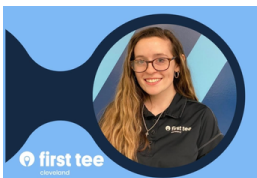
Where Are They Now?

In May, First Tee - Cleveland added a second alum to its staff with the hire of **Michael Farrell**. He joins **Veronica Savage** as a full-time employee at the organization that helped shape both of their futures.

Savage, who was hired in January 2025, serves as the chapter's **Operations and Development Coordinator**. Farrell is a **Program Coordinator**. Both previously served as interns before stepping into their current roles.

Savage started at First Tee at age 9, while Farrell got involved at 10. Savage graduated from Ohio University, where she studied Parks, Recreation and Leisure Studies with a focus in Outdoor Recreation and Education. She also minored in Ecotourism.

Farrell attended Ohio University as well, graduating with a degree in Sports Management and Finance and a minor in Business Analytics.



Next On The Tee

Kaulig Companies Junior Golf Clinic

Join us for the upcoming Kaulig Companies Junior Golf Clinic! Parents and kids are invited to enjoy a fun, interactive morning at Topgolf, followed by lunch at Firestone Country Club.

July 8 at 10:00 AM | Topgolf Akron & Firestone Country Club
R.S.V.P. to Coach Michael Farrell at mf Farrell@firstteecleveland.org!

For more information, visit: bit.ly/KauligJuniorClinic

6th Annual 100 Hole Golf Marathon

Take on the challenge to play 100 holes or more in just one day! Tee off at sunrise and go the distance in this unique golf marathon, all while raising funds to support First Tee - Cleveland's impact on local youth.

July 17 | Shotgun start at 7:00 AM at Seneca Golf Course
Spots are filling up fast, so sign up today!

For more information, visit: bit.ly/100Info
To sign up or donate, visit: igfn.us/vf/2026Holes