

Seminoles' Bond Presented With Founders Award by Women's Golf Coaches Association

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (seminoles.com) – Amy Bond, who has led the Florida State Women's Golf team to eight consecutive NCAA Tournament Championship appearances, was presented with the Founders Award by the Women's Golf Coaches Association at the annual WGCA Member Convention in Las Vegas. One of the most giving people in collegiate golf, Bond was recognized by the organization for her service contributions in the state of Florida and within the golf community.

Bond has been on the forefront of collegiate coaches who have given extensively of themselves to those in need in the Southeastern region of the United States, parts of which have been devastated by Hurricanes Harvey and Michael in the last two years. She donated resources to those in the affected areas in Texas in 2017 and the Panhandle of Florida in 2018.

In 2017, she started a birdie campaign at the beginning of the fall season to raise money for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Bond pledged \$10 to hurricane relief for every birdie her team collected, while also pledging \$20 for every eagle and \$25 for a hole-in-one. This past fall, she did the same for the victims of Hurricane Michael, this time pledging for every birdie and eagle made by the field.

"To win the Founders Award presented by the WGCA is a tremendous honor that I am blessed to receive," said Bond. "It represents everything I stand for in my personal and coaching life. I don't do things for awards, but winning this award will always be very special to me. I don't accept this award by myself as no one gets there alone. I have had many influences who have helped me along the way. To me it's about people helping people and that's the easiest thing you can ever do."

Bond was a member of the WGCA Board of Directors for 10 years, serving as treasurer from 2008-12, Vice President from 2012-13 and President from 2013-16. She recently completed her two-year stint as the Immediate Past President. She is currently on the US Selection Committee for the Arnold Palmer Cup, the Salvation Army Board of Directors, and is in charge of the Angel Tree Program for Florida State Athletics.

Bond began her coaching career as an assistant coach at Florida State for five years before being named the head coach at Princeton University in 2006. There, she guided Princeton to eight tournament victories and helped the Tigers place in the top-four in the Ivy League each year.

In 2010, Bond returned to Florida State as the head women's golf coach. In her eight seasons at the helm of the program, the Seminoles have made eight consecutive NCAA Championship Tournament appearances, including three consecutive top-20 finishes. Her teams have recorded the top six single-season scoring averages in school history, and in 2016-17 broke the school record for most tournament wins in a season (six). Bond has coached seven All-Americans, two NCAA Regional Champions, 16 All-ACC selections and eight WGCA All-American Scholars.