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**IOWA STATE WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM RECEIVES WGCA DIVISION I
KIM MOORE SPIRIT AWARD**

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida (May 10, 2018) – The Iowa State University Women's Golf Team has received the 2019 Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) Division I Kim Moore Spirit Award. The recognition was announced today on Golf Channel as part of the NCAA Women's Golf Championship coverage.

This award is dedicated to Kim Moore, who played golf for the University of Indianapolis (1999-2003). Kim was an inspiration to all as she persevered through many physical challenges while playing collegiate golf. Her positive outlook and dedication toward the game was only out done by her sense of humor and passion for the game.

The purpose of the award is to recognize and honor a student-athlete or coach who exemplifies a great spirit toward the game of golf, a positive attitude on and off the golf course, a role model for her team and mental toughness in facing challenges.

On September 17, one week into the fall 2018 golf season, the Iowa State women's golf team received tragic news: former standout Celia Barquin Arozamena was found slain at Coldwater Golf Links in Ames, Iowa. The 2018 Big 12 champion and Iowa State Female Athlete of the Year was finishing her civil engineering degree after ending her four-year career as one of the most accomplished players in Cyclone golf history.

The Cyclones received the news while at the East & West Match Play and withdrew from the tournament following the semifinals to mourn the loss of their former teammate. In the following days, the team joined the rest of the Iowa State community in remembering Celia at various gatherings and events, including an elaborate ceremony ahead of the Cyclones' football game on Sept. 22. Before returning to the golf course on October 1 for the Windy City Collegiate Classic, the women's golf team dedicated the remainder of the season to Celia and created "CBA" patches to be worn throughout the season in her memory.

After finishing the fall season ranked No. 46 by Golfstat, the team opened the spring with three top-10 finishes before going on to win the Mountain View Collegiate in late March of this year. The Cyclones rallied from five strokes back to claim a 14-stroke victory, their first stroke-play victory since 2012. Their final-round 20-under par score of 268 at The Preserve Golf Club was an 18-hole school record, and their 28-under par mark of 836 broke their 54-hole school record. In addition, for the first time in the program's history, all five players broke par in a single round. The team then went on to qualify for the NCAA Cle Elum Regional, marking the 10th consecutive year that the Cyclones have earned an NCAA Regional berth.

About the Women's Golf Coaches Association

The Women's Golf Coaches Association, founded in 1983, is a non-profit organization representing women's collegiate golf coaches. The WGCA was formed to encourage the playing of college golf for women in correlation with a general objective of education and in accordance with the highest tradition of intercollegiate competition. Today, the WGCA represents over 600 coaches throughout the U.S. and is dedicated to educating, promoting and recognizing both its members and the student-athletes they represent.

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