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**LILIA VU NAMED PING WGCA PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

STILLWATER, Oklahoma (May 22, 2018) – UCLA's Lilia Vu has been named the PING WGCA Player of the Year, the organization's highest player honor for 2017-18.

Recognized annually as the top honor in women's collegiate golf, the PING WGCA Player of the Year Award is awarded to the best player in Division I, II and III women's golf. The award was first given in 1987 and the names of recipients reads as a who's who of the best of the ladies game including Amanda Blumenherst (3-time), Lorena Ochoa (2-time) and Annika Sorenstam. The recipient is selected by a prestigious collection of women's collegiate golf coaches who follow criteria that has been established to identify the finest player for the past year. This criteria include:

- Head to head competition
- Comparison with common opponents
- Scoring average
- Place finishes in regular season events and tournament wins
- Strength of schedule

A native of Fountain Valley, Calif., Vu posted a 70.37 scoring average, the lowest full-season scoring average in UCLA's program history. She recorded seven top-five finishes, including four wins to tie the school record for most victories in a single season. The junior placed first at the Battle of the Beach, Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge, Bruin Wave Invitational and Wildcat Invitational, and also finished runner-up at the Pac-12 Championships. Vu netted 20 under-par rounds and 13 in the 60's over the course of the season, both of which are school records. She tied for seventh place at the at the NCAA Championship with a 54-hole score of 287 (-1), helping UCLA earn the top seed for match play.

**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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