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MARIA FASSI NAMED PING WGCA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

FAYETTEVILLE, Arkansas (May 22, 2019) -- Maria Fassi of the University of Arkansas has been named the PING WGCA Player of the Year, the organization's highest player honor for 2018-19.

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 Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico, Fassi capped off her senior season by winning the individual NCAA title with a 54-hole score of 211 (-8), helping Arkansas earn the No. 4 seed for match play. She posted a 71.18 scoring average and notched five top-five finishes during the season, including a win at the SEC Championship. Fassi netted 20 under-par rounds and seven in the 60's over the course of the season. She also finished runner-up at the inaugural Augusta National Women's Amateur in April.

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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