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**SMU WOMEN'S GOLF COACH JEANNE SUTHERLAND WINS  
INAUGURAL KIM EVANS AWARD**

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida (December 4, 2018) – The Women's Golf Coaches Association, in collaboration with the PGA of America, today announced Jeanne Sutherland as the inaugural recipient of the Kim Evans Award. Sutherland was recognized at the 2018 WGCA Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada with Kim Evans and PGA of America President Suzy Whaley presenting the award.



The prestigious Kim Evans Award honors the lifetime achievement of the WGCA Hall of Fame coach from Auburn University. The Kim Evans Award will be presented annually to the college or high school coach, and Class A PGA Professional, whose support of the game through teaching, coaching and involvement in the community has helped ensure the continued growth of golf, and who represents the finest qualities the sport has to offer.

"It's a privilege to receive this award honoring my friend Kim Evans, I am truly humbled," said Sutherland.

A nominee must meet the following criteria to be considered for either award: they must currently be an active golf coach in NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA or High School as well as a Class A Member of the PGA of America; Recognized teacher/instructor; Active in his/her community; Promotes the game through clinics, instruction/teaching, rules seminars and open events; Active in his/her section of PGA; Strong involvement in junior golf; Collegiate coach longevity; and history of successful players both on the course and in the classroom.

The Head Coach of Southern Methodist University since 2011, Sutherland led the Mustangs to five consecutive postseason berths (2013-17), and two top-three finishes at the American Athletic Conference Championships.

Prior to SMU, Sutherland began her coaching career in 1992 at Texas A&M University where she transformed the program into one of the best in the nation. The Aggies reached postseason play in 13 of her 15 years as the head coach, leading the squad to 13 tournament crowns and three Big 12 Conference titles. Sutherland was named the Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year four times while at A&M (1995, 1997, 2006, 2007), as well as Regional Coach of the Year twice (1997, 2007).

Elected to PGA Membership in 1990, Sutherland also spent time as PGA Head Professional at Vail Golf Club in Colorado.

Sutherland, who was also the recipient of the WGCA Founders Award winner in 2016, in recognition for her outstanding service to the WGCA and women's collegiate golf, has served

as both Vice President and Division I Representative of the WGCA during her coaching career. She is committed to serving as a mentor to many young coaches and is a regular volunteer with the Salvation Army, the Dallas Independent School District and the Dallas Ronald McDonald House.

A native of Dubuque, Iowa, Sutherland played college golf at the University of Northern Iowa, where she earned All-American honors as a sophomore after placing third at the AIAW Division II National Championships and leading the team to a third-place finish. In 1983, she placed 13th at nationals and paced the team to a fifth-place finish.

**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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