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## **Stanford University's Casey Danielson Named Recipient of 2017 Dinah Shore Trophy**

*Danielson honored for golf excellence, leadership skills and community service*

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., May xx, 2017** – Casey Danielson of Stanford University has been selected as the recipient of the 2017 Dinah Shore Trophy, cementing her status as one of the top collegiate female golfers who has made an impact through leadership on the course and on society through charitable endeavor.

Administered by the LPGA Foundation, the Dinah Shore Trophy Award recognizes female collegiate golfers who excel in both academics (3.2 on a 4.0 scale) and athletics – playing in at least 50 percent of the team's scheduled events – while maintaining a 78.00 or less scoring average. In addition, nominees must demonstrate outstanding leadership skills and community service.

A 4-time High School State Champion in Wisconsin, Danielson was a member of the Stanford University women's golf team that won the 2014 PAC 12 Championship and the 2015 NCAA National Championship. Under her captaincy, Stanford is currently ranked No. 1 in the nation and she led the team to a runner-up spot at the 2016 NCAA National Championship. Known for her exceptional work ethic and leadership qualities, Danielson earned selection to the 2017 All-Pac-12 First Team.

Danielson is not only a major contributor to her golf team but is also heavily involved in community engagement. As a Stanford Golf Camp Counselor, she has helped coordinate camp activities, provide golf instruction and introduce important life skills to kids ages 5-15. She is also a founder of 'Birdies for a Cause' in her home state of Wisconsin, raising money for local and national non-profit organizations by connecting community pledges with golfer performance.

The Dinah Shore Trophy Award is a joint effort between The LPGA Foundation, Friends of Golf (FOG) organization and the ANA Inspiration - one of the LPGA's five major championships and the largest contributor to the Dinah Shore Scholarship Fund. As part of the Dinah Shore Trophy Award, a \$10,000 grant will be awarded to the Stanford University women's golf program.

Former winners of this prestigious award include: Columbia University's Jackie Chulya (2016), East Carolina University's Katie Kirk (2015), University of Arkansas' Emily Tubert (2014), Michigan State University alum Caroline Powers (2013), North Dakota State's Amy Anderson (2012), University of California graduate Pia Halbig (2011), University of

Central Florida alum and current Symetra Tour member Katie Detlefsen (2010), Duke University grad and LPGA Tour player Amanda Blumenherst (2008, 2009), University of Arkansas alumna and 2012 Rolex LPGA Player of the Year Stacy Lewis (2007), and the University of South Carolina's Erica Battle (2006).

The LPGA Foundation announced the Dinah Shore Scholarship Fund in March of 1994 in honor of the late Dinah Shore, a Vanderbilt University graduate and an honorary member of the LPGA and LPGA Tour Hall of Fame. The Dinah Shore Trophy Award has contributed more than \$184,000 to women's collegiate golf programs, including this year.

### **About the contributing organizations:**

Friends of Golf (FOG) is a fundraising organization founded and administered by Eddie Merrins, golf professional emeritus at Bel-Air Country Club in Beverly Hills, Calif. FOG contributes annually to collegiate, high school and junior golf programs throughout the country, and Dinah Shore was considered the "First Lady" of FOG.

A part of the LPGA Tour since 1972 when it was founded by entertainer Dinah Shore, the ANA Inspiration (initially the Colgate-Dinah Shore Winner's Circle and more recently the Kraft Nabisco Championship) was designated as a major in 1983. Three-time champion Amy Alcott began a winner's tradition of jumping into the lake at the 18th hole after her victory in 1991. The event was called the Colgate Dinah Shore from 1972-81 and the Nabisco Dinah Shore from 1982-99. Dinah Shore's legacy and heritage is preserved with the "Dinah Shore Walk of Champions" at the 18th hole at Mission Hills Country Club. In addition, a statue of Dinah Shore, serving as the walk's focal point, was created by noted sculptor George Montgomery, who was Shore's former husband.

The LPGA is the world's leading professional golf organization for women. Founded in 1950 and headquartered in Daytona Beach, Fla., the association celebrates a diverse and storied membership with more than 2,300 members representing more than 30 countries. With a vision to inspire, empower, educate and entertain by showcasing the very best of women's golf, LPGA Tour Professionals compete across the globe, while the Symetra Tour, the official development and qualifying tour of the LPGA, consistently produces a pipeline of talent ready for the world stage. Additionally, LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals directly impact the game through teaching, coaching and management.

The LPGA demonstrates its dedication to the development of the game through The LPGA Foundation. Since 1991, this charitable organization has been committed to empowering and supporting girls and women through developmental and humanitarian golf initiatives, such as LPGA\*USGA Girls Golf.

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