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SOFIA GARCIA RECEIVES WGCA DIVISION I KIM MOORE SPIRIT AWARD

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida (May 26, 2021) – Texas Tech University redshirt senior Sofia Garcia has received the 2021 Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) Division I Kim Moore Spirit Award.

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.

Acceptance Video: <https://vimeo.com/554783650>

As a freshman during the 2016-17 season, Sofia Garcia made an immediate impact on the Texas Tech women's golf team. She led the Red Raiders during the spring season with a 73.6 scoring average after playing in all 10 events, the sixth-lowest scoring average in program history and the lowest ever for a Tech freshman.

Garcia looked to continue her success into her sophomore season, opening the fall of 2017 with the lowest 54-hole score of her career to place sixth at the Jim West Challenge. However, shortly after the tournament, she suffered a torn ACL and required season-ending surgery.

Her dedication and commitment to rehab allowed Garcia to return to the course even stronger than before. Since coming back from her injury she is a two-time WGCA All-American, two-time Arnold Palmer Cup recipient and competed at the Augusta National Women's Amateur in April. Recently, she snapped the Texas Tech individual record with her fifth career medalist honor at the Maryb S. Kauth Invitational. She owns three of the top-six season averages in program history, including each of the top two spots, and currently holds the school record for the best career stroke average at 72.2.

Off the course, Garcia is a four-time WGCA All-American Scholar and a three-year member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. She earned her undergraduate degree with a 3.767 GPA in International Economics. She is scheduled to obtain her master's in business degree (MBA) this August after graduating with a 3.615 GPA in Texas Tech's STEM Business program.

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 650 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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