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Men's Golf Hosts Augusta Haskins Award Invitational April 6-7

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AUGUSTA, Ga. – The Augusta University men's golf team has rebranded its home tournament and will host the Augusta Haskins Award Invitational, April 6-7, at Forest Hills Golf Club. The 41st edition of Augusta's home event features 15 teams competing for two days on the eve of The Masters. Five teams competing are nationally-ranked in the top 50 and two are in the seated in the top 10.

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"We are pleased to have Valspar as the presenting sponsor of the Augusta Haskins Award Invitational," head coach Jack O'Keefe said. "To partner with the prestigious Haskins Award has made our tournament stronger than ever."

Created by the Haskins Commission in 1970, the *Fred Haskins Award presented by Stifel* is given annually to the "Most Outstanding Collegiate Golfer of the Year" as voted on by NCAA Division 1 golfers, coaches and select golf media. The *Haskins Award* honors Mr. Fred Haskins, a respected past head professional at the Country Club of Columbus, who dedicated his career to teaching junior golfers the art of competitive golf. Recipients of the *Haskins Award* have gone on to win 298 PGA TOUR events, including 30 Majors Championships.

"The Haskins Award has followed strong fields like Augusta's since our early years in the 1970's," President of the Fred Haskins Commission, Madden Hatcher Jr., said. "In fact, many of our past recipients have participated in and won this tournament. We are excited to partner with Augusta University as we look forward to witnessing the next generation of champions for years to come."

The 2019 field includes Augusta, Air Force, No. 39 Arkansas, Georgia State, Houston, No. 24 Illinois, Mercer, Northern Illinois, Notre Dame, No. 18 South Carolina, No. 7 Texas, UCF, USC Aiken, Virginia Tech, and No. 3 Wake Forest.

The first two rounds take place on Saturday, April 6 with a 36-hole shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The event concludes on Sunday, April 7, for the final 18 holes with tee times off holes one and 10 from 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Founded in the rich tradition of golf in Augusta, Ga., the Augusta Haskins Award Invitational has grown since its first year in 1979 as one of the top tournaments in Division-I golf. This is the 41st edition and the 38th at Forest Hills golf Club.

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