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CHICAGO-AREA NATIVES NAMED HP SCHOLASTIC JUNIOR ALL-AMERICAN

Bowen, Bettis honored by AJGA, HP for achievements on the golf course, in the classroom

BRASELTON, Ga. — Two Chicago-area natives were named an HP Scholastic Junior All-American by the American Junior Golf Association and HP Wednesday. Brooke Bettis of St. Charles, Ill. and Wilson Bowen of Winnetka, Ill., both recieved the prestigious honor. The 2007 team, sponsored for the 13th consecutive year by HP, consists of 12 young men and 12 young women who demonstrate the ability to excel both on the golf course and in the classroom.

To be eligible for the HP Scholastic Junior All-America Team, boys must have placed in the top 10 of an AJGA event, while girls needed a top-five finish. The selections were then based on grade-point average, class rank, SAT/ACT scores, leadership skills, community service and writing ability. Candidates were required to submit an essay no longer than 400 words on the topic, "A Day I'll Never Forget..."

These outstanding individuals will be honored at the Rolex Junior All-America Awards Banquet Nov. 18 at The Grande Ballroom at Ginn Reunion Resort in Reunion, Fla. By being named to this team, each player is also eligible to participate in the Polo Golf Junior Classic, one of the most prestigious events in junior golf, taking place Nov. 17-23 at Ginn Reunion Resort.

A 2008 graduate of St. Charles North High School, Bettis, 17, maintains a 5.58 GPA, is ranked sixth in a class 530 and scored a 32 on the ACT. For two years, Bettis has been a peer leader in her high school and was voted as sophomore class representative for student council. She also participated in Project D.A.N.C.E., and in two years of participation, she raised a combined total of \$2,100 for Special Olympics. In her inaugural year as an AJGA member, Bettis had two top-10 finishes including a fourth place finish at the Randy Wise Junior Open.

A 2008 graduate of New Trier High School, Bowen, 18, maintains a 5.13 GPA and scored a 35 on the ACT, and a 213 on the PSAT from which he was named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. In 2007, Bowen was elected vice president of Tri-Ship, a school organization that raises funds for college scholarships given to students who exhibit fellowship, sportsmanship and citizenship. Bowen is a four-year member of the New Trier High School Boys varsity golf team and was named captain during his junior and senior seasons. In 2006, he was named All-State and Team MVP. In 2006, Bowen recorded his first AJGA top-10 finish in an Open event at the Future Legends, finishing in ninth. In June 2007, he recorded four top-10 finishes and his first AJGA victory at the SAP Junior Open.

"HP is delighted once again to recognize academic excellence with the naming of the 2007 HP Scholastic Junior All-America Team," said John Dayan, vice president of marketing, Personal Systems Group Americas, Hewlett Packard. "The AJGA works hard to prepare young adults for life after high school by instilling honor, perseverance and good sportsmanship. HP is proud to be associated with the AJGA and this great group of young adults."

The American Junior Golf Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the overall growth and development of young men and women who aspire to earn college golf scholarships through competitive junior golf.

The largest Association of its kind, the AJGA has an annual junior membership (boys and girls ages 12-18) of more than 5,000 junior golfers from 49 states and more than 25 foreign countries.

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Titleist, the AJGA's National Sponsor, has been the catalyst and driving force behind the Association's success since 1989. Rolex Watch USA, which is in its third decade of AJGA support, became the inaugural AJGA Premier Partner in 2004. In 2007, after 12 years of support, Polo Ralph Lauren became the AJGA's second Premier Partner.

AJGA alumni have risen to the top of amateur, collegiate and professional golf. More than 160 former AJGA juniors currently play on the PGA and LPGA Tours and have compiled more than 300 wins. AJGA alumni include Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Jim Furyk, Stewart Cink, Davis Love III, Cristie Kerr, Pat Hurst, Paula Creamer, Morgan Pressel and Julieta Granada.

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