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## GRAY NAMED HP SCHOLASTIC JUNIOR ALL-AMERICAN

*Florence, S.C., native honored by AJGA, HP for achievements on the golf course, in the classroom*

**BRASELTON, Ga.** — Florence, S.C., native Mitchell Gray was named an HP Scholastic Junior All-American by the American Junior Golf Association and HP Wednesday. 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 senior at West Florence High School, Gray carries a 4.628 GPA and is ranked 10th in his class of 317 students. Gray has been named Most Valuable Player of the West Florence High School golf team each of the past three years. Nationally, he is currently ranked No. 78 in the Polo Golf Rankings. In his first season of playing AJGA events, Gray won the Medicus Preseason Junior at Mystic Dunes in Orlando and recorded four more top-20 finishes. During the 2007 AJGA season, he compiled a 72.25 scoring average in 12 tournament rounds.

"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.

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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