

Alliance Expands Speakers Bureau

St. Augustine, FL – June 3, 2016 - The National Alliance for Accessible Golf (Alliance) announced today two new additions to its Speakers Bureau, Ms. Wheelchair International, Yvette Pegues, M.ED and Adaptive Golf Services Instructor and PGA Professional, Tim Wilkes. Pegues recently expanded her sports resume by learning to play golf through the Get Golf Ready program at the PGA TOUR Superstore in Kennesaw, GA, led by Tim Wilkes, PGA.

Yvette Pegues, M.ED., was born with a congenital defect at the lower portion of the back of the brain called Arnold-Chiari Malformation, which went undetected for years. She was diagnosed in 2011 and after undergoing surgery in 2012, her condition worsened and she lost use of her legs.

Tim Wilkes, PGA, is the Services Supervisor at the PGA TOUR Superstore in Kennesaw, GA. Wilkes was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy at age 13, the same time he fell in love with golf. He grew up learning to adapt, playing to the strengths of his golf game. He now uses his own personal experience to relate to others in a manner that is compassionate, encouraging and authentic. He specializes in customizing golf equipment for limited mobility along with Adaptive Golf services.

The Alliance Speakers Bureau provides speakers and trainers for organizations seeking information on golf development programs that focuses on individuals with disabilities. The mission of the Alliance is to increase participation of people with disabilities in the game of golf. Through golf, individuals with disabilities become actively engaged in the social fabric of a community, and derive health benefits that improve quality of life. Information about the benefits of golf for persons with disabilities and the golf industry must be constantly shared with the media, public, health, rehabilitation and recreation and golf professionals.

Since 2010, the Alliance it has granted more than \$730,000 to inclusive golf programs for people with disabilities. Through on-going support from the United States Golf Association, the Alliance has expanded its efforts to provide financial assistance and resources to help make the game of golf more accessible to people with disabilities.

The National Alliance for Accessible Golf is a charitable organization working to ensure the opportunity for all individuals to play the game of golf. The Alliance is represented by major golf organizations in the United States, organizations that provide services for people with disabilities and other advocates. Through GAIN™ (Golf: Accessible and Inclusive Networks) and other programs, the Alliance promotes inclusion and awareness to the golf industry, golf instructors, and the public. For more information about Alliance programs, please visit www.accessgolf.org.