

2006-07 South Carolina Women's Golf

# Meet the Gamecocks



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# Kristi Coggins

Head Coach • 13th year at South Carolina

In her 13th year at the helm of the South Carolina women's golf program, Kristi Coggins has directed the Gamecocks to 11 trips to the post-season as a team, highlighted by eight NCAA Championship appearances and an SEC title in 2002. For her efforts, Coggins was honored as the 2002 SEC Coach of the Year.

In addition to the team's success during the Coggins era, three of her players have qualified for the NCAA Championships as individuals.

With a cumulative grade point average of 3.752 for the 2004-05 academic year, Coggins' team was recognized as the inaugural recipient of the National Golf Coaches Association All-Scholar Team G.P.A. Award. The team came back to win the same award again in 2005-06.

Under Coggins, academic excellence has become a staple of the Gamecock women's golf program. The women's golf team finished the 2004 fall semester with a 3.671 overall GPA, which marked the highest team GPA since the Carolina athletic department began charting the figure on team-by-team basis in 1996, then turned in a combined 3.832 GPA in the spring semester to shatter the record it had just set. More than half of the student-athletes on the 2004-05 roster earned a spot on the President's List (perfect 4.0 GPA for a semester). Never before has any team in the South Carolina athletic department combined for such academic success.

Coggins has coached two different players who went on to win the prestigious Dinah Shore Trophy, as Adrienne Gautreaux received the honor in 2004 and Erica Battle was the 2006 recipient. The Dinah Shore Trophy honors the top women's golfer in the nation who combines success on the golf course with success in the classroom, service to the community and extraordinary leadership.

In addition, Coggins also coached the 2006 SEC Women's Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year in Whitney Simons.

Recognized by her peers as one of the top coaches in the country, Coggins was named as the head coach at South Carolina on July 8, 1994.

In her 22nd year of collegiate coaching, Coggins believes that you can only improve if you play the best teams on a consistent basis. Her Gamecock teams see the best week-in and week-out in the highly-competitive SEC. In fact, Carolina played one of the top-five most challenging schedules of any team in the country in 2004-05, according to the Golfweek/Sagarin ratings. That tough competition has translated into postseason appearances for Coggins' teams during her entire career, as she has led 15 of her teams to postseason action, including nine to the NCAA Championships.

Coggins has coached 12 individuals over the years who have gone on to professional golfing careers, including Kris Tschetter, Ellie Gibson, Siew Ai Lim and Clarissa Childs, who are currently on the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour. Her list of "Who's Who" could soon be extended by two as 2003 SEC Player of the Year Kristy McPherson and Adrienne Gautreaux are both close to earning spots on the Tour. All totalled, Coggins has tutored six All-Americans and 11 different individuals who have garnered 20 All-SEC and All-Southwest Conference honors.

Emphasizing the total student-athlete concept in her coaching career, 19 individuals she has coached have earned Academic All-America honors – including 13 at South Carolina – while the graduation rate of Coggins' teams has been 100 percent. Adrienne Gautreaux was named a CoSIDA first-team Academic All-American in 2004 and Erica Battle was a CoSIDA District All-America honoree in 2006.

Kristy McPherson earned her third All-American honor in 2003 and was named as the 2003 SEC Player of the Year. In 1995, Siew Ai Lim was also named as the SEC's best golfer under Coggins' watchful eye.

"Everything is in place here at South Carolina for us to be successful," says Coggins. "Our facilities, the academic excellence and our administration's support. It is all geared towards our success. The attitude is directed towards the student-athletes here and that has been a key to our success in attracting quality student-athletes and seeing them through to solid accomplishments on the course and in the classroom."

In 2002, South Carolina accomplished something never before done in USC's women's or men's golf history: win a Southeastern Conference title. In fact, the women's golf team is one of five Gamecock teams with an SEC title to its credit. South Carolina broke both the school and conference scoring record in capturing the crown while one of Coggins' players, Kristy McPherson, captured her second-straight individual title.

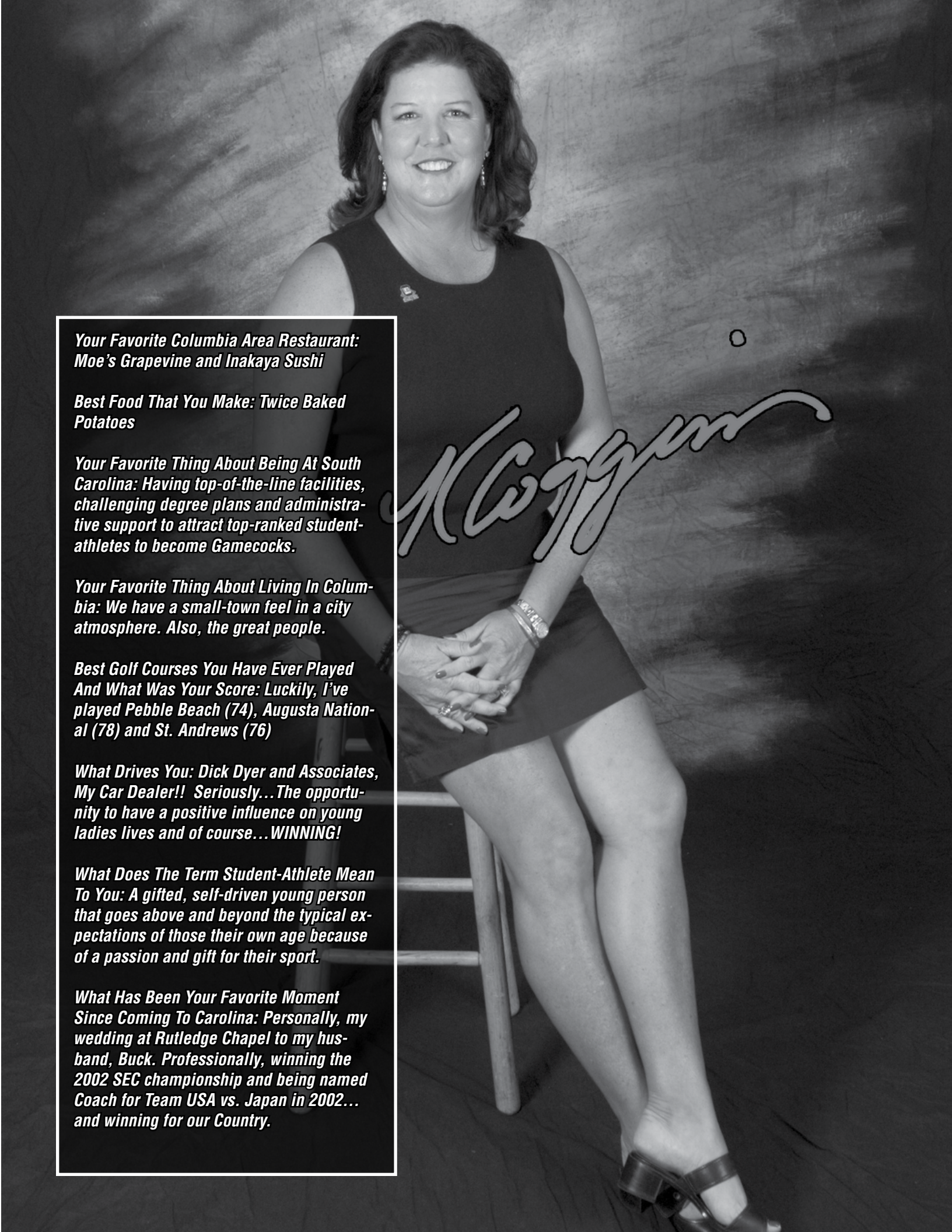
In 2001, the Gamecocks put together a solid late-season run, finished third in the SEC Championships, sixth in the NCAA Regional and qualified for the NCAA Championship. In 1999, after South Carolina's consistent top five finishes and a 14th-place showing at the NCAA Championships, Coggins was recognized as the SEC Coach of the Year, her second such coach of the year honor.

Coggins led USC to its highest ranking ever --seventh-- near the end of the 1995 season and a ninth-place finish at the NCAA Championship, marking a school best. South Carolina finished in the top five in nine tournaments during Coggins' first year after accomplishing the feat only twice the previous season.



**KRISTI COGGINS**





***Your Favorite Columbia Area Restaurant:  
Moe's Grapevine and Inakaya Sushi***

***Best Food That You Make: Twice Baked  
Potatoes***

***Your Favorite Thing About Being At South  
Carolina: Having top-of-the-line facilities,  
challenging degree plans and administra-  
tive support to attract top-ranked student-  
athletes to become Gamecocks.***

***Your Favorite Thing About Living In Colum-  
bia: We have a small-town feel in a city  
atmosphere. Also, the great people.***

***Best Golf Courses You Have Ever Played  
And What Was Your Score: Luckily, I've  
played Pebble Beach (74), Augusta Nation-  
al (78) and St. Andrews (76)***

***What Drives You: Dick Dyer and Associates,  
My Car Dealer!! Seriously...The opportu-  
nity to have a positive influence on young  
ladies lives and of course...WINNING!***

***What Does The Term Student-Athlete Mean  
To You: A gifted, self-driven young person  
that goes above and beyond the typical ex-  
pectations of those their own age because  
of a passion and gift for their sport.***

***What Has Been Your Favorite Moment  
Since Coming To Carolina: Personally, my  
wedding at Rutledge Chapel to my hus-  
band, Buck. Professionally, winning the  
2002 SEC championship and being named  
Coach for Team USA vs. Japan in 2002...  
and winning for our Country.***

Coming to South Carolina following nine highly-successful seasons at Texas Christian University, Coggins took over a program which had finished in the lower division of the Southwest Conference in 1985, and proceeded to guide the Lady Frogs to nine consecutive upper-division finishes in the SWC. Coggins led TCU to three runner-up finishes in the Southwest Conference Championships (1988, 1989, 1993), with the squad finishing third place or better in all but one season.

Coggins led TCU to five NCAA appearances, with three of her squads advancing to the NCAA finals. Her 1989 team ranked as high as third in the nation at midseason, earning Coggins Southwest Conference Coach of the Year honors. All of Coggins' TCU squads finished the season ranked 26th or better in the nation.

Coggins received her bachelor of science degree in recreational administration from Southwest Texas State University in 1984. Prior to taking the head coaching post at TCU, Coggins was a teaching professional at Brookhaven Country Club in Dallas, Texas, from 1984-86.

Coggins is currently the secretary for the National Golf Coaches Association after serving as Director At-Large in 2003-04. She has served on the NCAA Regional Advisory Committee for Women's Golf and was appointed to the NGCA Awards Committee for four years. She and her husband, Buck, were married June 8, 1997. They have three children: Daniel, 21, and twins Charlie and Melanie, 15. The family also has two chocolate labs, Sunny and Cache.



**Head Coach Kristi Coggins with husband, Buck.**

## Coggins' Highlights at South Carolina

### **1994-95 NCAA (T9th)**

First season at USC ... Led Gamecocks to best finish ever at NCAA Tournament... 2nd at SEC's and 2nd at Arizona Invitational.

### **1995-96 NCAA (14th)**

Strong spring showings earn school's first back-to-back NCAA bids ...2nd at Fripp Isle Collegiate and 3rd at SEC's and Lady Gamecock.

### **1996-97 NCAA Regional**

3rd straight NCAA showing despite loss of three seniors ... USC wins FAU/Miami Preview Classic and finishes 4th at SEC's.

### **1997-98 None**

Youthful squad re-tools against a tough schedule ...Finishes 5th at the Lady Gamecock Classic and 3rd at Fripp Island Intercollegiate.

### **1998-99 NCAA (14th)**

Team starts and finishes strong ... 3rd-place finish at Lady Tar Heel in fall and wins Casa de Campo Invitational... Ties for 2nd-best NCAA finish.

### **1999-00 NCAA Regional**

Trio of freshmen play key roles ... Team finishes 2nd at Lady Gator and 3rd at Lady Gamecock and qualifies for NCAA East Regional... Rebecca Lee compete as an individual at NCAA Championships.

### **2000-01 NCAA (24th)**

Finishes 2nd at Lady Paladin and returns to NCAA Championships ... 3rd at SEC's with Kristy McPherson capturing individual crown.

### **2001-02 NCAA (23rd)**

SEC Champions with conference and USC record-breaking 861 score ... Kristy McPherson wins 2nd consecutive SEC title with record-setting nine-under-par performance.

### **2002-03 NCAA (17th)**

USC earns eighth NCAA postseason bid and 3rd consecutive trip to NCAA Championships, a school record ... Gamecocks finish 2nd at Lady Paladin and 4th at SEC Tournament ... Kristy McPherson was named SEC Player of the Year.

### **2003-04 NCAA Regional**

Senior Adrienne Gautreaux receives prestigious Dinah Shore Trophy and earns first-team Academic All-America honors ... Gautreaux finished tied for 22nd at the NCAA Championships ... Gamecocks make ninth straight postseason appearance at NCAA Regionals ... Also finish second at Lady Gamecock Classic

### **2004-05 NCAA Regional**

Fielding a lineup of three freshmen, a sophomore and a junior, the Gamecocks finish ninth at the NCAA East Regional, just one spot and three strokes away from earning a berth to the NCAA Championships. Sophomore Jenna Pearson qualifies for the NCAA Championships as an individual and finishes 60th, carding a 72 and a 73 in the last two rounds.

### **2005-06 NCAA Regional**

The Gamecocks win the Chrysler Invitational during the fall season, defeating a field that consisted exclusively of teams from the ACC and the SEC. Carolina competes at the NCAA Regionals. Carolina wins its second consecutive NGCA All-Scholar Team GPA Award for posting the highest combined team grade point average in the country. Senior Erica Battle wins the Dinah Shore Trophy and sophomore Whitney Simons wins the SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

# Marci Kornegay

Assistant Coach • Third year at South Carolina

Marci Kornegay joined the South Carolina women's golf program as an assistant coach in July of 2004.

Kornegay serves as the Gamecocks' recruiting coordinator in addition to assisting with the women's golf budget, arranging all team travel, working with the strength and conditioning staff to coordinate the team's weight program and working with the academics staff to monitor the team's academic process. Her coaching philosophy is to develop and foster an environment for athletic, academic and social success and to keep positive visibility to the public by reflecting the values of the University, the SEC and the NCAA with integrity and loyalty. She also believes in ensuring that student-athletes have competitive success as well as a positive overall collegiate experience upon graduating.

Kornegay's time at South Carolina has been marked by success both on and off the course, as the Gamecocks advanced to the post-season in each of her seasons in Columbia and the team was recognized as the NGCA All-Scholar Team of the Year in both 2005 and 2006. The team set a new school record for highest combined grade point average in 2005 by posting a 3.832 GPA. With Kornegay on the coaching staff, Erica Battle was honored as the 2006 Dinah Shore Trophy winner for being the top women's golfer in the nation who combines success on the course with success in the classroom, service to the community and extraordinary leadership. Whitney Simons was recognized as the 2006 SEC Women's Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

A talented golfer in her own right, Kornegay was the 2004 USGA Mid-Am Qualifier Medalist and advanced to the round of 32 at the 2005 Southern Women's Amateur.

Kornegay came to USC from Winthrop University, where she served as an associate head coach for both the men's and women's golf programs since January of 2003, primarily serving as women's head coach.

Kornegay has ties to the Southeastern Conference both as a student-athlete and as a coach. She lettered four years at the University of Mississippi from 1997-2001 and served as an assistant coach at LSU from 2002-03.

Kornegay appeared on the SEC Academic Honor Roll in all four of her years at Ole Miss, highlighted by a spot on the Dean's List in 2001. She earned Rebel Ringer honors for having the lowest cumulative score on the team in 1999, 2000 and 2001. In addition, Kornegay earned the team leadership award in 2000 and 2001 and was named team captain her senior year.

Immediately after graduating, Kornegay moved into an assistant coach role at LSU, where she stayed for a year before moving on to Winthrop.



**MARCI KORNEGAY**

**Your Favorite Columbia Area Restaurant:** *I am not partial to one restaurant. I enjoy a wide variety and try to visit as many establishments as possible. I do enjoy sushi.*

**Best Food That You Make:** *I can make an unbelievable fried egg sandwich over medium with the perfect amount of runny yolk. The secret is to flip the eggs in the air.*

**Your Favorite Thing About Being At South Carolina:** *Being surrounded by a community of winners.*

**Your Favorite Thing About Living In Columbia:** *The strong Gamecock community and being in a capitol city without it being too metropolitan.*

**Best Golf Courses You Have Ever Played And What Was Your Score:** *Augusta National with the team last year. I won't reveal my score, but I did play Amen Corner 1 under par.*

**What Drives You:** *Seeing results after setting goals with high expectations.*

**What Does The Term Student-Athlete Mean To You:** *Having the dedication and discipline to maintain a high level of excellence everyday in the classroom and in competition while balancing time management throughout the daily grind of workouts, classes, practice, competition, community service, and social satisfaction all while keeping the energy and effort to encourage their teammates.*

**Advice You'd Give To Young People:** *To always stay focused on what is important to you. Learn time management, and to simplify when possible.*



# Clarissa Childs



**CLARISSA CHILDS**



Volunteer Assistant Coach • 10th year at South Carolina

One of South Carolina's most decorated women's golfers ever, Clarissa Childs is in her 10th season on the Gamecock women's golf staff. Childs, who finished her Lady Gamecock career in 1996, was an assistant coach for five years but is participating on the LPGA Tour and serves as a volunteer assistant coach for Coach Kristi Coggins' team.

A four-year all-Southeastern Conference honoree who competed at South Carolina from 1992-96 and was a key member of Gamecock teams that advanced to the NCAA Championships in 1993, 1995 and 1996, Childs earned first-team all-SEC honors in 1994 and 1995. She finished third at the 1995 SEC Championships and finished 14th at the 1995 NCAA Championships with a score of 71-75-74-76=296 to help Carolina to a ninth-place finish at NAAs, marking the school's best showing ever at the NCAA Championships. Childs was South Carolina's top finisher at the 1996 NCAA East Regional, finishing 12th with a score of 77-71-78-226. She had seven top-five finishes during her career as a Gamecock, a mark that ranks third in school history. Childs earned medalist honors at the 1993 Carolyn Cudone Intercollegiate and graduated from Carolina in 1996 with a degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Childs joined the LPGA Tour in 2002, competing in eight events. In 2003, she competed in six events on the Futures Tour and posted two top-10 finishes, then returned to the LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament, where she tied for fifth to earn exempt status for the 2004 season. In 2002, Childs recorded her career-low 69 at the Sybase Big Apple Classic Presented by Golf Magazine, where she tied for 31st for her career-best finish. Childs returned to the LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament and tied for 51st to earn non-exempt status for the 2003 season. In 2001, she tied for 31st at the LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament to earn non-exempt status for the 2002 season. From 1997-2001, Childs competed on the SBC Futures Tour and posted 10 top-10 finishes and recorded a hole-in-one at the 1998 U.S. Women's Open.

**Clarissa Childs lettered at South Carolina from 1992-96.**



**Taylor Barrett**  
Fr. • York, S.C.



**Arliss Hoy**  
Fr. • San Antonio, Texas



**Camila Mori**  
Jr. • Santiago, Chile



**Jenna Pearson**  
Sr. • Wheaton, Ill.



**Laura Raffo**  
Jr. • Rio Cuarto, Argentina



**Whitney Simons**  
Jr. • Aiken, S.C.



**Meredith Taylor**  
R-Fr. • Lexington, S.C.



**Bénédicte Toumpsin**  
Fr. • Sombreffe, Belgium



**Blythe Worley**  
Jr. • Greenville, N.C.



**Kristi Coggins**  
Head Coach



**Marci Kornegay**  
Assistant Coach



**Clarissa Childs**  
Volunteer Asst. Coach

# Jenna Pearson

Senior • Wheaton, Ill./Wheaton Warrenville South

## 2005-06 (Junior Year)

Compiled a career-best 76.17 stroke average as a junior ... Posted a very impressive top-10 finish at the SEC Championship, tying for seventh with a 75-74-72=221 ... Pearson's performance at the SEC Championship marked the lowest 54-hole score of any Gamecock player this spring and was the third-lowest 54-hole total of her career ... In finishing seventh, Pearson became the 10th Carolina player ever to finish in the top 10 at the SEC Championship and the first since Kristy McPherson finished third in 2003 ... Finished ahead of five of the nation's top 28 players who competed at the SEC Championship ... Turned in a solid 79-71-74=224 performance at the Bryan National Collegiate that resulted in her tying for 21st on the individual leader board at the event, placing her ahead of six players in the field who were ranked among the nation's top 50 players ... Her second-round 71 at the Bryan National Collegiate set an 18-hole low for her during the spring portion of the schedule ... Has been a mainstay in the South Carolina lineup in each of the last two years ... Posted the best finish of her career by finishing in a tie for sixth on the individual leader board at the Chrysler Invitational with a 70-72-83=225 ... Her performance at the Chrysler Challenge led the Gamecocks to the victory ... Her first-round 70 at that event set a season low for any South Carolina player in 2005-06 and was only one stroke off her career-low round ... Posted a top-25 finish at the Lady Tar Heel Invitational with a 79-75-72=226, tying for 25th at the event.

## 2004-05 (Sophomore Year)

The only Gamecock to compete in every tournament in 2004-05...Competed at the 2005 NCAA Championships, carding a 79-79-72-73=303 to finish in a tie for 60th on the individual leader board...Qualified for the NCAA Championships by finishing with the second-lowest score at the NCAA East Regional among players representing schools that did not qualify as a team, carding a 70-77-72=219...Had a 77.09 stroke average...Notched three top-20 finishes as a sophomore, carding a 69-74-74=217 to finish 14th at the NCAA Fall Preview, an 81-79-79=239 to finish 19th in very windy conditions at the Lady Gamecock Classic and a 70-77-72=219 at the NCAA East Regional...Turned in her two lowest round of the spring when she carded a 70 in the first round and a 72 in the final round at NCAA Regionals...Also shot a 72 in the third round at the NCAA Championships.

## Summer, 2004

Competed at the USGA Public Links Championship, advancing to the quarterfinals in match play before falling to golf superstar Michelle Wie...Carded a 71 in the first round of stroke play and a 66 in the second round...Pearson's second round was highlighted by seven birdies, four of which came on the back nine...Her two-round stroke play score of 137 was the second-best of any competitor in the field and was four strokes better than Wie's stroke play total of 141...Also competed at the U.S. Amateur Championship, advancing to the round of 16 after a convincing five-up victory in the round of 32 over Spain's Tania Elosegui.

## 2003-04 (Freshman Year)

Completed in seven tournaments during her first year at the collegiate level, compiling a 78.6 stroke average...Low round was a 72 at the Lady Gamecock Classic...Shot a 73 at the Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic, where she finished with a 78-73-76=227...Matched her three-round low of 227 at the SEC Tournament, where she fired a 76-75-76.

## High School

Came to South Carolina after an outstanding prep career on the links ... Graduated in June of 2003 after a four-year career at Wheaton Warrenville South High School ... Led the Tigers to its first DuPage Valley Conference championship in her junior and senior years (2002 and 2003) ... As a senior, helped Wheaton finish first in the state regionals ... Captured the DuPage Valley Conference Individual title as a freshman, junior and senior ... Had a run of five consecutive tournaments with par-or-better scores during her senior year ... Four-time DPV All-Conference team member ... MVP of her Wheaton High School girls team all four years ... Served as team captain as a junior and again in her senior year ... Over the 2003 summer, qualified for the U.S. Girls Junior Open and won the Westfield PGA Illinois Sectional at the Highland Park Country Club... Won the second flight of the Women's Western Tournament at the Stone Creek Course (Champaign, Illinois) ... A hard-worker in the classroom as well as on the golf course ... Named to the All-Conference Academic Team all four years ... Member of Wheaton's National Honor Society and the German National Honor Society.

## Personal

Born August 27, 1985, in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois ... Full name is Jenna Elizabeth Pearson ... Family includes parents Stephen and Laura Pearson; her two sisters, Michele and Lisa and her dog, Heidi ... Majoring in civil engineering at South Carolina but hopes to play on the LPGA Tour after college ... Post-school ambition includes being number one on the Tour ... Strongly believes in the inspirational saying that "It's not whether or not you fall down, it's whether you get back up" ... Only claims one golf superstition: no pink tees! ... Childhood favorite color is orange but not Clemson, Florida or Tennessee orange.



**JENNA PEARSON**

## Pearson in 2005-06

Tournament	Rounds	Finish
Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Intercol.	74-79-77=230	T53
Lady Tar Heel Invitational	79-75-72=226	T25
Chrysler Challenge	70-72-83=225	T6
The Derby Invitational	77-80-74=231	T44
Lady Puerto Rico Classic	78-80-76=234	T47
Lady Gamecock Classic	78-75-81=234	T41
Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic	77-79-77=233	T30
Bryan National Collegiate	79-71-74=224	T21
SEC Championships	75-74-72=221	T7
NCAA East Regional Championship	76-74-77=227	T61

## Pearson in 2004-05

Tournament	Rounds	Finish
NCAA Fall Preview	69-74-74=217	T14
Mason Rudolph Challenge	76-76-74=226	T38
Franklin Street Partners Invitational	80-78-74=232	T27
ACC/SEC Challenge	74-78-74=226	T35
Lady Gator Invitational	77-80-81=238	T55
Lady Gamecock Classic	81-79-79=239	T19
Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic	81-79-78=238	T63
Bryan National Collegiate	79-81-87=247	T69
SEC Championships	78-74-82=234	T34
NCAA Regional Championships	70-77-72=219	14
NCAA Championships	79-79-72-73=303	T60

## Pearson in 2003-04

Tournament	Rounds	Finish
Mercedes Benz Collegiate Champs.	76-78-77=231	T41
Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge	82-87-83=252	74
Lady Gamecock Classic	72-79-79=230	15
Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic	78-73-76=227	T40
Bryan National Collegiate	80-77-85=242	T76
SEC Championships	76-75-76=227	T31
NCAA Regional Championships	83-76-82=241	T69





***What Is The Best Part Of Your Golf Game:***  
*Iron game.*

***Your Favorite Columbia Area Restaurant:***  
*California Chicken Grill*

***Best Food That You Make:*** *Fajitas*

***Your Favorite Thing About Being At South Carolina:*** *The warm weather and the opportunities in golf*

***What Drives You:*** *Belief in myself and what I want to achieve along with support from family and friends.*

***Advice You'd Give To Young People:*** *Choose what you want to achieve and go after it.*

***If You Could Pick Three Celebrities To Play A Round Of Golf With, Who Would You Choose:*** *Michael Jordan, Annika Sorenstam, Ellen DeGeneres, Rafael Nadal*

### ***Teammate Survey***

***Best Dressed:*** *Camila Mori*

***Teammate Who Will Be Most Successful 10 Years From Now:*** *Blythe Worley*

***Fiercest Competitor:*** *Bénédicte Toumpsin*

***Sweetest Swing:*** *Bénédicte Toumpsin*

***Best Off The Tee:*** *Meredith Taylor*

***Best Short Game:*** *Laura Raffo*

***Most Fun To Have As A Playing Partner:***  
*Blythe Worley*

# Camila Mori

Junior • Santiago, Chile/Campbell University

## 2005-06 (Sophomore Year)

Compiled a 77.72 stroke average in six tournaments her sophomore year ... Enjoyed the finest performance of her Carolina career when she carded a 77-79-71=227 at the Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Intercollegiate to finish in a tie for 38th on the individual leader board ... Her final-round 71 at the Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire marked her best 18-hole score of the 2005-06 season and tied for the lowest round of her collegiate career ... Just missed matching that figure when she carded a 72 in the final round of the Lady Tar Heel Invitational.

## 2004-05 (Freshman Year At Campbell University)

Was recognized as the 2004-05 Atlantic Sun Conference Freshman of the Year at Campbell University after posting a 75.57 stroke average with five top-five finishes ... Shot a 76-75-78=229 to finish fifth at the 2005 Atlantic Sun Championships en route to earning her school's nomination for Atlantic Sun Female Athlete of the Year ... Carded a season-low round of 71 on the final day of the Edwin Watts Palmetto Intercollegiate, then matched that figure with a 71 in the first round of the Samford Intercollegiate.

## High School

Was the number-one ranked junior in her native Chile and was the 2003 National Amateur Champion ... Played for Chile on both the adult and junior levels, including the 2001 South American Junior, where she helped her team to the championship Has participated in the World Amateur Championship and the Junior World Championships four times and finished among the top 20 in each of the last two World Juniors.

## Personal

Born July 25, 1984 in Santiago, Chile ... Parents are Domingo and Paula Mori.



**CAMILA MORI**

## Mori in 2005-06

Tournament	Rounds	Finish
Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Intercoll.	77-79-71=227	T38
Lady Tar Heel Invitational	86-78-72=236	T59
Chrysler Challenge	81-76-83=240	T31
The Derby Invitational	75-77-76=228	T28
Lady Puerto Rico Classic	77-77-78=232	T40
Lady Gamecock Classic	80-78-78=236	44
Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic	DNP	DNP
Bryan National Collegiate	DNP	DNP
SEC Championships	DNP	DNP
NCAA East Regional Championship	DNP	DNP

## Mori in 2004-05 (at Campbell Univ.)

Tournament	Rounds	Finish
Shootout at the Legends	75-80-72=227	T8
Hatter Fall Classic	75-73=148	6
John Kirk Lady Panther Intercollegiate	77-73=150	T10
Edwin Watts Palmetto Intercollegiate	82-73-71=226	T26
South Florida Waterleaf Invitational	76-75-75=226	11
Samford Intercollegiate	71=71	2
UNCW Lady Seahawk Invitational	80-79-74=233	T11
Atlantic Sun Championships	76-75-78=229	5
NCAA East Regional	75-76-77=228	T47



***What Is The Best Part Of Your Golf Game:  
Irons (precision)***

***Your Favorite Columbia Area Restaurant:  
Olive Garden***

***Best Food That You Make: Salads***

***Your Favorite Thing About Being At South  
Carolina: Weather and great facilities***

***What Drives You: Passion for golf and won-  
derful family***

***Advice You'd Give To Young People: Enjoy  
every moment 100 percent and keep it  
simple.***

***If You Could Pick Three Celebrities To Play  
A Round Of Golf With, Who Would You  
Choose: Adam Scott, Grace Park, Retief  
Goosen***

## ***Teammate Survey***

***Best Dressed: Bénédicte Toumpin, Arliss  
Hoy***

***Teammate Who Will Be Most Successful 10  
Years From Now: Jenna Pearson***

***Fiercest Competitor: Whitney Simons/Tay-  
lor Barrett***

***Sweetest Swing: Bénédicte Toumpsin***

***Best Off The Tee: Blythe Worley***

***Best Short Game: Laura Raffo***

***Most Fun To Have As A Playing Partner:  
Meredith Taylor***

# Laura Raffo

Junior • Rio Cuarto, Argentina

## 2005-06 (Sophomore Year)

Owned a 78.04 stroke average her sophomore year ... Enjoyed her finest tournament to date when she posted a 73-75-78=226 at the 2006 NCAA East Regional Championship to finish in a tie for 54th ... Her efforts at the NCAA East Regional marked a five-stroke improvement from her previous career-low 54-hole score ... Posted the highest finish of her career when she tied for 28th on the individual leader board at the Chrysler Challenge with a 73-76-87=236 ... Her first-round 73 at the Chrysler Challenge established a new season and career-low 18-hole score, which she went on to match at the NCAA East Regional ... Competed at the SEC Championship, finishing in a tie for 53rd at the event ... Finished in a tie for 38th at the Lady Puerto Rico Classic with an 81-75-75=231 ... Her 54-hole score of 231 at that event marked the second-lowest tournament score of her career ... She went on to match that figure with a 77-74-80=231 at the Bryan National Collegiate, finishing in a tie for 44th at the event.

## 2004-05 (Freshman Year)

Earned a spot on the President's List (4.0 grade-point average) in the spring semester and a spot on the Dean's List in the fall semester...Promising freshman competed in three tournaments with an 81.44 stroke average.

## High School

Won four national tournaments as an 18 and under player in her home country of Argentina ... Also captured two titles as an amateur ... Placed first in national tournaments held in San Juan, Lobos, Mar Del Plata, Vernado Puerto, and Buenos Aires ... Shot nine-under par in the second round of a national amateur tournament in 2004.

## Personal

Full name is Maria Laura Raffo ... Born Oct. 13, 1985 in Rio Cuarto, Argentina ... Parents are Eduward Raffo and Cristina Debon ... Majoring in accounting at USC ... Chose USC because of its strong golf program, including the coaching staff, and the chance to face the nation's best golfers in the SEC ... Speaks both English and Spanish.



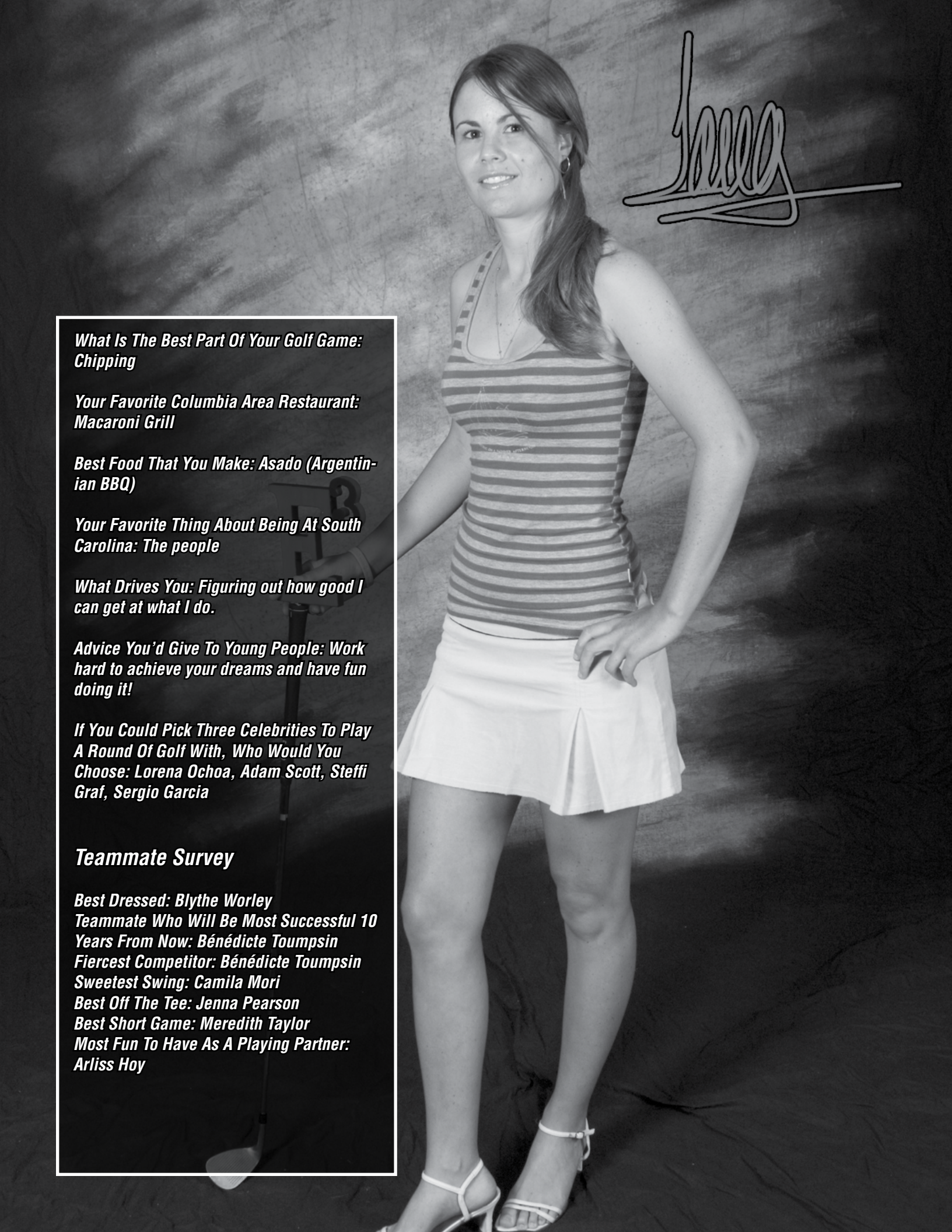
**LAURA RAFFO**

## Raffo in 2005-06

Tournament	Rounds	Finish
Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Intercoll.	DNP	DNP
Lady Tar Heel Invitational	DNP	DNP
Chrysler Challenge	73-76-87=236	T28
The Derby Invitational	81-77-78=236	T58
Lady Puerto Rico Classic	81-75-75=231	T38
Lady Gamecock Classic	80-77-81=238	T47
Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic	80-78-77=235	T37
Bryan National Collegiate	77-74-80=231	T44
SEC Championships	81-81-78=240	T53
NCAA East Regional Championship	73-75-78=226	T54

## Raffo in 2004-05

Tournament	Rounds	Finish
NCAA Fall Preview	77-78-78=233	T85
Lady Gamecock Classic	83-81-84=248	T43
Bryan National Collegiate	83-82-87=252	T76



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***What Is The Best Part Of Your Golf Game:  
Chipping***

***Your Favorite Columbia Area Restaurant:  
Macaroni Grill***

***Best Food That You Make: Asado (Argentinian  
BBQ)***

***Your Favorite Thing About Being At South  
Carolina: The people***

***What Drives You: Figuring out how good I  
can get at what I do.***

***Advice You'd Give To Young People: Work  
hard to achieve your dreams and have fun  
doing it!***

***If You Could Pick Three Celebrities To Play  
A Round Of Golf With, Who Would You  
Choose: Lorena Ochoa, Adam Scott, Steffi  
Graf, Sergio Garcia***

### ***Teammate Survey***

***Best Dressed: Blythe Worley***

***Teammate Who Will Be Most Successful 10***

***Years From Now: Bénédicte Toumpsin***

***Fiercest Competitor: Bénédicte Toumpsin***

***Sweetest Swing: Camila Mori***

***Best Off The Tee: Jenna Pearson***

***Best Short Game: Meredith Taylor***

***Most Fun To Have As A Playing Partner:***

***Arliss Hoy***

# Whitney Simons

Junior • Aiken, S.C./Aiken

## 2005-06 (Sophomore Year)

A top-100 player nationally, Simons was ranked 92nd in the Golfweek player rankings late in the season ... 2006 SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year has appeared on the South Carolina President's List (perfect 4.0 GPA) every semester she has been enrolled ... Double-majoring in international business and finance and minoring in Spanish ... South Carolina's international business school is ranked No. 1 in the nation ... Her 75.90 stroke average in 2005-06 was the lowest stroke average of any player on the South Carolina roster ... Tied for 16th at the 2006 SEC Championship ... Posted two top-10 finishes and five top-20 finishes in 2005-06, highlighted by a team-best sixth-place finish at the Chrysler Challenge, where her 75-71-79=225 led the Gamecocks to the tournament championship ... Simons' second-round 71 at the Chrysler Challenge matched the season and career-low round that she also fired in the final round of the Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Intercollegiate during the fall portion of the schedule ... Finished in a tie for 10th place while competing in a very talented field at the Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic, carding a 76-75-74=225 at the event ... Tied for 30th at the Bryan National Collegiate with a 75-76-76=227.

## 2004-05 (Freshman Year)

Provided one of the highlights of the year when she aced the 15th hole at the University of Florida Golf Course in the first round of the NCAA East Regional...Making her accomplishment even more remarkable is the fact that the player hitting immediately before her in her threesome had also aced the hole...Carded a 73-75-76=224 to finish in a tie for 28th at the NCAA East Regional...South Carolina's top performer at the SEC Championships as a true freshman carding a 76-73-78=227 to finish 12th in her first year at the collegiate level...Ranked fourth on the team with a 77.80 stroke average...Competed in the lineup at the SEC championships after producing low scores playing as an individual at the Lady Gamecock Classic (73-88-77=238) and the Bryan National Collegiate (74-73-83=230)...Low Round of the season was a 73, carded in the first round of the Lady Gamecock Classic and the second round of the Bryan National Collegiate...She matched that figure in the first round of the NCAA East Regional...Excellent student earned a spot on the President's List (4.0 grade-point average) in both the fall semester and the spring semester.

## High School

Two-time 4A South Carolina Individual State Champion in both 2002 and 2003...Named the South Carolina Women's Coaches Association 4A Player of the year in 2002 and 2003...Won the Regiona Individual Championship in 2002 and 2003 as well...Also named All-Region and All-State both seasons...An American Junior Golf Association Scholastic All-American in 2002...Helped her Aiken High School team to state runner-up finishes in both 2001 and 2002 and to three consecutive Region titles 2001-2003...United States Girls' Junior qualifier in 2002...Was a US Women's Amateur qualifier in 2003...Won the Westfield PGA Junior Section in 2003...Received the Aiken High Citizenship and Character Award in 2003-04...Also selected as the winner of the Aiken High Joanna Gibbs Athletic Award in 2003-04...Member of the National Honor Society and the National Spanish Honor Society.

## Personal

Born June 7, 1986, in Augusta, Ga...Full name is Whitney DeVore Simons...Parents are Charles Simons and Elizabeth Simons...Father played golf at USC 1962-64...Lists favorite athlete as Peyton Manning...Hidden talents are drawing and playing piano...Notes that her family has the biggest influence on her.



**WHITNEY SIMONS**

## Simons in 2005-06

Tournament	Rounds	Finish
Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Intercoll.	75-73-71=219	T12
Lady Tar Heel Invitational	85-80-73=238	T68
Chrysler Challenge	75-71-79=225	T6
The Derby Invitational	76-78-74=228	T28
Lady Puerto Rico Classic	74-80-79=233	T45
Lady Gamecock Classic	77-72-78=227	T20
Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic	76-75-74=225	T10
Bryan National Collegiate	75-76-76=227	T30
SEC Championships	75-73-75=223	T16
NCAA East Regional Championship	76-80-76=232	T86

## Simons in 2004-05

Tournament	Rounds	Finish
Mason Rudolph Challenge	77-81-77=235	T75
Franklin Street Partners Invitational	79-84-78=241	38
Lady Gator Invitational	80-77-82=239	T58
Lady Gamecock Classic	73-88-77=238	T14
Bryan National Collegiate	74-73-83=230	T27
SEC Championships	76-73-78=227	T12
NCAA Regional Championships	73-75-76=224	T28



*Whitney Simons*

***What Is The Best Part Of Your Golf Game:  
Consistency***

***Your Favorite Columbia Area Restaurant:  
No Name Deli for lunch and Mr. Friendly's  
for dinner.***

***Best Food That You Make: Turkey Sand-  
wiches (most frequent)***

***Your Favorite Thing About Being At South  
Carolina: Location, atmosphere, people  
and being a Gamecock.***

***What Drives You: Desire to do great.***

***Advice You'd Give To Young People: "You  
can do all things through Christ who  
strengthens you."***

***If You Could Pick Three Celebrities To Play  
A Round Of Golf With, Who Would You  
Choose: Tiger Woods, Peyton Manning,  
Tom Hanks***

### ***Teammate Survey***

***Best Dressed: Camila Mori***

***Teammate Who Will Be Most Successful 10  
Years From Now: Everyone***

***Fiercest Competitor: Laura Raffo***

***Sweetest Swing: Bénédicte Toumpsin***

***Best Off The Tee: Meredith Taylor***

***Best Short Game: Laura Raffo***

***Most Fun To Have As A Playing Partner:  
Blythe Worley, Jenna Pearson***

# Blythe Worley

Junior • Greenville, N.C./J.H. Rose

## 2005-06 (Sophomore Year)

Compiled a 76.78 stroke average in six tournaments played her sophomore year ... Played her best golf at the end of the year, posting a 74.00 stroke average in her final two rounds at the SEC Championship and in her three rounds at the NCAA East Regional ... Was South Carolina's top finisher at the NCAA East Regional, posting a 75-74-73=222 (+6) to finish 34th at the event ... Her 54-hole score at the NCAA East Regional marked a career low and was a seven-stroke improvement from her previous season best ... Turned in her two best rounds of the year at the 2006 NCAA East Regional, posting a 74 in the second round and matching a career best with a 73 in the final round ... Finished in a tie for 41st at the SEC Championship ... North Carolina native posted a second-round 75 at the Lady Tar Heel Invitational ... Came back to match that total with a second-round 75 at the Bryan National Collegiate played in Greensboro, N.C. ... Tied for 38th at the Bryan National with a 78-75-76=229 ... Finished in a tie for 36th at the Lady Gamecock Classic with a 79-76-77=232 for her best finish of the season.

## 2004-05 (Freshman Year)

Excellent student was on the USC President's List (4.0 grade point average) in the fall of 2004 and on the Dean's List in the spring of 2005...Saw limited action in the spring, but is expected to be a key contributor as her career progresses...Finished with a 78.83 stroke average her freshman year...Earned a spot in the lineup for the NCAA Regional Championships, carding a 78-81-78=237...Turned in her best performance of the year at the Mason Rudolph Challenge, firing an 80-73-73=226 to finish in a tie for 38th...Carded a second-round 74 at the Franklin Street Partners Invitational.

## High School

The 2003 Big East Player of the Year in North Carolina ... Shot a 69 to earn the individual title at the 2003 North Carolina Eastern Regionals ... Also made her first hole-in-one during that tournament ... In the 4A girls' golf tournament at Pinehurst, N.C., tied for second place with a two-day total of 156, only one stroke off the leaders ... Reached the semifinals of the Trans National Championship ... A two-time qualifier for US Girls Jr. ... Won the Charles Tilghman Championship and the George Holliday Championship ... North Carolina Junior Champion ... Captured the 2001 Carolinas Girls Jr. Championship ... 2000 NCHSSA State Champions ... Was a three-time MVP of her high school team ... Also earned All-State four years.

## Personal

Full name is Julia Blythe Worley ... Born on Feb. 10, 1986, in Greenville, N.C. ... Parents are Mack and Judy Worley ... Majoring in business administration at USC.



**BLYTHE WORLEY**

## Worley in 2005-06

Tournament	Rounds	Finish
Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Intercol.	80-79-76=235	T74
Lady Tar Heel Invitational	81-75-76=232	T41
Chrysler Challenge	DNP	DNP
The Derby Invitational	DNP	DNP
Lady Puerto Rico Classic	DNP	DNP
Lady Gamecock Classic	79-76-77=232	T36
Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic	DNP	DNP
Bryan National Collegiate	78-75-76=229	T38
SEC Championships	84-73-75=232	T41
NCAA East Regional Championship	75-74-73=222	34

## Worley in 2004-05

Tournament	Rounds	Finish
Mason Rudolph Challenge	80-73-73=226	T38
Franklin Street Partners Invitational	80-74-77=231	26
ACC/SEC Challenge	78-75-77=230	T45
Lady Gamecock Classic	84-80-81=245	T33
Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic	84-84-82=250	T85
NCAA Regional Championships	78-81-78=237	T81





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Ways*

***What Is The Best Part Of Your Golf Game:***  
*Distance, control and accuracy.*

***Your Favorite Columbia Area Restaurant:***  
*Harper's for brunch, No Name for lunch and  
Mr. Friendly's for dinner.*

***Best Food That You Make:*** *Baked Chicken*

***Your Favorite Thing About Being At South  
Carolina:*** *The weather and the people.*

***What Drives You:*** *Hard work always reaps  
satisfaction.*

***Advice You'd Give To Young People:*** *Don't  
worry, be happy.*

***If You Could Pick Three Celebrities To Play  
A Round Of Golf With, Who Would You  
Choose:*** *Jeff Francoeur, Wanda Sykes,  
Steve Jobs.*

### ***Teammate Survey***

***Best Dressed:*** *Camila Mori*

***Teammate Who Will Be Most Successful 10  
Years From Now:*** *Jenna Pearson*

***Fiercest Competitor:*** *Laura Raffo*

***Sweetest Swing:*** *Bénédicte Toumpsin*

***Best Off The Tee:*** *Meredith Taylor*

***Best Short Game:*** *Whitney Simons, Laura  
Raffo*

***Most Fun To Have As A Playing Partner:***  
*Jenna Pearson, Whitney Simons, Arliss  
Hoy, Taylor Barrett*



# Meredith Taylor

Redshirt Freshman • Lexington, S.C./Lexington

**2005-06 (Redshirt Freshman Year)**

Did not compete in 2005-06 after undergoing multiple knee surgeries.

**2004-05 (Freshman Year)**

Local product redshirted as a true freshman.

**High School**

Four-year letterwinner in both golf and basketball at Lexington High School...Served as golf team captain as a senior in 2004...Earned team MVP honors as a junior and a senior...Named All-Region and All-Area as a junior and senior...Placed 15th in the state tournament as a junior and senior ... In 2004, led her high school team as the medalist in every match...Also helped team to a second-place finish in the state tournament in 2001 and second-place finish in the region in 2003 and 2004...For four straight years, listed among Who's Who in Academic and Who's Who in Sports...Won the junior city championship in 2004 and the South Carolina Big "I" Tournament... Received the "Best Attitude" Award in 2001 and the Coaches Award in 2002.

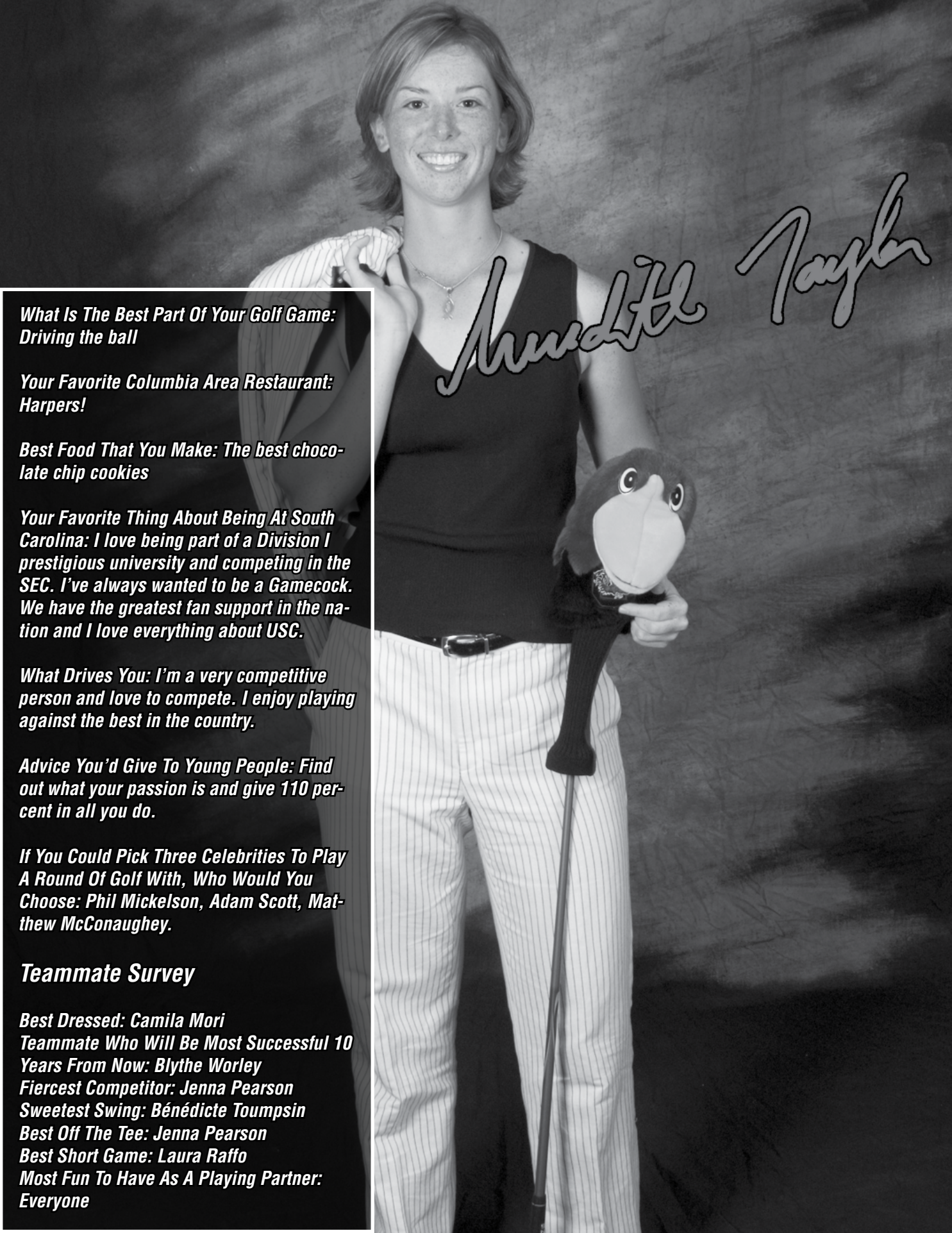
**Personal**

Born Feb. 13, 1986 in Lexington, S.C....Full name is Meredith McKellar Taylor...Parents are Don and Mary Taylor...Majoring in Sports and Entertainment Management...Aunt, Jan Rikard Flynn, played golf at South Carolina and then played on the LPGA Tour...Favorite athlete is Phil Mickelson...Hidden talents are sketching and drawing...Her grandmother has the biggest influence on her as a person.



**MEREDITH TAYLOR**





*Meredith Taylor*

***What Is The Best Part Of Your Golf Game:***  
*Driving the ball*

***Your Favorite Columbia Area Restaurant:***  
*Harpers!*

***Best Food That You Make: The best choco-***  
*late chip cookies*

***Your Favorite Thing About Being At South***  
*Carolina: I love being part of a Division I*  
*prestigious university and competing in the*  
*SEC. I've always wanted to be a Gamecock.*  
*We have the greatest fan support in the na-*  
*tion and I love everything about USC.*

***What Drives You: I'm a very competitive***  
*person and love to compete. I enjoy playing*  
*against the best in the country.*

***Advice You'd Give To Young People: Find***  
*out what your passion is and give 110 per-*  
*cent in all you do.*

***If You Could Pick Three Celebrities To Play***  
*A Round Of Golf With, Who Would You*  
*Choose: Phil Mickelson, Adam Scott, Mat-*  
*thew McConaughey.*

***Teammate Survey***

***Best Dressed: Camila Mori***  
***Teammate Who Will Be Most Successful 10***  
***Years From Now: Blythe Worley***  
***Fiercest Competitor: Jenna Pearson***  
***Sweetest Swing: Bénédicte Toumpsin***  
***Best Off The Tee: Jenna Pearson***  
***Best Short Game: Laura Raffo***  
***Most Fun To Have As A Playing Partner:***  
***Everyone***

# Taylor Barrett

Freshman • York, S.C./York Comprehensive

## High School

The No. 1 player in the state of South Carolina ... 2005 winner of the South Carolina Junior Golf Association's Beth Daniel Award as the top player in the state ... Attended York Comprehensive HS in York, S.C. ... Won 14 junior tournaments, highlighted by championships at the 2004 and 2005 South Carolina Class 4A State Championships, the SCJGA All-Stars Championship, The Players Championship, the Twin States Junior Girls Golf Championship and the Palmetto Preview High School Girls Golf Tournament in 2004 and 2005 ... Played for the York Comprehensive Boys' Golf Team as well ... Recognized as the South Carolina Class 3A Player of the Year in 2003 and was the Class 4A State Player of the Year in 2004 and 2005 ... Valedictorian of her class ... Nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman.

## Personal

Taylor Jean Barrett was born Jan. 24, 1988 ... Member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



**TAYLOR BARRETT**



A black and white photograph of Taylor Barnett, a young woman with long dark hair, smiling and sitting on a wooden chair. She is wearing a dark sleeveless top, a pearl necklace, and dark sandals. She is holding a large, dark-colored plushie of a penguin with a white belly. The background is a textured, mottled grey.

***What Is The Best Part Of Your Golf Game:  
Hitting fairways***

***Your Favorite Columbia Area Restaurant:  
Groucho's***

***Best Food That You Make: Grilled Cheese***

***Your Favorite Thing About Being At South  
Carolina: The girls on the team and being  
close to home.***

***What Drives You: Desire to be the best I can  
be.***

***Advice You'd Give To Young People: Never  
give up on your dreams.***

***If You Could Pick Three Celebrities To Play  
A Round Of Golf With, Who Would You  
Choose: Steve Spurrier, Chris Brown, Tiger  
Woods***

### ***Teammate Survey***

***Best Dressed: Whitney Simons***

***Teammate Who Will Be Most Successful 10***

***Years From Now: Jenna Pearson***

***Fiercest Competitor: Laura Raffo***

***Sweetest Swing: Jenna Pearson***

***Best Off The Tee: Meredith Taylor***

***Best Short Game: Laura Raffo***

***Most Fun To Have As A Playing Partner:***

***Blythe Worley, Jenna Pearson, Arliss Hoy,  
Whitney Simons***

*Taylor Barnett*

# Arliss Hoy

Freshman • San Antonio, Texas/Judson

**High School:**

Attended Judson HS in San Antonio, Texas ... Winner of the District 5A championship in 2005 and 2006 and was the San Antonio City Champion in 2004 and 2005 ... Qualified for regionals in 2004, 2005 and 2006 ... Regional runner-up in 2006 ... State qualifier in 2006 ... Also played for the Judson tennis team ... Winner of the Judson 4.0 award and was a member of the National Honor Society.

**Personal**

Arliss Adair Hoy was born Sept. 29, 1988 ... Her father, Tim Hoy, played football and competed for the track and field team at Air Force and her brother, Todd Hoy, plays tennis at Charleston Southern.



**ARLISS HOY**



***What Is The Best Part Of Your Golf Game:  
Long game.***

***Your Favorite Columbia Area Restaurant:  
Moe's***

***Best Food That You Make: Cookies***

***Your Favorite Thing About Being At South  
Carolina: Football games***

***What Drives You: Seeing results***

***Advice You'd Give To Young People: Have  
faith in yourself.***

***If You Could Pick Three Celebrities To Play  
A Round Of Golf With, Who Would You  
Choose: Jessica Simpson, Natalie Gulbis,  
George Strait***

### ***Teammate Survey***

***Best Dressed: Taylor Barrett***

***Teammate Who Will Be Most Successful 10***

***Years From Now: Jenna Pearson***

***Fiercest Competitor: Laura Raffo***

***Sweetest Swing: Jenna Pearson***

***Best Off The Tee: Meredith Taylor***

***Best Short Game: Laura Raffo***

***Most Fun To Have As A Playing Partner:***

***Blythe Worley and Taylor Barrett***

*Armiss Hoy*



# Bénédicte Toumpsin



Freshman • Sombrefe, Belgium

## High School

Originally from Sombrefe, Belgium, where she was ranked No. 1 in the Belgian women's rankings ... Represented Europe in the 2005 Ping Junior Solheim Cup (Europe's top junior players vs. the USA's top junior players) ... Winner of numerous major tournaments during her junior career, highlighted by victories in the 2005 Belgian Masters, the International Junior Ladies of Sweden, the Consolation Cup of the Spanish Lady Junior International Championship and the Federal Tour of Belgium ... Member of the Belgian National Team since she was 13 ... Belgian Player of the Year for her age group in 2002 and 2006 ... Won six tournaments in 2005 and 2006 alone ... Earned the opportunity to compete at the 2006 Sherry Cup, which is the European Team Stroke Play Championship, finishing eighth ... Also competed at the 2005 Sherry Cup ... Led the Belgian National Team to victory at the 2005 Nation's Cup.

## Personal

Bénédicte Toumpsin was born July 7, 1988 ... International Business major ... Enjoys skiing, shopping, being with friends, listening to music and playing tennis ... Comes to South Carolina with a +2.3 handicap.



**BENEDICTE TOUMPSIN**





**What Is The Best Part Of Your Golf Game:**  
*Driving.*

**Your Favorite Columbia Area Restaurant:**  
*California Dreaming*

**Best Food That You Make:** *Chocolate  
Crème.*

**Your Favorite Thing About Being At South  
Carolina:** *The weather and the great facili-  
ties to play golf.*

**What Drives You:** *Passion for the game and  
the desire to always be better than I am  
right now.*

**Advice You'd Give To Young People:** *To  
work a lot and be patient in this difficult  
sport.*

**If You Could Pick Three Celebrities To Play  
A Round Of Golf With, Who Would You  
Choose:** *Annika Sorenstam, Will Smith,  
Kim Clijsters*

### **Teammate Survey**

**Best Dressed:** *Camila Mori*

**Teammate Who Will Be Most Successful 10**

**Years From Now:** *Jenna Pearson*

**Fiercest Competitor:** *Blythe Worley*

**Sweetest Swing:** *Whitney Simons*

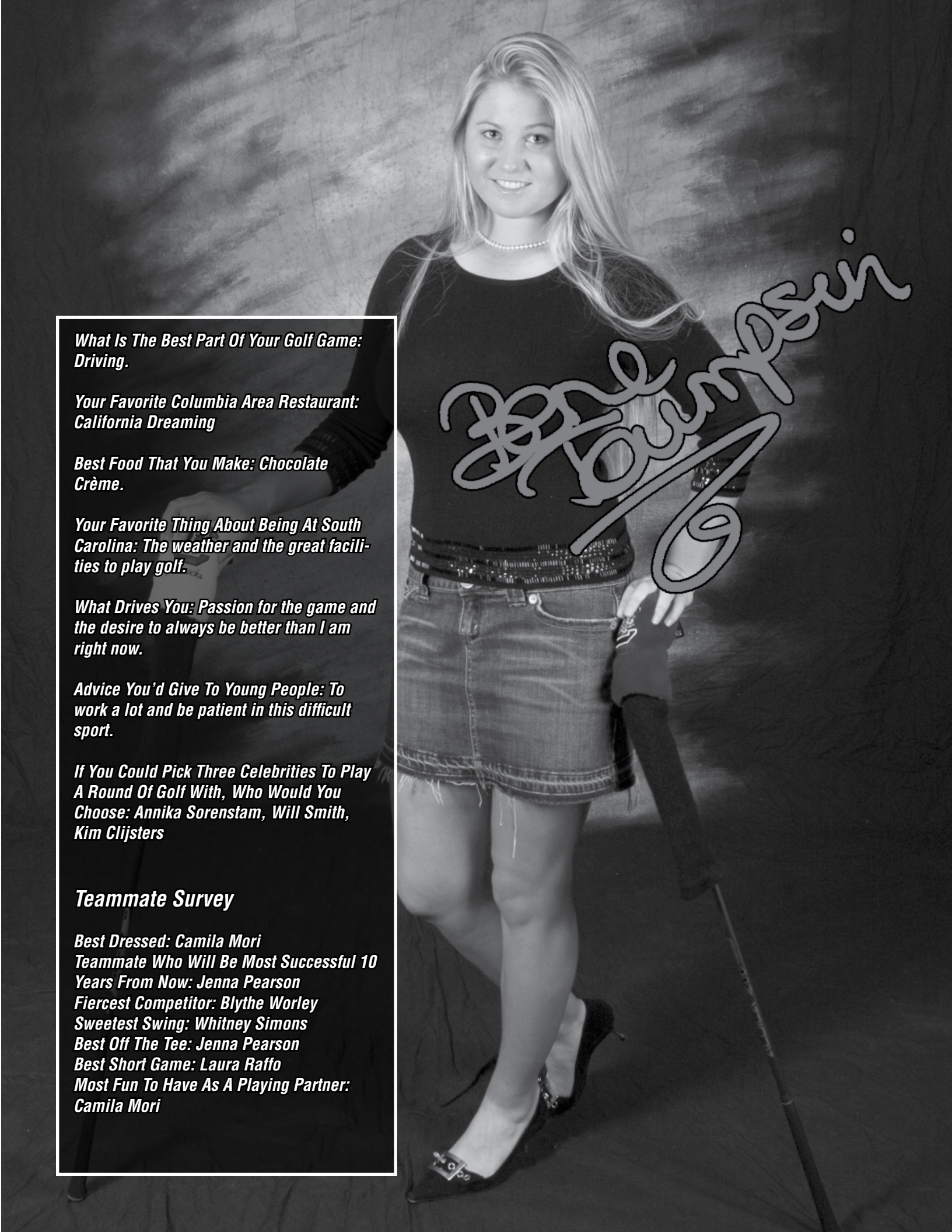
**Best Off The Tee:** *Jenna Pearson*

**Best Short Game:** *Laura Raffo*

**Most Fun To Have As A Playing Partner:**

*Camila Mori*

*Whitney Simons*





**BILLY ANDERSON**

**Strength and Conditioning**

Billy Anderson is in his 15th year at the University of South Carolina. Anderson works with the Gamecock baseball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, and men's and women's swimming teams. Anderson began working in 1992 at South Carolina as a graduate assistant and has been a full-time member of the strength staff since 1994. Anderson is certified by the United States American Weightlifting Association (USAWA).

A native of Stratford, Conn., Anderson received his bachelor of science degree in health fitness from Springfield (Mass.) College.

While at Springfield, Anderson ran track all four years and is still the record holder in the 800 meter run. He was the junior and senior Athlete of the Year at Springfield as his team was the ECAC champions both years.

A 1987 graduate of Bunnell High School in Stratford, Conn., Anderson was an all-state performer in football and track.

Anderson and his wife, the former Tish Fellers, were married July 22, 2000. The couple has a son, Kaden Ellis Anderson, who was born September 11, 2005.

Compliance for Iowa State University's Athletic Department. Brown is responsible for monitoring the NCAA Academic Performance Program and is the Coordinator for the University of South Carolina Sports Agent Panel. He coordinates rules education and interpretations for USC Faculty and Staff. In addition, he serves as the compliance office contact for baseball, women's basketball, men's and women's soccer and men's and women's tennis.

Brown earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in finance at Iowa State University in 2001.

A native of Ames, Iowa, Brown and his wife Katherine were married in May, 2006



**JENNIFER HEROD**

**Athletic Trainer**

South Carolina graduate Jennifer Herod returned to Columbia to join the Gamecock athletic training staff as an assistant athletic trainer in the summer of 2005 after serving in a similar role at Ball State University since 1996. She works primarily with the women's basketball team and oversees men's and women's golf and men's and women's tennis.

Herod earned her master's of public health from USC in May of 1996 and moved on to Ball State, where she worked primarily with the women's basketball and men's and women's tennis teams. She was the direct supervisor for the Cardinals' women's soccer, men's and women's swimming and diving, women's cross country and women's track and field teams as well as the coordinator of Olympic sports coverage.

While going to school at South Carolina, Herod served as a graduate assistant athletic trainer for two years working primarily with the Gamecock softball and men's and women's swimming and diving teams.

Originally from Griffith, Ind., Herod got her start serving as an inpatient rehabilitation aide during the summer months in 1992 and 1993. She was a student volunteer assistant in the Physical Therapy Clinic at the Purdue University Student Hospital from September of 1992 through May of 1993. She earned a bachelor's degree from Purdue in 1994, double-majoring in athletic training and movement and sports science.

She is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, along with numerous other affiliations and certifications.

Herod is married to Kevin Herod. The couple has a four-year-old daughter named Olivia.



**MIKE MOODY**

**Academic Advisor**

Mike Moody is in his sixth year as an academic advisor at South Carolina and helped the women's golf team set a school record with a 3.671 grade-point average in the Fall, 2004 semester, then come back and break that record with a 3.752 grade point average in the Spring, 2005 semester. With Moody serving as the team's academic advisor, the women's golf team was the 2005 recipient of the National Golf Coaches Association All-Scholar Team G.P.A. Award, then went back-to-back by winning the same award in 2006. In addition, golfer Erica Battle was a 2006 CoSIDA District All-American and Whitney Simons earned 2006 SEC Women's Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors.

His responsibilities include working with softball, equestrian, and men's and women's golf. In addition, Moody coordinates the monitoring of academic progress, tutors and study hall.

Moody graduated from USC with a degree in management and is currently pursuing a masters degree in higher education.

Moody and his wife Becky have a five-year-old son, Josh.



**DJ BROWN**

**Compliance**

DJ Brown serves as the Assistant Director of Compliance for the University of South Carolina. He joined the USC staff in December, 2005 after serving as the Assistant Director of