

Alumni Profile with Julie Bartholomew



Name: Julie Bartholomew

College: Vanderbilt University, TN

Year: Junior

High School: Pope High School, Marietta

Accomplishments:

- > Three-time All-Southeastern Conference Academic Team
- > 2004 GSGA Women's TOP 60 Classic Champion
- > 2003 American Junior Golf Association Scholastic Junior All-American Team
- > Two-time Atlanta Junior Golf All-Academic Team
- > Two-time member Team Atlanta in Atlanta-Kauai Team Challenge
- > 2001 Atlanta Junior Golf Grand Champion
- > 2001 Atlanta Junior Golf "Most Improved" award winner

Interview with Julie Bartholomew:

Tell us a little bit about your experiences playing Atlanta Junior Golf:

"The biggest lessons Atlanta Junior Golf taught me were the rules of the game, proper etiquette and how to act on the golf course. I learned beyond how to play golf and everything that goes with it. There was always a big emphasis on sportsmanship and I think that was important. I also met a lot of my friends through Atlanta Junior Golf and I am still friends with them today."

What did you learn that helped you get where you are today?:

"The main things I took from my experiences that have gotten me to where I am now are the sportsmanship and respect for the game. Simple things like writing thank you notes at the end of the year and the life lessons you can learn through golf (responsibility, calling penalties on yourself, etc.) are what really stuck with me. It gave me the building blocks to be confident to move on to other tournaments and improve by giving me a great starting point to get interested in golf and playing tournaments at various skill levels."

How did you choose Vanderbilt University?:

"It was a perfect combination. It is a top-20 academic school and a top SEC golf program. They also offered engineering which was important to me. There was really no better combination for me."

How has your experience at Vanderbilt been so far?:

"I really like the atmosphere in Nashville. Vanderbilt is a small school, so I know most of the professors and all the kids in my classes. Some of my best friends are on the golf team. I also have many friends outside athletics and it has been good to experience things outside of golf. I have also been able to have the opportunity to play all across the country and play against some of my friends I met in junior golf."

Tells us a little bit about your summer internships:

"Last summer I worked for a golf construction company, TDI. My main job was to put the greens back to the original size and shape at Peachtree Golf Club. I was able to get the job because I play golf and because I am an engineering student so golf definitely opened a door for me. This summer I am working for Estes-Shields Engineering Inc. in Atlanta. I will be able to continue to work with golf courses doing creek renovation and some design work."

Why have you decided to not play professional golf?

"I see all the opportunities I have through engineering and how golf has opened many doors for me and I would like to see where that takes me."

