

Golf balls rain from the sky at the Palm Beach State College Foundation annual Golf Classic fundraiser

(Lake Worth, Fla. – April 21, 2011) With the theme of “Serious Fun,” a helicopter hovered over the 18th green at Bear Lakes Country Club and unleashed dozens of golf balls as one of the fundraising contests at the Palm Beach State College Foundation annual Golf Classic held April 8.

It was a fitting end to a successful tournament, as the Palm Beach State College Foundation successfully raised more than \$110,000 for student scholarships and programs. The “copter drop” contest winner, Murrell Perry, won a Dell laptop computer as a result of having the numbered ball closest to the pin.

A field of 30 foursomes got their putts in gear, taking to the Jack Nicklaus-designed Lakes course for the 12:30 p.m. shotgun start.

“The support for this year’s golf tournament was phenomenal. Our community partners demonstrated their commitment to our students by funding scholarships and programs,” said Suellen Mann, executive director of the Palm Beach State College Foundation.

“This was the second consecutive year we held the Golf Classic at Bear Lakes and the players enjoyed a beautifully prepared course, perfect weather and a real spirit of fun.”

The Pepsi Beverage Company team of Charlie Gantz, Vinny McCarthy, Tim McDulin, and Angel Monguzzi took first place with a score of 60.

“Our company always looks to higher education as the future and a great vehicle for us to be involved in the community,” said Tim McDulin, key account executive for Pepsi Beverages Co. “Having a positive impact in young people’s lives and helping them achieve a college degree. There is no better place we can spend our dollars. We consider it an honor and a privilege to be involved in the Palm Beach State College golf tournament.”

Golfers had a chance to win a 2011 Honda Insight hybrid and a set of golf clubs from two different hole-in-one challenges. Other course challenges included a Longest Drive contest, Straightest Drive contest and Closest to the Pin contest. Foursomes also competed against local youth golfer Andre Wade in a “Beat the Junior Golfer” tee-off challenge.

The Golf Classic ended with a cocktail reception, award ceremony and raffle drawing. The grand prize, a MacBook Air laptop computer, was won by Phil Rich. Frank Damelio won second prize, an iPad2, and Jay Hoffman won a \$500 shopping spree as third prize. Attendees at the reception got a chance to hear from a Palm Beach State student, Betsy Unger, talk about how Foundation events like the Golf Classic benefit her directly.

Major sponsors of the Golf Classic include 97.9 WRMF, Balfour Beatty Construction, DPR Construction, Fastrack MCI, Hedrick Brothers Construction, Lotspeich Co. of Florida, McDonald North County, Mills Gilbane, Pepsi Beverages Company, James B. Pirtle Construction, Software AG and Suffolk Construction Co.

“I believe in giving back by providing young people the opportunity to earn a college degree that I achieved,” said Dale Hedrick, president of Hedrick Brothers Construction. “I will never be a teacher or professor, but that doesn’t mean I can’t make a difference. The Palm Beach State College Foundation was set up for people such as myself who want to work with the College, support higher education and created a stronger, more educated workforce.”

Editor’s note: High-resolution photos from the Golf Classic are available on request. Please contact College Relations and Marketing.

Serving more than 52,000 students annually, Palm Beach State College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing bachelor’s degrees, associate degrees, professional certificates, career training and lifelong learning. Established in 1933 as Florida’s first public community college, it offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

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