



Youth Player Development Award; EJ Altobello, Tekoa Country Club

The Youth Player Development Award, formerly called the Junior Golf Leader Award, recognizes a PGA golf professional who is a leader in junior golf, reflects the

qualities and ideals of those who work with the nation's youth, and provides opportunities and experiences for juniors to learn and play golf. This year's recipient, EJ Altobello of Tekoa Country Club, was elected to PGA Membership in 2003 and has been at Tekoa Country Club since 1998 when he started his Apprenticeship. EJ Served on the Player Development Committee and is currently a member of the Fundraising committee. In addition to having a PGA Junior League team since 2013, EJ is active with the Westfield Boys & Girls Club teaching very basic level golfers and held a Girls Golf Intro in 2016 that attracted over 50 young women. EJ also hosts three high school teams as well as the Westfield State University Men's and Women's golf programs that use Tekoa Country Club as their home course.