

GENERAL OPENING SESSION

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 6:45 - 8:00 PM



“What’s Your Super Power?”

Amy Bockerstette, Self-Advocate, Phoenix, AZ

A recent graduate of Sandra Day O’Connor High School in Phoenix, Arizona, Amy Bockerstette was the first person with Down syndrome to play in the Arizona High School Girls Golf Division I State Championship, where she competed as both a Junior and Senior. In 2017, she was honored at the AZCentral.com Sports Awards with the Best Moment of the Year Award for Arizona High School Sports. She was also named by AZCentral.com as one of the “Ten Most Intriguing High School Athletes of 2017.”

As an invited representative of Special Olympics Arizona, Amy played in the LPGA Founders Cup Pro-Am in 2017. For the past two years, she has participated in the PGA Phoenix Open Celebrity Putting Challenge. In addition, she represented Arizona in the Special Olympics North America Golf Invitational in Seattle in 2017. Amy has been the subject of numerous news stories and profiles during the last two years.

Amy’s passions are not limited to only golf. She is also a Special Olympics athlete in swimming and volleyball and plays Challenger baseball. She also plays the piano and loves to dance.

Currently, Amy attends Paradise Valley Community College in Phoenix on a full scholarship to play golf. She is studying Dance.

Most recently, during a practice round at the 2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open, Amy was invited by PGA TOUR professional and 2018 Open Champion Gary Woodland to play the iconic 16th hole with him and playing partner Matt Kuchar. To the delight of both pros and fans, Amy parred the hole.