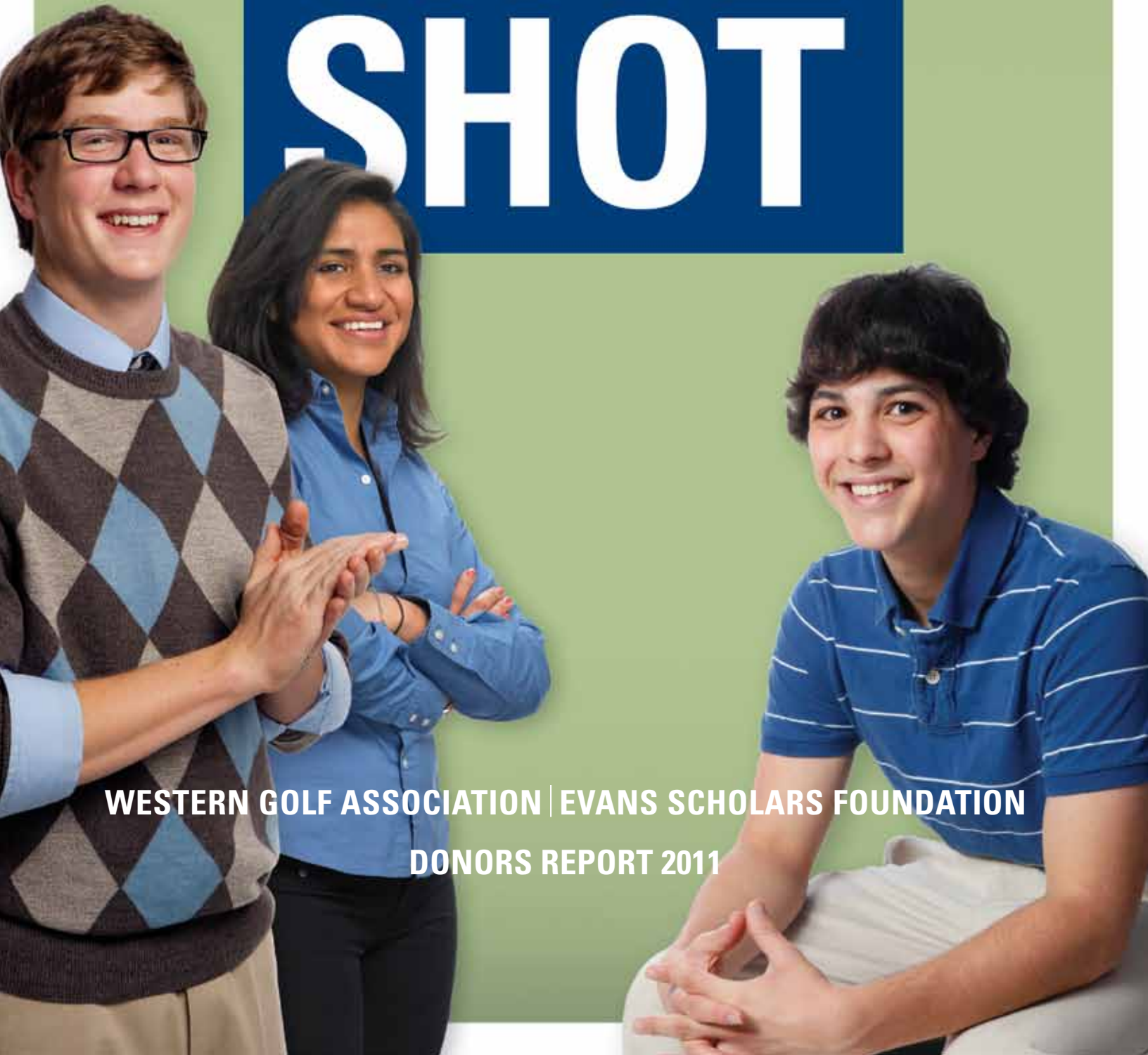


# A ONCE IN A LIFETIME SHOT



**WESTERN GOLF ASSOCIATION | EVANS SCHOLARS FOUNDATION**

**DONORS REPORT 2011**



Founded in 1899, the Western Golf Association conducts world-class championships for professional and amateur golfers, promotes the use of caddies, and oversees the Evans Scholars Foundation that awards college scholarships—including full tuition and housing—to caddies with limited financial means.

They knew from the start that caddying was more than a summer job, it was

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at a four-year college scholarship. Evans Scholars were the caddies always looking beyond the fairways and into the future—with a spark of purpose to their lives. To get where they are today, many of them overcame major life challenges with chins held high and a resolve beyond their years.

Evans Scholars are the young men and women *you just know* are going somewhere. Because they've always known the real score: **You don't win an Evans Scholarship. You earn one. That's the difference.**

# Accomplish.

**JUSTIN CRUZ** caddies at Park Ridge Country Club in Illinois and will attend Northwestern University this fall—pursuing his dream to become a doctor. He wants to lead mission trips to developing countries. Over the years, he’s learned a lot about determination from his father, who has been a paraplegic since age 18. “My eyes are open to different hardships,” Justin says, “and I know what I need to do.”

## DID YOU KNOW ?

**At each of the 14 Scholarship Houses, Scholars select local charities to support—volunteering for causes they believe in, while demonstrating their commitment to community service.**



**Which of the following statements is *not true* about Evans Scholar Justin Cruz?**

- A.** Volunteers for wheelchair softball at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
- B.** President of the National Honor Society
- C.** Wants to become a pediatrician so he can help children
- D.** Eagle Scout
- E.** Tutors a fellow student with learning disabilities

**Answer:**

**D.** Justin is four badges short of Eagle Scout. We are confident he will achieve his goal.



## 5 FACTS ABOUT ME

### DIGGING A FISH POND

at an AIDS orphanage in Honduras taught me about being resourceful against the odds. It was a way to create a sustainable food source for the children and generate revenue for the orphanage.

### CADDYING FOR DOCTORS

first got me interested in medicine. One golfer at the club even let me into his operating room. I realized then and there that medicine was something I wanted to do with my life.

### I WASHED DISHES

at Delta Delta Delta sorority all through college. I earned spending money and got free meals. Being a dishwasher helped prepare me for the grunt work I faced as a first-year medical student!

### WISH I COULD

forget the time when I accidentally cracked the shaft of Mr. Morgan's expensive new driver on the 15th hole (a short par 5). He told me not to worry, but to this day I still sweat whenever I think about it.

### A HIDDEN SKILL

of mine is being able to jump on and off a moving bike. I competed in The Little 500 bicycle race at Indiana University (the race immortalized in the movie "Breaking Away"). We were a ragtag team from the Evans Scholars House, but we trained hard and finished...in the middle of the pack.

## DID YOU KNOW ?

Of the 9,200 Evans Scholars Alumni nationwide, approximately 20 percent have pursued careers in the “caring professions” —medicine, social work and teaching.

# Give.

**MARK GROMSKI** caddied at South Bend Country Club in Indiana and is in his final year of medical school at Harvard University. He was the 2006 Evans Scholar of the Year. Mark is already giving back, volunteering his time to advise Scholars interested in medical school. He’s clearly someone to listen to: Mark serves on the admissions committee at Harvard.

## DID YOU KNOW ?

Quite a few Evans Scholars over the years have been first-generation immigrants—and many are the first in their families to attend college.

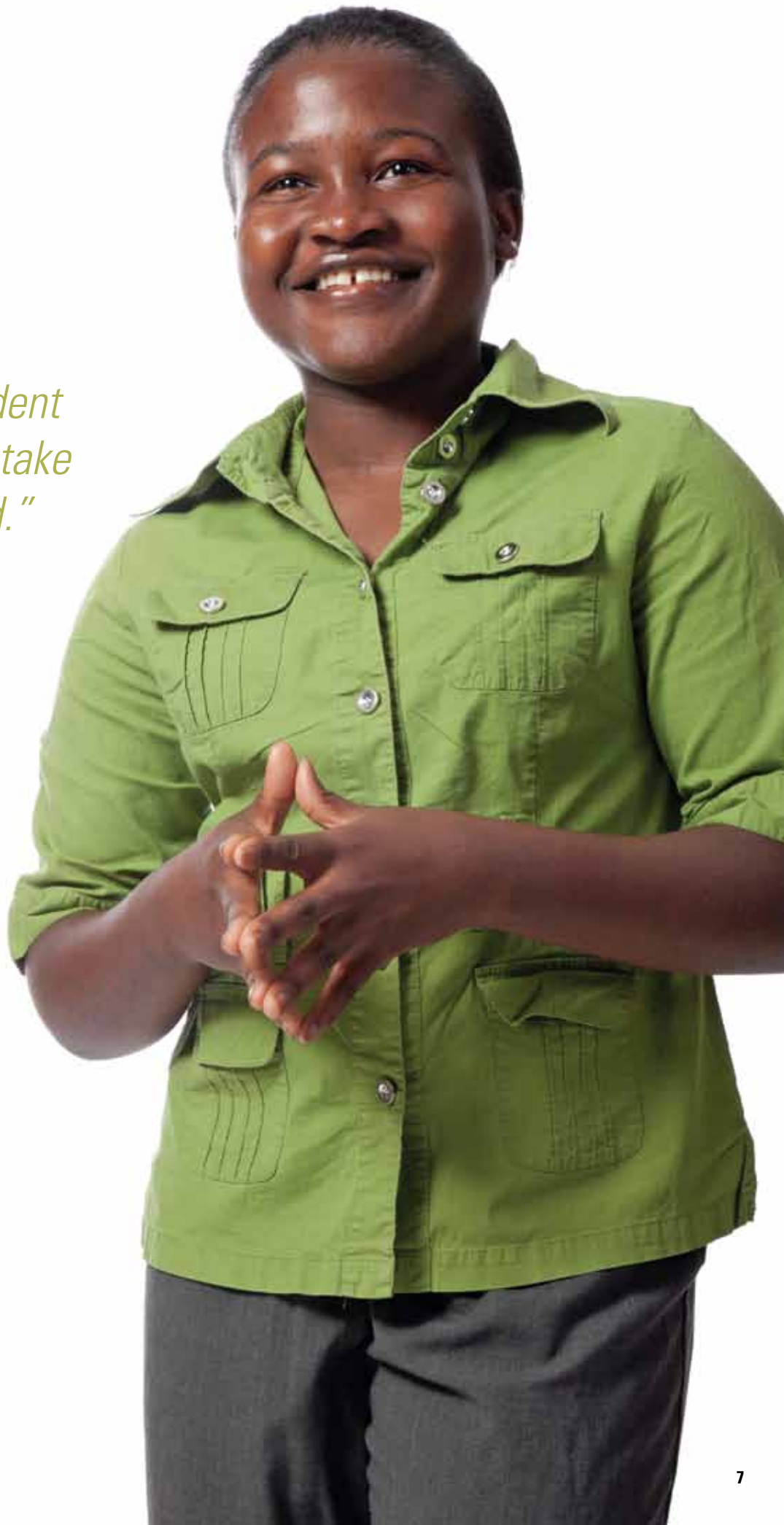
# Dream.

**MARYCLARET NDUBUISI-OBIS** father was a seminarian in Nigeria before immigrating to this country. He took a job at a car wash to earn the money needed to bring Maryclaret and her two brothers to the United States. An excellent student, Maryclaret will be a freshman at Marquette University this fall. She caddies at Oak Park Country Club in Illinois. “I am always ready to take another loop,” she says.

*“I am an independent woman ready to take on the real world.”*

I am a Nigerian born into the Igbo tribe. I grew up with lanterns and candles for light and fetched water from a local well. I was 8 years old when I arrived in the land of opportunity. I will not waste any chance I get to succeed. “There is no boundary to happiness, no boundary to life,” my father says.

— excerpts from Maryclaret’s Evans Scholarship application essay





## Courtesy Associate, Guitar Maker and Future Pharmacist

### So what exactly is a courtesy associate?

*(laughter)* I push carts. I work at Wal-Mart in the winter and caddie in the summer.

### Tell us about caddying.

Well, the best part is getting the early-morning loop when the fog is still on the course. It's peaceful and beautiful. The worst part is this one guy who's always throwing his clubs in the trees. I've climbed a lot of trees in my day.

### You're a top student, an Eagle Scout, a fisherman, and we hear you know how to build a mean guitar.

That's true. My friends and I wanted to start up a band and I didn't have the money to buy an electric guitar. So I built one. I won a grand championship ribbon in woodworking at the Minnesota State Fair for it.

### Any idea about what you plan to study in college?

I want to be a pharmacist—I've had a lot of firsthand experience with illness in my family. My mom has a major medical condition and my sister has severe disabilities. There are new medicines coming out every day, and I want to help people heal, live and feel healthy.

### What was it like when you found out that you'd earned an Evans Scholarship?

It was the most wonderful day of my life. Earning the Scholarship was always in the back of my mind whenever I was out on the course. When it actually happened, it was a dream come true—for me and my entire family.

# Resolve.

**STEVE TIMM** caddies at Hillcrest Golf Club in Minnesota and will be a freshman at the University of Minnesota this fall. “My goal is not to become rich but to earn sufficient funds to support my family,” he says.

**DID YOU  
KNOW ?**

**Many Evans Scholars come from families coping with long-term financial hardship because of major health-related issues.**

# Inspire.

**ESTEFANIA VIGIL** caddied at the Roaring Fork Club in Colorado. She is a sophomore at the University of Colorado in Boulder studying to be an accountant. In addition to attending school, Estefania continues her work with Habitat for Humanity. “Don’t worry about how others define success,” she says. “Accomplish your own goals.”

## DID YOU KNOW ?

**One quarter of Evans Scholars are women—a higher representation than the actual number of women caddies on courses today.**

# RULES TO LIVE BY

No. 1

## **Don't Try So Hard To Fit In**

When I was in junior high, there was a group of girls I wanted to be friends with and they didn't care about school. So in order to be accepted by them, I stopped studying. When I got an F on a science test, I cried. I learned to never let go of what's important to you.

No. 2

## **Become Well-Rounded**

I think it's great to know a little something about everything. New experiences and opportunities keep you open to the world. I appreciate every day that I am getting the education my parents couldn't.

No. 3

## **Stay Determined**

I thought caddying was just carrying bags and nothing more. I was overwhelmed at first, but determined to do a great job. I had to bike up this huge hill every day to get to the course and that's when I'd say to myself: "Remember why you are doing this." There's no substitute for working hard.

No. 4

## **Never Forget Where You Came From**

You have to start giving back as soon as you can. My family, community and Mexican heritage are very important to me. I want to volunteer, teach, mentor—do whatever I can to empower other people. I don't plan on sitting around.



## DID YOU KNOW ?

The majority of Evans Scholars say they received life-changing advice about school and careers from golfers they caddied for on the course.

# Succeed.

**HAELENA SCHWEMMER** caddies at Persimmon Woods Golf Club in Missouri and will be a freshman this fall at the University of Missouri in Columbia. She plans to major in mechanical engineering. Her dream job? Building fuel-efficient cars.



## It's no wonder why Haelena Schwemmer is the 2011 BMW Hole-in-One Scholar.

She loves cars and building things—and happens to be an awesome golfer. Haelena has earned the top spot in her age division three times at the Missouri Women's Golf Association Junior Championship and was the Class I Division State Champion in 2009.

### BEST

#### Golf Advice I Can Give

- Play the course, not the competition
- Imagine the shot in your head
- Ask your caddie for advice
- Believe in yourself
- Even a day of bad golf is still a good day

### WORST

#### Golf Advice I Ever Got

- Don't wear sunscreen
- Just pretend there's no water there
- It's okay to talk to your opponent about their missed shot
- Just tap it in, just tap it in...
- Always blame the caddie for a missed putt

# WESTERN GOLF ASSOCIATION SCORECARD

# 14

## NUMBER OF EVANS SCHOLARSHIP HOUSES

At universities across the country, Evans Scholars live, study and govern together—learning what it takes to become future leaders in the workplace and in their communities.



# ONE in 3,757

## ODDS OF MAKING A HOLE-IN-ONE BY A PRO ON THE PGA TOUR

In recognition of Sean O’Hair’s hole-in-one during the 2010 BMW Championship, BMW donated a four-year college scholarship to the Evans Scholars Foundation. *(See page 12 for a profile on BMW Hole-in-One Scholar Haelena Schwemmer.)*

# 192

## NUMBER OF EVANS SCHOLARS WHO RECEIVED COLLEGE DIPLOMAS IN 2010

Evans Scholars have a graduation rate of more than 90 percent compared to the national average of 50 percent

# 1,750

## VOLUNTEERS AT THE WESTERN AMATEUR, WESTERN JUNIOR AND BMW CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2010

The PGA TOUR honored BMW Championship volunteer Mel Krejci—an Evans Scholar Alum—as the TOUR’s 2010 Volunteer of the Year.



# 35,000

## NUMBER OF PAR CLUB MEMBERS NATIONALLY

who contribute \$250 or more annually to the Evans Scholars Foundation.



# 65

## NUMBER OF SHOTS

taken by Patrick Rodgers in his near-flawless final round at the 93rd Western Junior Championship.

The Stanford recruit turned back a field of top junior golfers at Blue Mound Golf and Country Club in Wisconsin to win the oldest junior championship in the nation.

# \$50,000,000

Total cumulative giving by Evans Alumni—a sure sign that Scholars are committed to giving back to the program that changed their lives.



#### AREAS IN WHICH APPLICANTS ARE EVALUATED:

Caddie record, academics, financial need, and character and leadership

# 52%

**INCREASE IN COLLEGE TUITION BILLS** seen by the Evans Scholars Foundation since 2005.

We must now raise \$14 million a year to keep all of our 860 Scholars in school.

## SEVENTY-FIVE



#### HOLES OF HIGH PRESSURE MATCH PLAY DAVID CHUNG SURVIVED TO WIN THE WESTERN AMATEUR

The Stanford junior defeated PAC-12 rival Gregor Main to win the 108th Western Amateur at Skokie Country Club in Illinois—"the Masters of Amateur Golf" and a WGA event since 1899.



#### GOLFERS ON THE PGA TOUR

qualify to compete in the BMW Championship—the penultimate event in the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup.

Dustin Johnson narrowly defeated Paul Casey to clinch the coveted 2010 title at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club in Illinois. All proceeds from the BMW Championship benefit the Evans Scholars Foundation.

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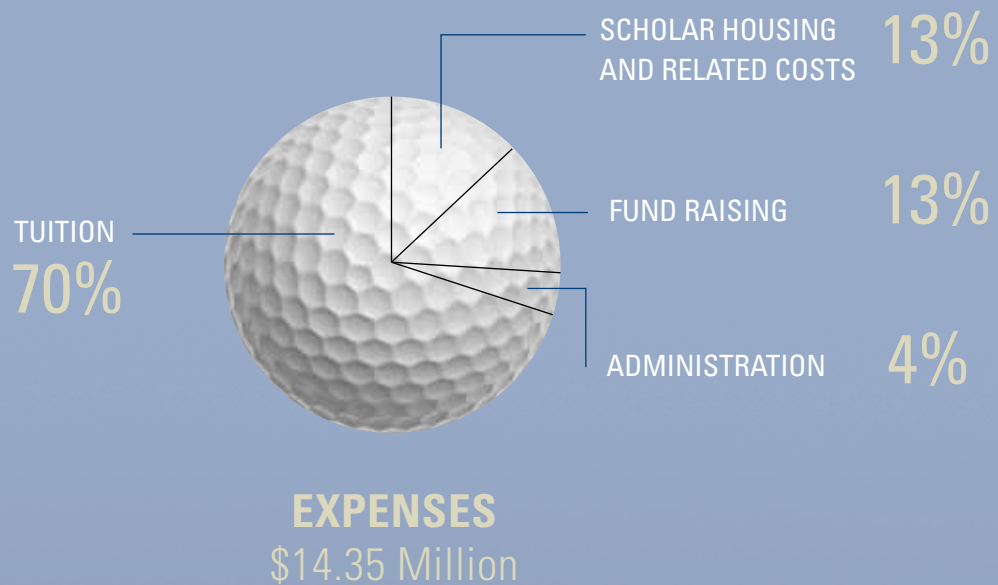
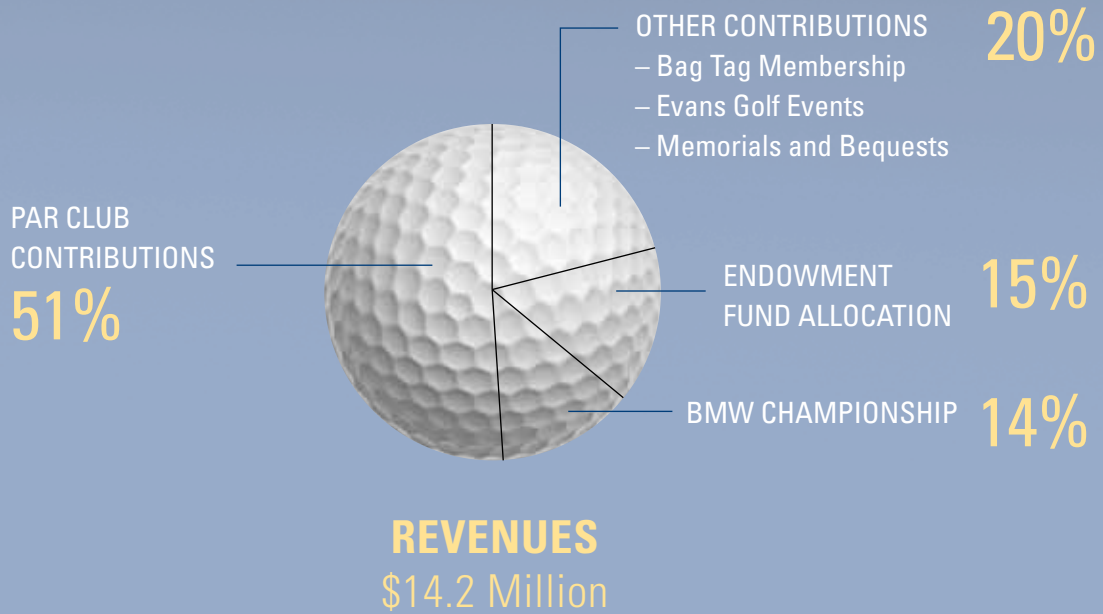
**FALSE**

**Chick Evans won nine WGA championships between 1909 and 1923—eight Western Amateurs and one Western Open.**

This champion golfer established a scholarship fund for caddies in 1930. To date, the WGA has awarded \$160 million in college scholarships in his name.

# EVANS SCHOLARS FOUNDATION

## 2010 Operating Revenues and Expenses



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# EVERY SHOT COUNTS

And every deserving caddie  
should get a shot at opportunity.

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