

Dear PGA of America Delegates,

I am writing to show my family's support for Nathan Charnes as he is campaigning to be the next Secretary for the PGA. Maybe more importantly, I would also like to share how Mr. Charnes has positively impacted my experience with the game of golf and influenced my decision to pursue a career in the golf industry. When I heard that Mr. Charnes was running for the PGA position, I knew he would be a perfect fit.

My family joined WingHaven Country Club nearly 10 years ago. I immediately began participating in the junior golf program. I think Mr. Charnes is very proud of the junior golf program because each year there were more and more juniors in the program and every time I would see him, he would take time to talk with me and the other junior golfers. As a young golfer seeing how friendly Mr. Charnes was to me and the others made me want to get more involved in golf. Many of the memories I have golfing at the course and being involved in the junior golf program, Mr. Charnes was there helping and hanging out with all the little kids. For how busy he was, I didn't take it for granted.

Fast forward a few years and I am a freshman in high school and beginning to think about where my next chapter was going to be after high school. I knew I wanted to do something with golf, but I didn't think I would be able to play at a high college level. Mr. Charnes made time in his schedule to meet with me and talk about golf careers and his path in the profession. He threw me an idea that I hadn't heard of before-- the PGA Golf Management program offered through a few universities. I instantly started researching and learning what the PGA-accredited programs had to offer. I am excited to say that I will be attending the University of Nebraska – Lincoln this fall in the PGA Management program.

Without the guidance of Mr. Charnes, I, without a doubt, would not be in the position I am now. I am thankful for his mentorship. From being a little kid walking on the golf course nervous to be playing with new people, to being a senior preparing to play my final high school season, I am grateful that Mr. Charnes has been involved in my golf game along the way. I hope Mr. Charnes is successful in his campaign so that others can see how impactful he can be in the game of golf, but also in their lives.

Sincerely,

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