

# Welcome Class of 2012

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*Tom Woodard* is believed to have been the first Black golfer to earn NCAA division I All-American recognition, having been awarded the distinction in 1978, while attending and playing for the University of Colorado as an Evans Scholar. He twice qualified for the PGA Tour, in 1981 and 1984, and played in a US Open and PGA Championship. Following his competitive playing days, he landed his first Head Pro job at City Park Golf Course, in Denver, CO, where he had learned to play as a teenager. He quickly established himself as a successful businessman and leader, and earned membership into the PGA of America. In time, he would advance and become the Director of Golf for the City of Denver. There, he managed the daily operations for eight golf facilities, an \$8.5 million budget, and approximately

275 employees. In addition, Mr. Woodard founded The First Tee of Denver, and signed the initial contract allowing golf course access. They later rewarded him by naming the youth Learning Center after him; thus providing a lifetime legacy for his work. When notified of his selection into the NBGHF, he said, "I can't tell you how excited I was to receive your phone call informing me that I was selected for induction into the **National Black Golf Hall of Fame**. It's hard for me to believe that my accomplishments measure up to some of the recent inductees such as Joe Louis Barrow Jr., Dr. Calvin Sinnette, and Rose Harper." Currently, Tom Woodard is the Director of Golf at the Foothills Park and Recreation District in Littleton, Colorado.

