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PAR FOR THE CURE COMPLETES FIRST TOURNAMENT

by Chris Cain, PGA

Last October, students from UNLV's Professional Golf Management (PGM) program helped organize and staff the Par for the Cure Celebrity Classic Golf Tournament, a benefit tourney to raise funds for breast cancer research and to help those already stricken by the disease. Founded by former golf pro and Las Vegas resident Brian Esposito in honor of his mother, the October event was staged at the Tournament of Players Club at The Canyons in Las Vegas.

Participants, sponsors, donors, celebrities, and PGA Tour players playing in the Las Vegas Invitational kicked off the weekend's events Oct. 16, with a cocktail party held at the JW Marriott Las Vegas. The tournament was held Oct. 17, with an awards luncheon and check presentation following the event.

The tournament's first year was very successful, with a full field of 120 golfers. Participants were organized into 18 six-person groups consisting of a professional golfer, a celebrity, and four amateurs. PGA Tour players who participated included Kim Saiki, Sergio, Bill Lunde, and Mike Loudon. Susan Anton, John Daly, Seth Joyner, Al Joyner, and Duke Simms were among other celebrities who took part in the event.

In addition to helping with the actual tournament, PGM students sold fundraising bracelets. By volunteering their time and efforts, the students collected more than \$2,500 in donations. According to the event's founder, Brian Esposito,



"The UNLV PGM students added a level of professionalism to our event in that they kept pace of play to a high standard. They also served as representatives of the game of golf and enforced all of the rules of golf, which allowed for a fair and honest competition."

More than \$100,000 in total was raised, and Dr. Dennis Slamon, who developed Herceptin, a drug currently used to save thousands of breast cancer patients, was on hand to accept the \$50,000 check for UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. Another \$50,000 check was presented to Candlelighters, an organization providing assistance to children with cancer and their families in the Las Vegas area. More information on Par for the Cure is available from the tourna-

ment website, www.parfortheure.com.

The UNLV Professional Golf Management program is led by Christopher Cain PGA. Students graduating from the PGM program will receive a bachelor of science degree in recreation, with a concentration in professional golf management. The PGM curriculum consists of 124 credit hours in four primary areas: golf management, recreation and leisure, general studies, and elective courses. Along with these commitments, students must complete 16 months of internship experience under the guidance of a PGA Class A professional. Specialty seminars are also offered to assist students in passing the Professional Golfers Training Program offered by the PGA.