Congratulations to Dr. Renee Powell on behalf of the Women of Color Golf (WOCG) Board Members, Advisory Board and our WOCG Members!

On September 19th, in St. Andrews, Scotland, Dr. Renee Powell, an honorary graduate of the University of St. Andrews and golf legend, will lend her name to the newest of the University Halls of Residence which is due to open in Autumn of 2018. Powell Hall is a 5-story residence hall, 205 single self-catered suites, that will offer various facilities for students to reside, socialize and study.

We are sincerely grateful to you and the Powell family for your strength, courage and determination to promote diversity and inclusion in the game of golf.

- Second African-American after tennis legend Althea Gibson to play on the LPGA Tour competing in more than 250 events after joining in 1967.
- A honorary female member of the Royal and Ancient (R&A) Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland.
- One of the first seven female members, and the first and only African-American female member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club in St. Andrews, Scotland.
- Renee Powell’s golfing accomplishments link her with other legendary Americans, such as: Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Tom Watson and George H.W. Bush who are also R&A honorary members.
- PGA of America Hall of Fame
- PGA of America’s First Lady of Golf
- African American Golf Hall of Fame
- National Black Golf Hall of Fame
- Golf Digest Top 50 Best Women Teachers
- Golf professional and educator – LPGA Tour professional

Since leaving the LPGA Tour, she has dedicated her time to teaching and being a global ambassador for the sport for women, the military and under privileged children across the United States, Great Britain and has traveled to Africa over 25 times.

To support this great golf legacy and to learn more about Dr. Renee Powell, the Clearview Golf Club and the Clearview Legacy Foundation, visit: https://www.clearviewgolfclub.com/

To learn more about Powell Hall, St. Andrews, Scotland, visit: https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/accommodation/ug/residences/powellhall/
Dr. Renee Powell is the second African American female to play on the LPGA Tour. She was introduced to golf by her parents, and learned the game and business from her father, golf course designer, architect, and pro, the legendary Dr. William Powell.

Renee Powell played collegiate golf at Ohio University and The Ohio State University where she served on as team captain. She first joined the LPGA Tour in 1967, and competed in over 250 professional tournaments before retiring in 1980. Since leaving the LPGA Tour, she has dedicated her time to teaching and being a global ambassador for the sport for women, the military and underprivileged children across the United States, Great Britain and has traveled to Africa over 25 times.

She is a member of both the Ladies Professional Golf Association, (LPGA) and the (Professional Golf Association), PGA of America. Known as the “First Lady of Golf,” she continues to be honored for her contributions, including:

- PGA Class A Member
- PGA of America Hall of Fame Inductee,
- Honorary member of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews,
- LPGA Pioneer Award and Lifetime Tour Member,
- Golf Digest, Top 50 Female Teaching Professionals,
- University of St. Andrews Honorary Doctor of Laws,
- University of Maryland Eastern Shores Doctor of Public Service,

In February 2015, Dr. Renee Powell became one of seven female members and the first and only African American female member of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews known as the home of golf.

She is the Head Professional and General Manager for the Clearview Golf Course, in East Canton, OH. Her brother Larry Powell, is the Greens Superintendent and a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). Clearview Golf Course was built by the late William Powell, with the support of his wife Marcella (Renee’s parents). The golf course opened in 1948, in an era of racial injustice, oppression, and discrimination.

Clearview Golf Club has gained national historic admiration for being the first and only golf course designed, built, owned and operated by an African American. Renee and Larry continue the family legacy through the Clearview Legacy Foundation and their work on an endowment plan to assure the family legacy remains forever.

Donations are encouraged and can be mailed to the Clearview Legacy Foundation. Clearview Golf Club is managed by the Clearview Legacy Foundation for Education, Preservation, and Turfgrass Research, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable foundation.