Michael J. Thomas, PGA

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Michael Thomas was born on August 7, 1980 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to James and Meryl Thomas and he has two younger sisters, Kristen and Bethany. His father and grandfather were avid golfers and introduced him to the game at the age of 4. Michael remembers playing a few rounds with them each summer and admits that he had developed a "home made" golf swing because he never took a single lesson until he was twenty. His father's love of the game and the quality time they spent together on the course was a big factor in keeping him interested in the game. Michael was also intrigued by the challenge of golf and the endless quest to learn more about it.

Michael received his Bachelor of Science in Psychology at Pennsylvania State University in 2002 and shortly there after earned his Associate of Applied Business from The Golf Academy of the Carolinas in 2003. The only amateur event that he ever competed in was the Club Championship at the Penn State Golf Course where he won the third flight.

After becoming a golf professional in 2004, Michael worked as an assistant at Cross Creek Golf Club in Beltsville, Maryland. In 2007, he made his way over the Members Club at Four Streams in Beallsville, Maryland. where he worked as an assistant until the fall of 2010. He currently serves as a first assistant at Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, Maryland.

Michael was elected as the A-8 Director for the Central chapter in the fall of 2009, giving him the opportunity to help other assistant's and apprentices advance their careers. Through his involvement as a Vice-President of the Assistant Professional Association, he has been able to help create many educational and playing opportunities for his fellow professionals. Now serving as the Secretary of the Central Chapter and as the chair for the junior golf committee he wants to continue to create chances for PGA professionals to get involved and become better at what they do.

In 2002, Michael was a member of the Psi Chi National Honor Society and was also named Class Valedictorian at the Golf Academy of the Carolinas in 2003. He is also a two-time recipient of the AHEAD-MAPGA/ APA Scholarship.

Michael makes it his goal each day to make sure that everyone around him is enjoying the game as much as he does. Whether it means going beyond expectations for an event, helping someone that is struggling on the range, or serving his fellow professionals; Michael tries to provide opportunities for everyone to enjoy being around the game of golf.