

*19th Annual*

CHAMPIONS

*beyond the game*



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1999	DR. CHARLOTTE WEST MS. JANET STONER	2008	MS. CINDY SCHOFIELD
2000	MS. AMY SNIDER GENERAL NORMA E. BROWN	2009	MS. COURTNEY E. DRAPER MS. PATRICIA A. SARGEANT
2001	MS. BARBARA S. HARRIS MS. KIM BATTEN	2010	DR. MYRTIS E. HERNDON MS. TRACY J. PEPOON
2002	MS. ELAINE K. GAVIGAN MS. NADA USINA	2011	DR. G. JEAN CERRA MS. MARLA ANDERSON SMITH
2003	MRS. COLLEEN B. CALLAHAN MS. ROBERTA A. STOKES	2012	MRS. JOY BECKER MS. TANYA GRANNEMANN
2004	MS. CELIA M. SLATER MS. JOANNE WHITAKER	2013	DR. JUDY BENSE DR. LIBERTY TAYLOR
2005	MS. ALICE M. SIMS MRS. KITTY HOFFMAN	2014	DR. L. JANET WELLS MRS. SOPHIA DANVERS AARONS
2006	DR. PAULA D. WELCH MS. COLLEEN B. WALKER	2015	MS. CAROL L. ZEINER MS. VICKIE M. SMITH-JACKSON
2007	MRS. MOLLIE CARDAMONE MS. JAIME B. KAPLAN	2016	DR. JOANNE GRAF MS. VANESSA FUCHS



# WELCOME

## CHAMPIONS BEYOND THE GAME CELEBRATION

*September 24, 2017*

INTRODUCTION	Glenda Thornton   FSU College of Law 1989
INVOCATION	Cassandra Jenkins   FSU 1979/1981
WELCOME	John E. Thrasher, <i>President of The Florida State University</i>
OPENING REMARKS & INTRODUCTION OF COACHES & PLAYERS	Stan Wilcox, <i>Director of Athletics / Vice President</i>
INTRODUCTION OF A CHAMPION <i>Pre-Scholarship Era</i>	Melissa Zyla, <i>Cross Country</i>
CHAMPION'S ACCEPTANCE	Kerrissa Heffernan, <i>2017 Champion</i>
INTRODUCTION OF A CHAMPION <i>Scholarship Era</i>	Kayla Jones, <i>Golf</i>
CHAMPION'S ACCEPTANCE	Alison Curdt, <i>2017 Champion</i>
FEMINA PERFECTA AWARD	Alicia Crew   FSU 1969 Janet Stoner   FSU 1970/1972
A THANK YOU TO DONORS	Vanessa Freire, Beach Volleyball
CLOSING	Glenda Thornton



*The Champions Beyond the Game award honors former women athletes who have excelled in life after college sports. One of our two Champions is from the era when athletic scholarships were not available to women, while our other Champion benefited from a scholarship. We honor our "Champions" and learn how the lessons they learned from athletic competition helped them achieve success in life.*



# CHAMPIONS

### KERRISSA HEFFERNAN | *2017 Champion*

Kerrissa Heffernan is the Director of Global Sport at Brown University. Prior to that she was the Director of Faculty Engagement at the Swearer Center for Public Service and Director of the Royce Fellowship, The Brown International Scholars Program and the Sport and Society Fellowships. She was a senior associate at National Campus Compact and the Arnow-Weiler professor of liberal arts at Lasell College. She was the founder and director of the Lasell Center for Public Service and director of the Donahue Institute for Values and Public Life. She is the author of *The Fundamentals of Course Construction*; Editor of *The Practice of Change: Concepts and Models for Service-Learning in Women's Studies*, and co-editor of *The Introduction to Service-learning Toolkit: Readings and Resources for Faculty*.



Kerri was the head coach of the Brown University women's rugby team from 2001-2013. In that time, Brown won 7 Ivy Championships, played in the National Championships 7 times and the final 4, four times. Her teams produced 19 All Americans 9 national team players and 2 World Cup players.

Kerri graduated from FSU in 1980 with a BA in Visual Arts. While at FSU she was a member of the cross-country and track teams (1975-1978) and the rugby team 1978-1980 (1979 and 1980 national champions). She was a member of the women's athletic advisory council, F Club, and Kappa Kappa Gamma. She received her masters and doctorate from Boston University. While living in Boston she was a member of Beantown Rugby Team from 1981-1990 winning 5 national championships and member US Women's National Team from 1987-1989, earning 4 caps for the US.

### ALISON CURDT | *2017 Champion*

Alison is a PGA Master Professional in Instruction and a LPGA Class A Member. Being 1 of 11 women to achieve the highest PGA credential earned by an instructor, Alison has over 28 years of golf competition background and has recently played in four LPGA Tour majors. Upon arriving to California, after competing on a full scholarship on the women's golf team at Florida State University, Alison spent nearly 7 years at Sherwood Country Club as the Head Teaching Professional/First Assistant. In 2014 she opened her own teaching business "Alison Curdt Golf," helping golfers improve their game through a holistic approach. She earned the 2016 Southern California PGA Teacher of the Year and 2015 LPGA T&CP National Teacher of the Year award. Her list of achievements also include: 2016 SCPGA Northern Chapter Clubfitter of the Year, 2015 Northern Chapter SCPGA Teacher of the Year, and LPGA T&CP Western Section Teacher of the year award in 2012 and 2015. Alison contributes to *Golf Tips Magazine* as a Top 30 instructor, and has been featured in 7 separate segments on the Golf Channel. *Golf Digest Magazine* selected her as one of America's Best Young Teachers for 2016-2017. She is the Director of Instruction at Wood Ranch Golf club and is the assistant women's golf coach at California State University, Northridge. Alison currently practices as a licensed clinical psychotherapist while completing her doctorate degree in clinical psychology with an emphasis in sports psychology. She utilizes EMDR to help athletes achieve peak performance and overcome athletic traumas. Alison also serves on the Southern California PGA (SCPGA) Section Board, Northern Chapter SCPGA Board, is a member of the SCPGA Teaching Committee, PGA Adjunct Faculty, Vice-President of the LPGA Western Section, and is an LPGA Global Evaluator.





*Femina Perfecta, meaning "complete woman" is given to a member of each of the eleven teams. The recipient of this award exemplifies the motto on the University seal, which has three torches and the words VIRES, ARTES, and MORES, and the words under the torches on the Florida State College for Women seal FEMINA PERFECTA. This represented the goal of the college for all students. She will not necessarily be the most intellectual, fastest, strongest, top scorer, funniest, etc., but should be the one who is invaluable to the team and who will always make a difference.*

# FEMINA

# PERFECTA

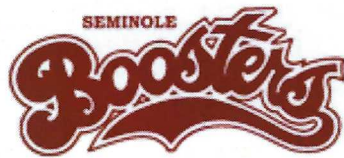


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## **JOIN US FOR BRUNCH**

*Sunday, September 24, 2017*

*Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.*

*Program - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.*

*University Center Club, 3rd Floor*

*Meet current women's athletes and coaches, and hear "Champions" Kerrissa Heffernan and Alison Curdt share how athletics has enriched their lives.*

*Please RSVP by September 15th*

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