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Sam Anhalt receives First Tee of South Central Wisconsin's Dye Family College Award

The First Tee of South Central Wisconsin is proud to announce that Sam Anhalt, a 2020 Lake Mills High School graduate, has been selected to receive the \$1000 Dye Family College Award. To be eligible for the award, an applicant must have achieved Birdie or higher level in First Tee programs, been accepted into a 4-year or 2-year college for the first time, and have a history of community service or "giving back."

Sam reached Birdie level in 2018, and has served both as a member of the chapter's Youth Advisory Council and as a mentor for younger participants in the chapter's programs. Sam said of the First Tee, "not only does it help kids play the game of golf, but it also teaches them valuable lessons that they will use for the rest of their lives."

Sam's high school golf coach and science teacher, Todd Patton, agrees. According to Patton, Sam exhibits every one of the values reinforced by the First Tee: Courtesy, Confidence, Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Integrity, Judgment, Perseverance and Sportsmanship.

Said Patton, "I often witnessed [Sam's] polite behavior to staff, fellow students, competitors and coaches," and watched him develop confidence from "a beginner on the golf team to the number one varsity player." He noted that "Sam [made] very good choices in order to achieve the best results," "was always the first golfer to have his hat off and his hand out following the completion of any match," and persevered to better himself "through hard work and practice."

Sam graduated from high school with academic honors and earned Second Team All-Conference and 2X Most Improved Player honors for his participation on the golf team. This fall, Sam will be attending Heartland Community College in Normal, Illinois, where he will be playing golf and completing his general academic requirements before transferring to a 4-year college.