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**THE FIRST TEE OF PHOENIX MEMBER TO PLAY IN  
NATIONAL PAR-3 CHAMPIONSHIP**

**PHOENIX** – Kaitlynn Criswell, a student of The First Tee of Phoenix, has been invited to participate in The First Tee Par-3 Championship to be held June 21-26 at The Kanawha Club in Richmond, Virginia. Criswell is one of only 16 girls invited to play in the national event.

“Kaitlynn is not only an extraordinary golfer, she embodies The First Tee of Phoenix values both on and off the course,” said Kevin Terry, Executive Director of The First Tee of Phoenix. “We’re extremely proud of Kaitlynn and wish her the best of luck in Richmond.”

Criswell, The First Tee’s ACE-level participant, is a sophomore at Desert Ridge High School in Mesa and has been a member of The First Tee of Phoenix since September, 2011. Her involvement in the chapter is not limited to participation, as she also volunteers her time to beginning-level classes, and represented The First Tee of Phoenix at the 2015 Life Skills and Leadership Academy in Minneapolis. Criswell was also a finalist for the 2015 Arizona Sports Character Counts Contest.

The First Tee Par-3 Championship is a 36-hole stroke-play golf competition. A maximum of 32 participants – 16 boys and 16 girls – are invited to play in the event. Participants also will work to develop life skills and The First Tee Nine Core Values through dorm living, interaction with participants from around the country and information from guest speakers.

To learn more or donate to The First Tee of Phoenix, visit [www.thefirstteeofphoenix.org](http://www.thefirstteeofphoenix.org)

**About The First Tee of Phoenix**

First Tee of Phoenix is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created by The Thunderbirds for the purpose of providing affordable access to golf and golf learning facilities for young people in Maricopa County from all walks of life, particularly those who otherwise might not have an opportunity to play. As one of the largest chapters in The First Tee Network impacting more than 100,000 youth annually, The First Tee of Phoenix offers classes, special monthly family events and tournaments as part of its programming. Now with 15 locations in the Valley – Talking Stick, South Mountain, Desert Mirage, Papago, Falcon Dunes, Longbow, Lone Tree, Cave Creek, Encanto, Maryvale, Augila, Palm Valley, TPC Scottsdale and Augusta Ranch – The First Tee of Phoenix programming sites serve as conveniently located places for

participants to learn valuable life skills and character-building lessons through creative activities and instructional programs that incorporate the fundamental teachings of golf. For more information on The First Tee of Phoenix call 602-305-7655, or log on to their website at [www.thefirsttee phoenix.org](http://www.thefirsttee phoenix.org).