

THE CAMPAIGN FOR METHODIST UNIVERSITY

BUILDING EXCELLENCE

Golf Facilities Expansion
Golf Education Center



The Golf Education Center is home to the PGA Golf Management Program. With the academic and athletic programs' outstanding record and reputation, the new facility, course improvements, and future scholarships will ensure that the program continues to successfully recruit and retain the best students in America.



GOLF EDUCATION CENTER

The facility “Downback”

The planned expansion to the Golf Education Center will add valuable classroom space, as well as a 150-seat auditorium for lectures and seminars from special guest speakers and PGA visitors. Since it opened in 1996, the Richard L. Player Center has been the home of the Professional Golf Management Program, now named the PGA Golf Management Program, where students and instructors are just steps away from Methodist University’s own 18-hole golf course and practice facility.

The expansion will add 3,640 square feet of space, extending the building to the west, with the majority of the space primarily divided between a second classroom and a new, adjacent lecture hall. The facility will also include a library/student lounge area and a showcase/simulation lab.

The growth is long overdue for the structure, which is central to a signature academic program and the University’s championship golf teams. Along the back of the building, a covered veranda will run to a gazebo-like structure that caps the end of the porch, where students can gather to study or enjoy the picturesque view down the green.

THE PGA GOLF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The pride that Methodist University takes in the PGA Golf Management program will be visible in every brick of the facility. As well as academic instruction, the additional space will be used by students to explore new technologies in golf instruction. In a second phase of improvements, renovations are planned to the “Downback” golf course. The University plans to lengthen the course to 7,000 yards, which will meet men’s and women’s NCAA tournament requirements. The greens will be expanded, bunkers will be enhanced, and the course will receive a new maintenance building, along with improvements to irrigation and drainage.

Lastly, the program hopes to create endowed scholarships for deserving PGA Golf Management students, as well as endowments for curriculum enhancement, professional development, and ongoing maintenance.

Many of the students who are on the men’s and women’s golf teams are also PGA Golf Management students, so more room indoors and outdoors for such learning will benefit students both academically and athletically. The academic and athletic programs’ outstanding record and reputation, the new facility, course improvements, and future scholarships will ensure that the program continues to successfully recruit and retain the best students in America.

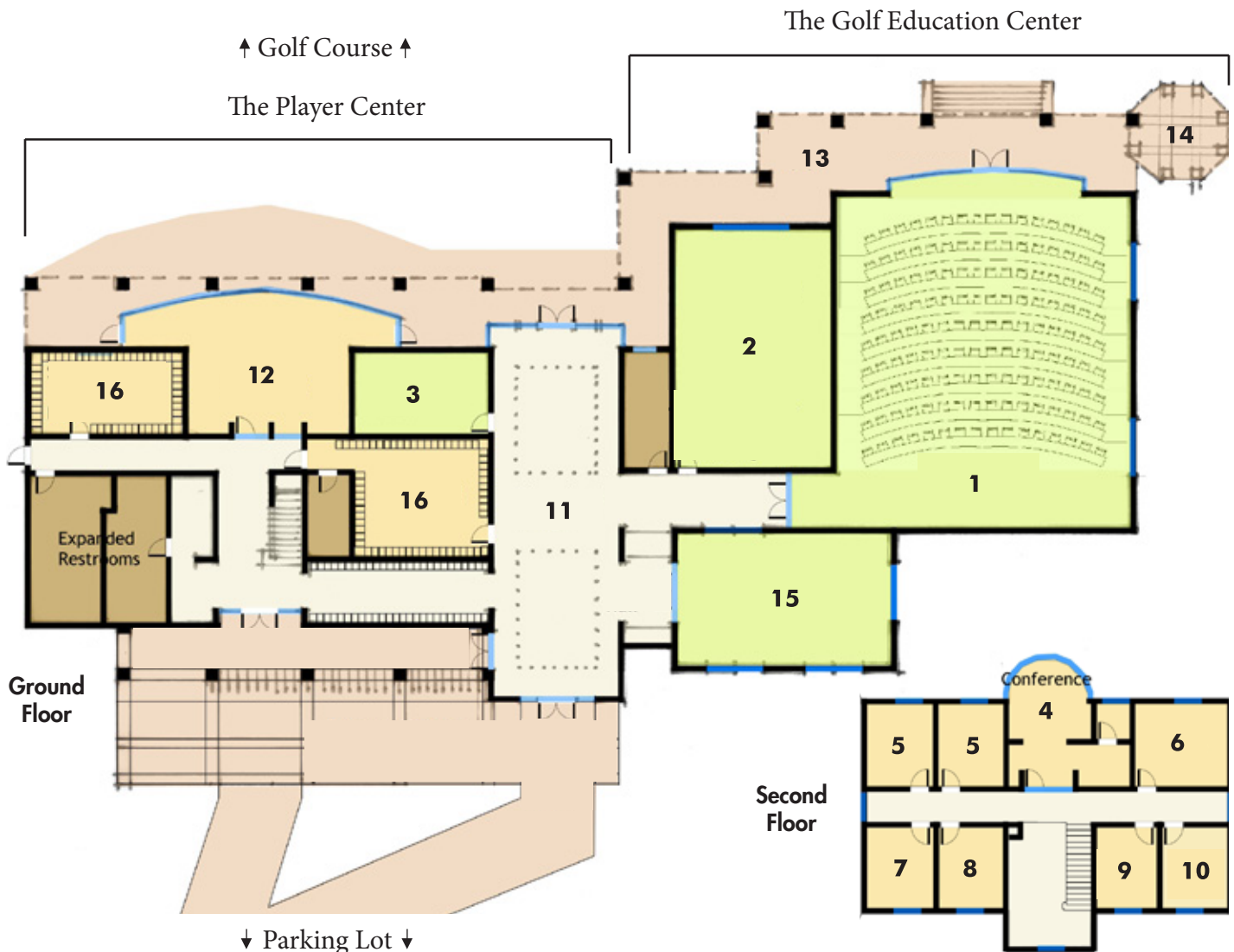
ABOUT THE PLAYER CENTER

The Player Center is the gateway to Methodist University's 6,200-yard, 18-hole golf course and 10-acre practice facility. The practice facilities, which were redesigned in 2004, also include a putting green and four all-weather hitting bays. Inside, the clubhouse also houses a pro shop, conference room, and the offices of all of the golf coaches and PGA Golf Management instructors.

PHASE I - Golf Education Center Expansion – Campaign Goal: \$1,500,000

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES - PHASE I

- Naming of Golf Complex Expansion - \$1,000,000
- 1 150-Seat Lecture Hall - \$250,000
- 2 Classroom - \$100,000
- 3 Seminar Room - \$50,000
- 4 Conference Room - \$50,000
- 5 Coaches Office (2) - Funded
- 6 Director's Office - \$25,000
- 7 Head Professional's Office - \$25,000
- 8 Recruiting Office - \$25,000
- 9 Internship Office - \$25,000
- 10 Education Office - \$25,000
- 11 Champions' Lounge (Trophy Hall and Student Lounge Area) - \$100,000
- 12 Golf Shop - \$50,000
- 13 Porch/Patio - \$50,000
- 14 Gazebo - \$50,000
- 15 PGAGM Showcase/Simulation Lab - \$100,000
- 16 Locker Room (2) – \$75,000
150 Lockers @ \$2,000 each



**PHASE II - "DOWN BACK"
COURSE IMPROVEMENTS
CAMPAIGN GOAL - \$2,500,000**

Lengthen Course from 6,200 to 7,000 Yards for
NCAA Tournaments for Men and Women
Expansion of Greens
New Irrigation System and Improved Drainage
Enhancement of Bunkers
18 holes - \$100,000
New Maintenance Building - \$200,000

**PHASE III - ENDOWMENT
FOR GOLF PROGRAM AND FACILITIES
CAMPAIGN GOAL - \$3,000,000**

Scholarships for Deserving PGM Students
Funds for Enhancement of Curriculum and Staff
Professional Development
Funds Maintenance of Golf Complex and Course
Named Endowment Funds: \$25,000 to \$1,000,000
Endowed Scholarships: \$25,000 and above
Endowed Director Position: \$250,000
Endowed Professorships in PGAGM: \$100,000
Endowed Golf Course Maintenance Fund
Endowed Professional Development Fund

TOTAL COST FOR ALL PHASES - \$7,000,000

**PREMIUM NAMING OPPORTUNITY:
NAMING OF THE METHODIST UNIVERSITY
GOLF COURSE - \$2,500,000**

"Downback," including Golf Course and all facilities
would bear the name of the donor. Commitment
would fund elements from Phases I, II, and III.

Donations of \$1,000 or more will be recognized
on a plaque centrally located in the facility.



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