

Ida Ballard Simon Memorial Scholarship Fund

“A Legacy in Education”

2025 Ida Ballard Simon Memorial Golf Tournament Highlights

This tournament honors the late Ida Ballard Simon (IBS), former graduate and VP of Advancement for Lincoln University (a historically black college in Jefferson City, MO) and Educational Fundraiser for United Negro College Fund (UNCF) as well as Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund (TMSF).

Proceeds from this tournament will be utilized to 1) increase the Ida Ballard Simon Endowed Scholarship Fund and 2) to award multiple Platinum, Book and Travel Scholarships to 2025 graduates that have been accepted to attend trade school, college, university and/or study abroad.

Presenting Sponsor “Valero” kicked off the 15th Ida Ballard Simon Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday evening, April 25th, 2025 by hosting a Paring Par-tee at the Chickasaw Hills Hudson Hall in Sardis, Mississippi.

Golfers, sponsors, and volunteers were formally welcomed to a weekend of fun and treated to cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, and a cigar bar as they listened to upbeat tunes played by DJ Church. Guests were led to the dance floor by professional line dancer / instructor, Ronda Monger to lead all the new line dance steps. Organizers of the IBS Memorial Golf Tournament also hosted a raffle, giving attendees an opportunity to win lots of fun prizes while contributing to the scholarship fund. The Paring Par-tee was a great start to a wonderful weekend of fun!

Saturday morning, golfers, sponsors, and volunteers met on the patio at Mallard Pointe Golf Course in Sardis to officially register / sign-in and continental breakfast before the 10 a.m. tee-time.

After a short prayer, twenty-eight teams rolled out to their assigned starting holes on the golf course. Due to recent rains, the grounds were a little wet in some areas, but the weather was mild and very pleasant for 18 holes of play. After playing 9 holes, golfers enjoyed a hot snack. As they finished the competition, the first teams began to make their way back to the patio / clubhouse around 3 p.m. When all teams were done, they dined on the covered patio as organizers began to announce raffle winners.













There were so many raffle prizes, organizers had to take a break and start the trophy ceremony!

Congratulations to **“Dennis King and Team”** – Championships of the 15th Ida Ballard Simon Memorial Golf Tournament! In addition to Tournament Champions trophy’s, each team member received a Nike Golf Shoe Gift Certificate!



Congratulations to *all Trophy Team Winners!*

Out of 28 Teams, trophies were awarded to 12 teams across 4 Flight Levels:
Championship, Flight I, Flight II and Flight III with 3 placements for each Flight Level.

Tournament Flight Winners		Team Name	Team Members	
Championship Flight	1st Place	Dennis King (Mallard Pointe)	Dennis King	
			Dennis King III	
			Mickey Aldridge	
			Russ Lewis	
	2nd Place	Chris Sparks (Mallard Pointe)	David Smith	
			Myron Miles	
			Mark Miller	
			Darin Johnson	
	3rd Place	Dawkins	Jimmy Dawkins	
			Bennie Brown	
			Paul Brown	
			Dave Billingsley	
1st Flight	1st Place	Siblings of Ida Ballard Simon (Strokers)	Cornelius Yates	
			Randy Bowen	
			Drake Hite	
			Andrew Klinck	
	2nd Place	Siblings of Ida Ballard Simon (CY Team 2)	Gregory Mathis	
			Al DaSilva	
			Marcus Brown	
			Darin Johnson	
	3rd Place	Carver Alumnae (Robert Jones Team)	Robert Jones	
			Russell Rogers	
			Winston Ford	
			Willie Brooks	
2nd Flight	1st Place	Ball Strikers	Richard Campbell	
			William Goodsen	
			Timothy Wall	
			R Tharpe	
	2nd Place	The Chancellor 's Team	Jeremy Jefferson	
			Ed Harris	
			Jerry Martin	
			Rickey Harris	
	3rd Place	Presenting Sponsor ValeroTeam 2	Chris Harrison	
			Cameron Ellis	
			Chris Soper	
			Dustin St Pierre	
3rd Flight	1st Place	Junction Fuels	Norman Hayes	
			Leonard Taylor	
			Cedric Davis Jr	
			Cedric Davis	
	2nd Place	The Houstons	Terryl Peer	
			Fred Houston	
			Robert Houston	
			Chase Houston	
	3rd Place	Sooners	Justin Jerry	
			Carlton Thompson	
			Albert Chavez	
			Benjamin Cobb	

Congratulations to *Competitive Golf Game Winners!*

Tournament Competition	Winner	Prize
Putting Challenge: 1nd Place Prize	Carlton Thompson	Amazon Fire TV 50" 4-Series 4K UHD smart TV, stream live TV without cable
Putting Challenge: 2nd Place Prize	Al DaSilva	Gunmetal Cigar Golder & Flask BY VISKI
Straightest Line Challenge: 1nd Place Prize	David Smith	Golf Stand Cart Bag Club w/4 Way Divider Carry Organizer Pockets Storage Black
Straightest Line Challenge: 2nd Place Prize	Randy Bowen	VEATOOL Bluetooth Headphones True Wireless Earbuds
Closest to the Pin (Hole) Challenge: 1nd Place Prize	Chase Houston	Calloway Wedge (donated by Mallard Pointe Golf Course
Closest to the Pin (Hole) Challenge: 2nd Place Prize	Willie Gregory	The Foldie®Travel Bag (Grey)








Congratulations to *Raffle Item Winners!*

RAFFLE ITEM	WINNER NAME
TAO Clean Sonic Toothbrush	Alvin Silver
Whiskey Decanter Set	Brenda Cox
10 in 1 Golf Accessory Gift Box Set (Red)	Carl Hill
JoyJolt Clear Shot Dispenser and Liquor Holder with 6 Glass Shot Glasses, Easy Pour Shot Glass Holder	Carl Hill
NOBL Travel: Carry On All-In-One Luggage	Carl Hill
Vice Drive Golf Balls	Carl Hill
CaddyTek CaddyLite 11.5 Version 3 Golf Push Cart – 3-Wheel,	Carlton Thompson
Jiskan Golf Accessories Set in a Leather Cover	Carlton Thompson
4th Generation Club Lock Organizer Golf Cart Bag with 14 Way Anti Rattle Divider (Blue)	Chuck Wallace
Brookstone Pin High Decanter with 4 Set of 4 Glasses	Chuck Wallace
Super Bowl 2025 Collectible – Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl LIX Champions	Chuck Wallace
Super Bowl 2025 Collectible – Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl LIX Champions	Cornelius Yates
Golf Club Shaped Decanter & Glass Set	Craig Freeman
Gunmetal Cigar Golder & Flask BY VISKI	Darin Johnson
TaylorMade Golf Distance Golf Balls * After Event Prize: Remember the Bad Call on Raffle Ticket ending in #040	Darin Johnson
Ascot & Taylor Of St. Andrews Golf Accessories Wooden Storage Box	Dave Billingsley
Portable Travel Cigar Humidor Box	Deana Sparks
The Foldie®Travel Bag (Navy Blue)	Deana Sparks
VEATOOL Bluetooth Headphones True Wireless Earbuds	Deana Sparks
CaddyDaddy Golf Modern Golf Shoe Bag (Black/Grey)	Dennis King
Remerry Golf Flask Gift Set 7 oz Stainless Steel Flask with Leather Case	Dennis King
YETI Flask and Funnel Stainless Steel (WHITE)	Duskin St. Pierre
YOREPEK Golf Shoe Bag (Blue)	Fred Houston
Golf Rangefinder with Slope and Pin Lock Vibration	Gregory Cox
Golf Whiskey Decanter Set	Jeremy Jefferson
Cigar Case Travel Humidor	John Williams
SPORTSIE - 9.5FT Backyard Golf Putting Mat with Ball Return	Justin Jerry
SAMSUNG 65-Inch Class Crystal	Larry Wiley
Roku Streaming Stick 4K	Leonard Taylor
Golf Accessories Leather Cover Only	Malcolm Hunt
Putting Green Indoor / Outdoor Practice Matt and Training Aid	Malcolm Hunt
NOBL Travel: Carry On All-In-One Luggage	Mark Miller
Orlimar 6.0 Deluxe Wheeled Travel Cover Golf Bag for Clubs (Black / Red)	Mark Miller
Blackstone 1814 Flat Top Griddle with Hood	Marvell Mitchell
Hip Flask Cigarette Case	Marvell Mitchell
TaylorMade Tour Response Stripe Golf Balls	Melanie Taylor Jefferson
JoyJolt Clear Shot Dispenser and Liquor Holder with 6 Glass Shot Glasses, Easy Pour Shot Glass Holder	Norman Hayes
4 Books of Golf Tips (donated by Chill, Charles Hill)	NuCor
VEATOOL Bluetooth Headphones True Wireless Earbuds	Randy Bower
Super Bowl 2025 Collectible – Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl LIX Champions	Randy Bower
Triple Flame Torch Lighter	Ronnie Williamson
Golf Rangefinder with Slope	Terry Johnson
Gunmetal Cigar Golder & Flask BY VISKI	Terry Johnson
Igloo Ice Chest Cooler with Wheels (60 QT)	Terry Johnson
TAO Clean Sonic Toothbrush	Terry Johnson
Golf Accessory / Glove Holder Case	Teryl Peer
Brookstone Pin High Decanter with 4 Set of 4 Glasses	Willie Martin
Cozi 20" Wood Burning Fire Pit with Iron Net and Cover Lid for Backyard and Camping	Willie Martin
YOREPEK Golf Shoe Bag (Black)	Willie Martin
Super Bowl 2025 Collectible – Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl LIX Champions	Willie Martin
Hip Flask Cigarette Case	
PuttOUT Putting Mat	
Golf Club Drink Dispenser, Black	

Congratulations to ***Shelby Packaging Team*** for being the “FIRST Team to Register” for Ida Ballard Simon Memorial Golf Tournament events, each year for 10+ years! For their encouragement, each team member was awarded a Nike Golf Shoe Gift Certificate.

Shelby Packaging Company (Fred Johnson, Business Owner)		Fred Johnson
		Jay Royston
		Vincent Bell
		Jerry Williams

2025 One-time Scholarship Awardees
(as of May 25, 2025)

Showen Herring II		Platinum Scholarship (\$2000.00) 2025 Graduate of Middle College High School 2025 Freshman at University of Tennessee - Knoxville, Tennessee Major: Double Major in Business and Data Analysis with Minor in Psychology Special Activities: Basketball, baseball and helping others
Virginia Feng		Platinum Scholarship (\$2000.00) 2025 Graduate of Whitestation High School 2025 Freshman at Vanderbilt University - Nashville, Tennessee Major: <i>Sociology</i> Special Activities / Passion: <i>Digital art, tennis</i> Favorite Quote: <i>“Silencio Bruno!”</i> In a particular scene from Disney Movie ‘Luca’, Alberto tells Luca that he has a “Bruno” in his head, in other words, a nagging voice that tells him he isn’t capable or allowed to do something. Alberto tells Luca to shout out <i>“Silencio Bruno”</i> which means Be quiet!, Shut up! or Hush!
Myriana White		Matching Fund Scholarship (\$500.00) *IBSSF matched original scholarship presented by G. W. Carver High School (Class of 1980) Combined funds allowed awardee to receive a total scholarship award of \$1000.00 2025 Graduate of G.W. Carver College & Career Academy 2025 Enrollment into Professional Allied Health, LLC Major: Certified Nurse Assistant Favorite Quote: <i>“Always keep going no matter how many milestones you come across!”</i>
SeQuoia Allmond		Contributing Sponsor Award to study abroad (\$500.00) 2025 Graduate of Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, Illinois with a Major in Business and Minor in Media. Sequoia has been selected to study abroad for Summer 2025 in Grenoble, France with the SIU Media Team. SeQuoia graduated from Whitehaven High School - Memphis, Tennessee in 2021.
Paige Whitted		Book / Travel Scholarship (\$500.00) 2025 Graduate of Briar Crest High School 2025 Freshman at Cincinnati University - Cincinnati, Ohio Major: <i>Broadcasting and Film</i> Special Activities / Passion: <i>Basketball</i> Favorite Quote: <i>"I've failed over and over and over in my life. And that is why I succeed."</i> <i>- Michael Jordan</i>
Kam'ren Crittenden Johnson		Book / Travel Scholarship (\$500.00) 2025 Graduate of Power Center Academy High School 2025 Freshman Middle Tennessee State University - Murfreesboro, Tennessee Major: <i>Computer Science</i> Special Activities: <i>Baseball and Music</i> Favorite Scripture: <i>Colossians 3:14</i> <i>"And above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness."</i>
Jaden Gaston		Book / Travel Scholarship (\$500.00) 2025 Graduate of Memphis Virtual School 2025 Freshman State Fair Community College (Lincoln University Campus) - Jefferson City, Missouri Major: Business Special Activities: Gaming / Developing / Designing Favorite Scripture: Phillipians 4:13 <i>"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."</i>

2025 Sponsors of the Ida Ballard Simon Memorial Golf Tournament



The Ida Ballard Simon (IBS) Memorial Scholarship Fund is grateful to Valero for its leadership and generosity as our Presenting Sponsor.

We're also grateful to and welcome our 2025 Corporate Sponsors (USA Debusk, Nike, Image Environmental, Inc, Grinder Haizlip, RepCon, Baker Hughes, SchoolSeed) and we remain grateful for the continuous support of Community Sponsors.

The partnership of Corporate Sponsors - *and* - Community Sponsors enabled the IBS Memorial Scholarship Fund to increase the total number of scholarship awardees as well as the dollar amount of each award.

Thank you for supporting the Ida Ballard Simon (IBS) Memorial Golf Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser!