

# Doris LaCour Leadership Award

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**ADVOCATES PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION**

We would like to present the APGA with our Doris LaCour Leadership Award, as our way of recognizing the impact that the APGA has had on the professional golf industry and the lives of minority golfers.

As the founding president of the TDTD Golf Club, Doris led the way in Los Angeles to encourage more women to learn golf. **Doris was also the driving force behind the naming of Maggie Hathaway Par 3 Golf Course - as her way of honoring Maggie Hathaway, a woman who led the charge in the 1950s to desegregate public municipal golf courses in Los Angeles.**

**In 1955, Chester Washington Golf Course became the first golf course in Los Angeles County to be desegregated.**

In 2008, when **Ken Bentley started the Advocates Professional Golf Association (APGA), the number of Black golfers on the Professional Golf Association (PGA) Tour could be counted on just one hand, or in reality, just one 'tiger paw'.** To address the inequality, Ken Bentley along with **Adrian Stills** (one of the last Black men to receive a PGA Tour card via the PGA Qualifying school) established the APGA Tour. In 2010, the majority of tournaments were held across the country at local municipal golf courses, like Chester Washington. As we fast forward to 2023, during the last few years, the APGA has grown exponentially. **There are (68) professional golfers on the tour and with the support of corporate partners, like the PGA, Farmers Insurance, Lexus, Cisco, and many others, the APGA has created a viable tour that is recognized as a 'pathway' to the PGA Tour.** This year is also the 2nd time that the final round of the Farmers Insurance/ APGA Tournament had a national broadcast via the Golf Channel network.

**Ken and the APGA Board also established the APGA Foundation to introduce golf and the career pathways within the golf world to inner-city kids.** For the past few years, the TDTD juniors, along with other junior golfers in the South Los Angeles County area have benefited from the generosity of the APGA Foundation through its Junior Golf clinics. For many of our children, the APGA Professionals that volunteer their time at the clinics, are the first Black Professional golfers that they have ever seen or had an opportunity to interact with - #YouCantBeWhatYouDontSee.

**By presenting the Doris LaCour Leadership Award to the APGA, the TDTD junior golf club wants to ensure that our junior golfers understand the 'sacrifices' that have been made by their elders to create a pathway on the road to becoming a professional golfer or a career professional in the golf industry.**



**Junior Presenters:  
Charles Watts III & Kourey Patterson**



**Pictured: TDTD Junior Golfers that participated in the APGA Career sessions and Essay competition**