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# PGA Members Ronny Glanton, Mark Blackburn and Dana Garmany Headline 2020 PGA of America National Award Recipients

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The PGA of America has announced its National Award recipients for 2020.

**Ronny Glanton, PGA**, the Head Professional at Sherrill Park Golf Course in Richardson, Texas, is the recipient of the 2020 PGA Golf Professional of the Year Award. This is the highest annual honor given to a PGA of America



Glanton has spent the past 35 years as Head Professional at Sherrill Park Golf Course, which is consistently ranked among the Top 10 municipal facilities. A PGA Member since 1984, he manages golf operations including rounds, Food and Beverage, teaching, property renovations and course maintenance for the over 300-acre facility. Glanton has created a culture that enables individuals from all walks of life to embrace the game in a welcoming environment.

The current Honorary President of the Northern Texas PGA Section (NTPGA), Glanton served as Section President from 2018-'19 and 2006-'07. He also served as District 12 Director for the PGA Board of Directors (2010-'12); Chairman of the PGA of America Associate Committee (2008-'09); and Chairman of the Tournament Committee (Member Events Only/2010-'14). Glanton played an integral role in the PGA Frisco project, which includes two 18-hole courses, the relocation of the PGA of America headquarters and a new headquarters for the NTPGA. An accomplished teacher, Glanton believes that golfers who establish good fundamentals from day one will enjoy the game for a lifetime.

Glanton is the first three-time recipient of the Section's PGA Golf Professional of the Year Award (1999, '07, '19). He also is a five-time NTPGA Bill Strausbaugh Award winner (2003, '04, '05, '08, '14) and was named the 1994 NTPGA Merchandiser of the Year - Public Category. An accomplished player, Glanton has competed in nine PGA Professional Championships; four Senior PGA Professional Championships; and seven AT&T Byron Nelson events on the PGA Tour.

**Mark Blackburn, PGA**, a 14-year PGA Member in the Alabama-NW Florida Section and Director of Instruction at Greystone Golf & Country Club in Birmingham, Alabama, is the recipient of the 2020 PGA Teacher & Coach of the Year Award for his "outstanding services as a golf teacher, innovator and coach."

A decorated PGA Member, Blackburn is a four-time Alabama-NW Florida Section PGA Teacher of the Year (2008-'10, '15) and two-time Alabama-NW Florida Section Horton Smith Award\* recipient (2011, '18). He is also one of *GOLF Magazine's* Top 100 Teachers and one of *Golf Digest's* 50 Best Teachers in America. His Blackburn Golf Academy develops and coaches juniors, club golfers, elite amateurs, college and professional clients from around the world. Among the many PGA Tour golfers taught by Blackburn are Chez Reavie, Kevin Chappell, Charley Hoffman, Mike Weir and Heath Slocum.

A native of England, Blackburn came to the United States in 1994 on a golf scholarship to the University of Southern Mississippi, where he was a letterman and team captain. Following college, he had aspirations of playing professionally, but inconsistencies and injuries led him down a new path, studying the golf swing, teaching theories and coaching philosophies. Those findings transitioned into Blackburn's "Coaching Codification" which applies a holistic, sport-science approach to teaching and coaching golfers.

He founded Blackburn Golf in 2000, and continues to work with golfers of all levels, focusing on each student's unique movement patterns to develop an efficient and repeatable technique for their desired ball flight. In conjunction with