Carleton women’s golf program is recognized for blending a competitive, rich golf experience with a world-class education. The Knights were nationally ranked the entire spring of the 2007–08 season, and sent their second straight qualifier to the NCAA Championships.

In its past two “College Golf Guides,” Golf Digest ranked Carleton’s program as one of the best in the country, regardless of division, in the magazine’s “Academics First” category, which recognize collegiate programs in which student-athletes can receive a top-notch education and be part of a competitive golf environment. The magazine also ranked Carleton in the top 20 percent of all programs in terms of player improvement. Carleton is one of only three programs nationally to earn the NGCA’s team academic award in each of the first three seasons of the award’s existence.

A golf career at Carleton can fulfill your dreams of improving as a player every day, playing in a competitive but fun environment, and not sacrificing your academic experience.

“What I like about Carleton’s team is the fact that we are small and very close. Each team member is supportive and brings fun to the team.”

MEGHAN GAJARE ’11, Kalamazoo, Mich.
“You feel a strong sense of community as soon as you step onto the Carleton campus. And on the team, it’s not just about playing golf. Some of the strongest memories I have are dinners we’ve eaten together after matches and van rides to and from tournaments. We take our golf seriously, but we make sure we’re having fun too.”

LOUISE BUCKLER ’11
Blaine, Minn.

“In addition to the opportunity to play a lot of golf, I was drawn to Carleton’s small size, academic prestige, and unique character. Carleton is a highly academic but very manageable school with an incredibly curious, diverse, and open-minded student body.”

LAURA KNUTSON ’11
Edina, Minn.

**SPRING BREAK**

Nearly every season, the Knights take a spring break trip to warmer locales, seeking top-flight competition and a chance to prepare for the spring season. Since 2007 Carleton has traveled to Jekyll Island, Ga., to practice and then compete in the Jekyll Island Collegiate event, one of the best Division III events in the country. The team had a chance to play at TPC Sawgrass (bottom photo) and survived the wildlife (far right). Team members enjoyed beautiful sunrises over the Atlantic Ocean, time on the beach, and exploring the island.
MEET THE COACH
The coaching staff at Carleton is focused on developing the entire golfer and helping each and every player to her fullest in becoming a well-rounded player and becoming the best she can possibly be.

Eric Sieger, the 2007–08 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Coach of the Year, took over the program in July 2001. In 2007–08 he led the Knights to their most successful season in program history. Nationally ranked the entire spring season, the Knights rose as high as 17th in the GolfWeek/NGCA Division III Coaches’ poll. Carleton didn’t lose to an unranked team the entire spring season, defeated three other ranked teams during the spring, and posted wins over three NCAA Championships team qualifiers. The Knights set new team records for 18-, 36-, and 54-hole totals and tallied five of the program’s top 12 single-round team scores during the season.

Sieger has led the Knights to their best MIAC Championships finishes in school history. An active member of the NGCA, Sieger is chair of the Division III awards committee and serves as a voter in the NGCA Division III top 25.

Sieger and his wife, Amanda, reside in Dundas with their son, Evan, and daughter, Marea.

A TYPICAL WEEK
Carleton, like most college golf programs, plays a split fall–spring season. The Knights play one of the best competitive schedules in Division III, typically missing only one day of class per academic term. Practices are tailored to each individual’s needs. Outstanding practice facilities are located within six blocks of campus and include a driving range and the Northfield Golf Club (pictured).

MONDAY: Short Game Drills/Driving Range
TUESDAY: Day Off
WEDNESDAY: Short Game/9 Holes
THURSDAY: Short Game Drills/Video Work
FRIDAY: Driving Range/9 Holes
SATURDAY–SUNDAY: Tournament (18 holes each day)
Facilities
Northfield Golf Club, located six blocks from the Carleton College campus, is the home course for the Knights’ men’s and women’s golf teams. Originally built in 1926, the course is one of the best-kept secrets in the region and has hosted major state events and also served as a U.S. Open qualifying site. The squad also utilizes a driving range near campus.

A mature course with large trees and fast, undulating greens, Northfield Golf Club is a true test of golf, forcing a player to hit a variety of shots during a round. Both Carleton’s men’s and women’s teams host home tournaments on this well-manicured course, which plays at more than 5,800 yards.

An indoor practice area, equipped with video camera and related computer software, is available for individual swing analysis during the school year.

Carleton’s on-campus athletic facilities include the Recreation Center, containing a field house with four multipurpose courts, and a fitness center with more than 80 exercise stations that are utilized by the team for conditioning and strength training.

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