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University Supporter to Carry Gardner-Webb Bag in Senior Amateur Championship

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. — Gardner-Webb University will be represented at a national golf championship tournament next month in California.

The University's name adorns the golf bag of Trip Boinest, a Cleveland County (N.C.) resident and longtime GWU golf program supporter who qualified Aug. 18 for the U.S. Senior Amateur Championship. Carrying a Gardner-Webb logo golf bag, Boinest shot a 69 at Duke University Golf Club in Durham, N.C., to qualify for the national tournament set to begin Sept. 13.

"I bought the bag several years ago at a charity auction to benefit a boy in Boiling Springs who battled cancer," Boinest shared. "It's the bag I'm using, so it will go with me. I support the Gardner-Webb golf team, and coach Tee Burton is a good friend."

Boinest is a staunch supporter of the GWU golf program and a regular participant in Runnin' Bulldogs events, Burton said. "I'm proud of him for qualifying for the U.S. Senior Amateur," Burton said. "He and I qualified for the U.S. Amateur one year and went to Pennsylvania to play in that tournament together. I've always appreciated his friendship and his support of GWU golf."

Boinest said he's long been a supporter of a variety of Gardner-Webb programs and initiatives, including the Joseph B. Freeman Educational Fund that supports graduating high school seniors entering college. Boinest, who worked for Freeman in the investments business, has served on the scholarship program's committee.

The amateur golfer said he's maintained a relationship with many Gardner-Webb faculty members, athletic coaches, and community members over the years. "Gardner-Webb is such a major positive piece of our community," Boinest offered. "Living in the community, you can't help but get involved with Gardner-Webb. I like to support the University, and I'm proud to carry a piece with me."

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University offers a comprehensive academic experience that introduces students to the diverse world of ideas and to the people who think them, preparing them for professional success and for productive citizenship.