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1st Annual Event to be Held at Deer Brook Golf Club on Aug. 15

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Gardner-Webb University Office of Alumni Relations and the GWU Bulldog Club will co-host a golf tournament next month at Deer Brook Golf Club in Shelby. The event will be held on Aug. 15 with a shotgun start planned at 1 p.m.

Dena Spangler serves as the director of alumni relations at Gardner-Webb, and she hopes the tournament will bring together both GWU alums and members of the community at large for a time of fun and fellowship. "When I look at other schools, I see such steep traditions," she shared. "Their alumni feel very attached to that university because of those traditions. This tournament is part of an effort to establish some new traditions that people can look forward to participating in each year. Events like this can help generate loyalty and love for GWU."

Proceeds from the golf tournament will benefit GWU's Office of Alumni Relations and the GWU Bulldog Club. Lunch is planned at Deer Brook from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and then players will proceed to their starting hole for the 1 p.m. shotgun start. Participants will enjoy competing in long-drive and closest-to-the-pin challenges and will even have a chance to win a new car with a par-3 hole-in-one prize sponsored by Nationwide Insurance.

"We hope this tournament—and other events like it—will make our alums feel like they are still a part of GWU, no matter where they have settled or landed in life," Spangler reflected. "Whether they live far away or within close proximity, we want alumni to feel engaged with, connected to, and proud of their alma mater."

The deadline to register for the tournament is Aug. 7. The cost to participate is \$300 per team, or \$75 per person. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. Individuals or businesses that would like to support the event can also donate online by visiting www.gardner-webb.edu/donate (select Alumni Relations).

The tournament is made possible in part by sponsorships from Nationwide Insurance and Fatz Café. For more information or to register, call 704-406-2586 or email alumni@gardner-webb.edu.

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leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).