



Julie VanEvery is Cayuga of the Turtle clan.

Her post secondary education took place in Barrie, Ontario at Georgian College. She recently graduated with honours from the three year Professional Golf Management Program. Choosing this co-op program required her to obtain employment within the golf industry. Julie is presently employed at Southern Pines Golf & Country Club in Mount Hope, Ontario for her third year.

For the 2008 season Julie will have the opportunity to incorporate her heritage into the Southern Pines pro shop while merchandising for the ladies wear and accessories. She plans on bringing in Native pieces to accent her chosen merchandise.

Attending university will be the next step of her post secondary education. She is planning to complete a business degree hoping that it will give her the knowledge and skills required to own and operate her own business.

A major accomplishment in her life occurred on August 23, 2007 when she successfully passed her Golf Playing Ability Test at Cambridge Golf & Country Club. Under stressful conditions she was able to pass, making her a fully carded member of the Canadian Professional Golf Association.

This accomplishment allows Julie to fulfill one of her longtime goals of becoming a golf instructor. Becoming a member of the C.P.G.A is definitely the most significant accomplishment for her to date. The next step for Julie is to play professional tournaments in Canada.

Major challenges that she experienced while pursuing her post secondary education were things such as **time and money management** as well as altered living conditions.

Time management was crucial in assuring assignments were completed within deadlines, as well as being able to plan time to travel home for a visit.

Budgeting money was an experience. Being a new student she didn't realize the costs of parking passes and that bills could add up so quickly. On top of everything else she had to buy food, gas etc. All budgeting was much more complex than she had first anticipated.

Living away from home was also a major challenge that Julie needed to overcome and adjust to. Having roommates was trying at times, as well as getting comfortable with a new much larger city.

As an Onkwehon:we person Julie strongly values her family and friends. **Strong family values** have helped guide her through her education. All those that surround her give her support to continue her education away from home.

Being a golf professional the opportunities for contributions to the Six Nations community are

numerous. There are many ideas that she has to contribute in many different ways. She would really like to see more youth and junior golfers come from Six Nations, therefore she will offer camps and clinics to golfers of all skill levels. She also sees herself contributing her services to local charities and fundraisers. Six Nations hosts many fundraising golf tournaments for many different teams and organizations. A great prize for a charity golf tournament could be a free golf lesson. Other forms of contribution could be volunteering. She has been **brought up** by her family **to be thankful**, and so she plans to show gratitude to her community.

Julie knows that making decisions are not easy and it is very important to choose wisely based on your own likes and personality, not necessarily what will make the most money. Because she chose a career that is a passion of hers, it doesn't seem like a job but something she enjoys doing. Julie enjoys her career and waking up to go to the golf course everyday. **Choosing a career you love will seem less like a job!**