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Honda Classic preps students for golf career

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PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL (WFLX) - The Honda Classic is underway, but it's not just the players who are the professionals needed for this PGA Tournament to continue growing.

"We prepare them for a career in the golf industry," said Brian Hughes. "Some of them want to be swing coaches, instructors, general managers. They have a passion for golf, and they want to do something in the industry."

Brian Hughes and John McMurry instruct at [Keiser University's College of Golf in Port St. Lucie](#).

"We offer a science degree in golf management, and we also a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management with a concentration in golf management," John McMurry said. In fact, this is the only school offering this degree in South Florida.

Wednesday's class was about learning how The Honda Classic runs from the inside out. "We have a lot of students here volunteering here today, working the tournament," Hughes explained.

Founded in 2010, they started with 12 students. Today, nearly 200 are enrolled in the program. "We take them in one door and out the other and get their career started," said Hughes.

Graduates are now putting their degree to action. "They're working at golf courses of various levels all around the country, so we're a destination school. They come in from all over the country, and they go back and work at various places."