



RODNEY BRUNSON

Rodney Brunson (Founder & Executive Director). Graduate from North Carolina A&T State University (1986-1990). Former Student–Athlete: Football Athlete from 1986-1990. Playing Golf since 1996.

Major: Received Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Education-1990, received Master Degree from Strayer University-2012 in Education Management.

First Tee Golf Coach: On coaching staff since 2010

Father of two kids: Jasmine and Joshua Brunson, one enrolled in Univ. of N.C @ Charlotte (Junior), other : Senior @ Dudley High School, Greensboro, N.C.

Business owner: Triad Blind Cleaning . 1998-current and Executive Director of Brunson Invitational Scholarship Fund.

BRUNSON INVITATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Vision: The Brunson Invitational Golf Scholarship Fund is to financially assist college students who are struggling in their pursuit of a college degree.

Mission: The Brunson Invitational Golf Scholarship Fund’s mission is to positively impact the lives of inner-city youth through golf instruction, training and exposure. These enriching opportunities will help support young kids’ thirst for knowledge and their desire to make a difference in the world.

The **Brunson Invitational Golf Scholarship Fund** founded in 2000 by Rodney Brunson. Mr. Brunson created the organization after seeing and witnessing financially challenged college students struggle to obtain their college degree due to lack of resources and scholarship opportunities. Mr. Brunson and other avid golfers who love the game decided to make a difference. As former students and athletes, we understood the struggle that these students go through. We inspired our fellow golfing peers and other classmates to have a golf tournament during the North Carolina A&T State University’s Homecoming weekend. This golfing event has existed since 2000 but the organization has awarded scholarships since 2007. While every year since 2007, we have expanded that weekend to more events and activities that have benefited not only scholarships but exposing the game to our youth.

Typically, we have 4 events in 3 days. Starting with: Our annual **Brunson Invitational Youth Golf Clinic**: This event brings out an average of 15-20 kids from ages of 7-16. We have 2-3 golf instructors that offer golf instruction for about an hour. We go over **Putting, Chipping and Full swing**. These kids' receive a gift bag and dinner that is provided by one of our sponsor's, either pizza or Mexican restaurant. Time frame: 4-6pm-Thursday evening. On Thursday night: We have a "**Meet and Greet**": This event is open for alumni's, golfers, etc. We welcome the participants from the golf tourney and wish everybody "Happy Homecoming" and welcome to this year's Brunson Invitational Golf Tournament! Time Frame: 9pm-12am. On Friday Morning (day of the golf tourney- **The Brunson Invitational Golf Tournament**), we have our annual golf tournament that brings out an average of 50-60 golfers every year. Golfers' play in a stroke play event , receive a nice gift bag, complimentary cigars, prizes, awards and a Fish Fry reception dinner afterwards. We present 1-2 scholarships to the recipients at the reception and allow them to speak at the reception and meet the golfers. They volunteer their time with running the event, registration, putting out golf signs, parking, cleanup, etc. Time Frame: 9am-3pm.

On Friday nite: We have our annual "**Brunson Invitational Social**". We reserve a banquet room that brings out an average of 100-125 guest. The social has live music, food served, door prizes and we also recognize the scholarship recipients for those that weren't able to attend the golf tournament.

Saturday morning: Tailgating on University's campus. We highlight our golf champion, scholarship recipient(s) and serve food during the game that serves golfers, volunteers and alumni.

Future Programs: 2-3 golf camps during the year. Offer indoor and outdoor instruction to our youth. These camps will offer mentoring sessions that focus on life-enhancing skills that will be essential for the development of our youth through golf. We will focus on inner-city youth that lack access to the game. Male and Female Participants!!

Golf Clinics : Held in spring, fall and summer sessions. Ages 7-16 @ 1 week each.

Annual Youth Par 3 Golf Tournament: This will highlight the youth skills in Putting, Chipping and Full Swing. The youth will demonstrate knowledge of rules, and life-enhancing skills. Scholarship opportunities will be available, prizes and dinner.

1-2 more golf tournaments during the year: Format: 2man best ball, Father/Son event, local HBCU Golf Tourney. These events will benefit the scholarship fund.

Annual Christmas Event: Highlighting the year and scholarships awarded for the year. Anticipate to give out 10-12 scholarships per year.

Educational Social events: Honor and recognize African-American Heroics in the game of golf that have made a difference in the lives of the youth and the game of golf!