

Kevin Hall

It takes courage to reach for the sky...



St. Rita Graduate 2000

Ohio State Graduate 2005

Professional Golfer

Kevin Hall is well known for his success on the golf course. He has won junior tournaments, the Met's silver trophy, and Big Ten Championships in record fashion. He has even played on Tiger Woods' team. But for someone who says the sky is the limit, these accomplishments serve only as reminders of what is possible. Kevin has his sights set on becoming a full-time player on the PGA Tour, and you better believe it's more than just possible.

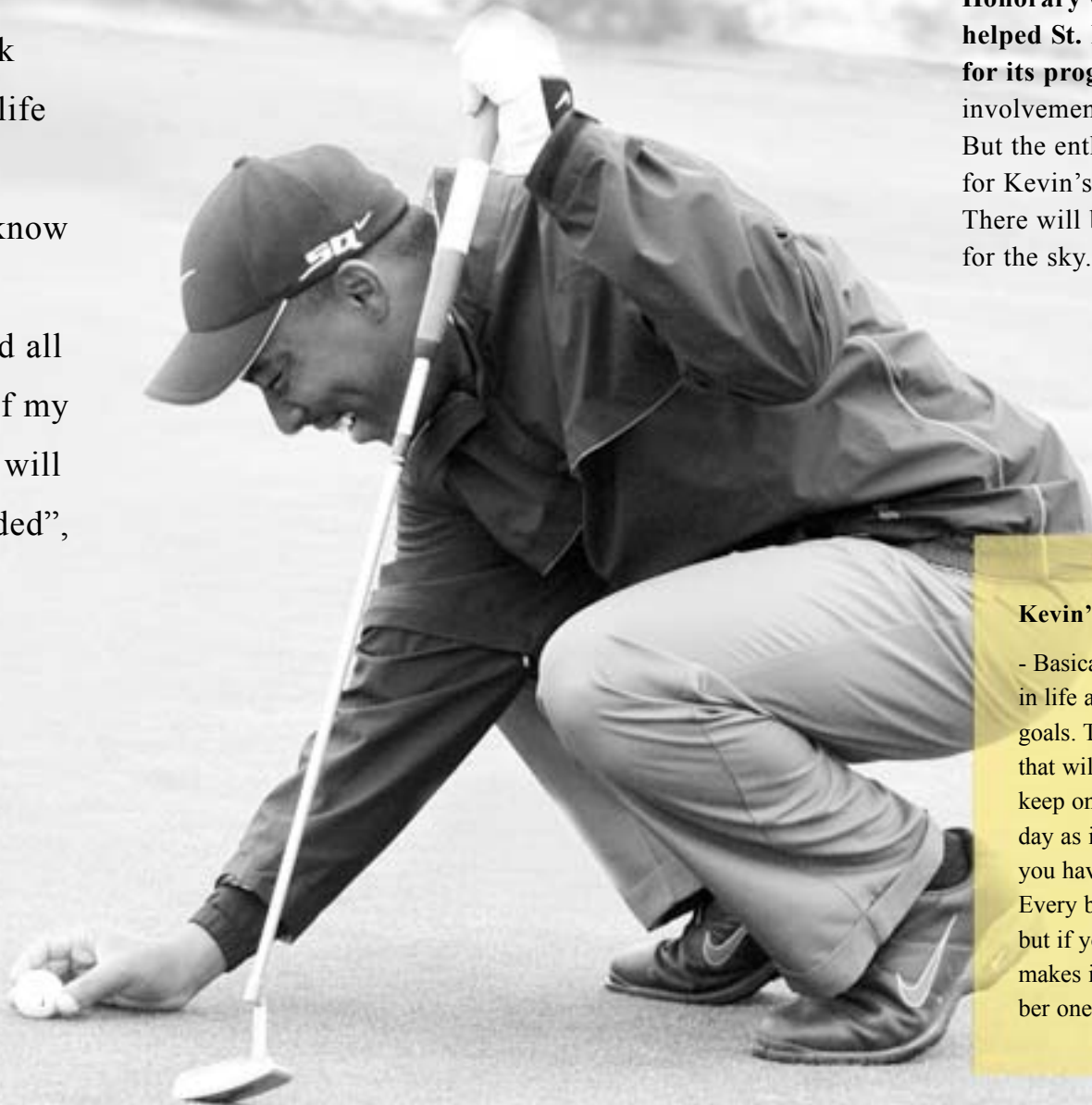
As a young student at St. Rita School for the Deaf, Kevin was encouraged to believe in himself. He says he received the best education possible at St. Rita School. "It was just the best environment. I was surrounded by dedicated staff who had a wealth of knowledge that they were kind enough to share with me and the other kids." Kevin also credits his success on and off the golf course to his faith in God, which was instilled in him by his parents and St. Rita School. Kevin says, "As long as you have faith, you can do pretty much anything. My favorite bible verse is, *I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength.* Phil 4:13"

Something Kevin will never forget...

- English class my freshman year at St. Rita School. At that point I had always made A's in my classes and was a little bit cocky. I slacked off a little bit but I still expected to get an A in the end. Well, my teacher knew how good a student I was and did not say anything to me the entire quarter. At the end of the quarter, we had our final exams and she walked up to me and said... "Kevin, I want to congratulate you on a job well done this quarter. (at this point I was smiling) I want to present you with a grade of D for this quarter. Congratulations again." Man, I was shocked. I was upset. Then she said, "If you want to make something out of yourself in life, you have to keep working hard for it. You can never take anything for granted. Ever." And I never forgot those words. I Never got a D again either.

At age two, Kevin lost his hearing and almost his life to H-flu Meningitis, but Kevin says that God gave him a second chance at life and he's not going to waste any minute of it. Kevin has a clear definition of success.

“If I can look back on my life and have no regrets and know that I have accomplished all the desires of my heart, then I will have succeeded”, says Kevin.



Success to Kevin also means improving the lives of others, which he continues to do by supporting the students at St. Rita School for the Deaf. **Kevin served as the Honorary Chairman at this year's Golf Marathon and helped St. Rita School raise over ten thousand dollars for its programs.** We can't thank Kevin enough for his involvement and for his enthusiasm for St. Rita School. But the enthusiasm goes both ways, as we wait eagerly for Kevin's next success story on and off the golf course. There will be no settling for average. Kevin is reaching for the sky.

Kevin's advice to deaf kids...

- Basically to make up your mind what you want to do in life and make a gameplan for it so you can reach your goals. There will be people or obstacles along the way that will try to steer you off path. Ignore them and just keep on keeping on. Live one day at a time, live each day as if it was your last. Take advantage of the time you have here on earth because each minute is very rare. Every breath you take is very special. Life is not easy but if you put all your heart into it one day at a time, it makes it that much sweeter in the end. Always remember one thing, NEVER GIVE UP!!!