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#### Maria Horning, Lead Moderator

Maria's athletic journey began on the baseball field, competing alongside her brother and fueling a lifelong passion for sports. She later excelled in basketball, softball, and ultimately found her calling in volleyball in 7th grade. At Eastern University, Maria became a four-time All-American setter, four-time Middle Atlantic Conference Player of the Year, and two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American, helping lead her team to the NCAA Final Four in her senior year.

Today, Maria is a leadership development consultant who designs and facilitates impactful workshops, retreats, and courses that shape leaders of character around the world. She's driven by a passion for fostering growth, connection, and team cohesion—believing that strong relationships are the foundation for transformative change.



#### **Coach Anne Walker, Executive Panelist**

Anne Walker, who was named the Margot and Mitch Milias Director of Women's Golf in 2012, has established herself as one of the premier college coaches in the country. In addition to leading the Cardinal to its first three NCAA titles in school history (2015, 2022, 2024), Walker has mentored some of the most recognizable names in the sport.

Stanford has enjoyed unprecedented team and individual success under Walker. The Cardinal has qualified for the NCAA Championships in all 13 possible seasons during Walker's tenure, including eight appearances in the national semifinals, and has earned the distinction of being the only program in the country to reach the NCAA match play quarterfinal stage in all 10 seasons of the current format.

A three-time WGCA National Coach of the Year (2015, 2022, 2024) and four-time Pac-12 Coach of the Year (2015, 2021-22, 2024), Walker has captured 51 full-field

victories and has produced 37 All-Americans during her tenure at Stanford. Stanford has had at least one first-team All-American in all 13 seasons with Walker at the helm.









#### **Beatriz Duenas, Executive Panelist**

Beatriz Duenas is the Pan America Region Assistant General Counsel of Acer America, one of the world's top information and communication technology companies. With a presence in over 160 countries, Acer enables a connected world where hardware, software and services fuse with one another. She counsels the company on contract, real estate, commercial and litigation matters. Her Spanish and Portuguese language skills equip her to counsel the company across North and South America.

Before joining Acer, Beatriz empowered small community businesses in the Bay Area that did not qualify for traditional financing through her work at Legal Services for Entrepreneurs. Her personal commitments to paving ways for economic justice and to connecting small business owners with financial and legal resources are evident in her community involvement and volunteer experiences. Beatriz started her legal career at the law firm of Heller Ehrman

where she developed her corporate practice. She is a graduate of Stanford Law School, and earned a Master's Degree in Latin American Studies and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science at Stanford University.

An Oakland native and lifetime resident of the East Bay, Beatriz is passionate about effecting local change in the Bay Area through work and community service. In her free time, she enjoys hiking local trails, gardening, working out and continuing her mission to visit all MLB baseball parks in the US with her family.



## Heather Bresnahan, Executive Panelist & Facilitator

A Senior Global Marketing Leader with a proven track record of delivering impactful business results at top-tier companies including eBay, Microsoft, Nordstrom & Omnicom Media Group. With a passion for both the art and science of brand and performance marketing, Heather combines strategic vision with operational rigor and innovation to drive sustainable growth within a trusted measurement framework.

Recognized as a dynamic change agent, Heather excels in leading breakthrough initiatives and building cultures that balance creativity with accountability. Known for blending natural enthusiasm with sharp objectivity, Heather sees

challenges as opportunities and inspires teams to achieve ambitious goals.









#### April Kyrkos, Executive Panelist & Facilitator

April Kyrkos is the chief operating officer of Brighton Jones, one of the nation's fastest growing and most innovative wealth management companies. With a personal mission to help people thrive, she has empowered organizations and teams across various industries, including sports, marketing, and technology.

At Brighton Jones, April drives the execution of company strategies and ensures that resources are aligned with the firm's mission to help clients, colleagues, and the global community live richer lives. Her leadership is rooted in her core values: grit, love, joy, wonder, authenticity, and optimism.

April's diverse background includes serving as chief marketing officer for the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games and as an early hire for NHL Seattle, through which she helped to bring professional hockey to her hometown. She has also led engineering, marketing, and product teams at a conversational AI company and worked closely with professional athletes and prominent brands at a sports marketing startup. April holds an MBA from the University of Washington's Foster School of Business.

Beyond her professional achievements, April is passionate about physical fitness, sports, the outdoors, and community service. If she's not coaching soccer or spending time with her family, you'll find her working out, getting outdoors, or leading initiatives through the Seattle Sports Commission Foundation.

April is dedicated to aligning her time and resources with her values and passions to make a positive impact on the world.



#### Lailani Africa, Facilitator

Lailani is a songwriter, sound healing, and reiki practitioner dedicated to helping others on their healing journeys. Through her practice, Flow State Sound Healing & Arts, she mentors women and girls to nurture their creativity and find their voice through sound, reiki and oracle readings. She works with clients from high-performance executives to musicians, helping them find rest and lead with more presence. As a vetted wellness practitioner with Backline.care, she joins their mission to create a safer and supportive music industry. In her role as a travel and project coordinator at Acer, Lailani integrates wellness and volunteerism into her work. By embracing a holistic approach to her own professional and personal wellbeing, she hopes to inspire others to do the same.









#### Andrea Brenholz, Facilitator

Andrea Brenholz is the CEO and President of ATR International, a workforce solutions partner with over 37 years of experience helping clients in high-impact industries build and scale their teams. A lifelong golfer, she is deeply passionate about her work with First Tee Silicon Valley, where she helps young golfers develop confidence, character, and life skills through the sport she loves. Recognized as a HITEC 100 Award recipient and a Global Power 150 Woman in Staffing, Andrea brings the same dedication and leadership to both her community and her industry, empowering others through opportunity and mentorship.



#### Tracy Cone, Facilitator

Tracy Cone has been a dedicated volunteer coach at FTSV since 2019 and currently serves as the varsity girls golf coach at Mountain View High School. A former collegiate golfer at Arizona State University, she was a member of two NCAA Championship teams and later competed for four years on the LPGA Futures Tour. Golf has always been an important part of her life, and she finds it deeply rewarding to share her passion for the game with younger athletes.



#### Olalla Duffy, Facilitator

Olalla has been an avid outdoor enthusiast since childhood. She has a special passion for rock climbing. In her spare time, she hosts Women's Climb nights at her local gym where she can share her joy of the sport with other women and girls. Finding and building community through climbing and wilderness access has been a lifelong endeavor. Off the wall and in the office, Olalla is a proud member of the Acer team and works as a Partner Marketing Specialist.









#### Angelina Huang, Facilitator

Angelina Huang is a sophomore at Stanford with a deep commitment to making golf more accessible and helping kids, especially beginners, discover the game. She currently serves as a Life Skills Assistant Coach with First Tee Silicon Valley, where she empowers young athletes to grow both on and off the course. Angelina also coached at the Girls Golf Clinic in May 2025. Her mission is to help the next generation of golfers, particularly young women, build confidence, leadership, and a love for the game. With multiple D1 full-ride and D3 offers, Angelina is passionate about teaching the mental strategies that lead to peak performance. Angelina is also the author of I Want to Play College Golf, where she shares the journeys and insights from 15 golfers' journeys, all focused on their stories and tips for the next generation of golfers.



#### April Kenyon, Facilitator

April brings over 25 years of senior management experience in operations and human resources. As Executive Director of The First Tee of the East Bay, a nationally recognized non-profit youth development organization, she oversaw all fiscal and program operations. In that role, she implemented board policies, evaluated program effectiveness, and delivered strategic reports to the Board of Directors.

Today, April is an accomplished executive and leadership development coach. She has successfully partnered with both emerging and experienced leaders to strengthen their ability to connect with others, lead with clarity, and navigate complex organizational challenges.

She holds a B.A. in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from San Francisco State University and completed the Organizational Coaching Certificate program at John F. Kennedy University. April is also a Certified Executive and Leadership Coach through CTI and a Professional Certified Coach through International Coaching Federation.









#### Ysabelle Lam, Facilitator

Ysabelle Lam is an Engineering Program Manager at Intel, where she leads crossfunctional teams and drives innovation with precision and purpose. Outside of work, Ysabelle enjoys staying active by playing sports, especially golf, and giving back to the community. Back in 2023, her passions led her to become a volunteer with First Tee Silicon Valley, where she had the opportunity to mentor participants at multiple Girl's Golf events, Tournaments, and Course/Practice classes during the regular season. Both at work and at FTSV, Ysabelle's goal is to inspire others to lead with authenticity and to believe in the power of their voice and vision.



#### Maggie Oys, Facilitator

As an Assistant Director of Annual Giving for Stanford Athletics, Maggie leads fundraising campaigns that raise money to directly support Stanford student-athletes through scholarships and critical resources like nutrition, travel, academic advising, athletic performance and training, sports psychology, and equipment. She is passionate about providing the best comprehensive student-athlete experience possible. Maggie played water polo at Santa Clara University, enjoys open-water swimming, and is a Valkyries season-ticket holder!



#### Tiffany Sparks, Facilitator

Tiffany Sparks has worked in marketing, communications and partner management in the semiconductor industry for more than 20 years, at leading companies such as Intel, Arm, and Synopsys. Before that, she worked in sports journalism, both in print and TV covering a range of sports. Golf is something that came to Tiffany later in life, as she started to play regularly about 5 years ago. She became involved as an ambassador for First Tee Silicon Valley two years ago, as she passionately believes in the principles of FTSV and how life lessons taught here help students well beyond the golf course.









#### Diane Vu, Facilitator

Diane serves as the HR Director for Acer America, bringing over 20 years of experience in shaping dynamic work environments. She is an expert in leadership coaching and talent development, focused on fostering a corporate culture where individuals and teams can thrive. Her work extends beyond her role as she previously led the Women of Xilinx ERG, a group dedicated to empowering women and providing them with the tools for career advancement. In her personal time, Diane spends her spare time cultivating succulents and leading volunteer efforts for non-profits like Second Harvest, Loaves & Fishes, and City Team to fight hunger and poverty.



#### Dr. Sonali Wason, Facilitator

Dr. Sonali Wason earned her PsyD in Clinical Psychology from Azusa Pacific University and has extensive experience supporting student well-being in college counseling centers and athletic departments. Prior to beginning her tenure at Stanford Dr. Wason was a co-owner of Advantage Mental Performance, a private practice in Los Angeles specializing in mental health and performance work with athletes and performers. Currently, Dr. Wason serves as the Assistant Director of Sport Psychology for Stanford Athletics, where she provides individual mental health care and performance support to varsity student-athletes. She also facilitates team workshops on relationship building, team culture, and performance strategies, and leads department-wide wellness programming and outreach initiatives. Her work emphasizes both personal resilience and collective growth, empowering athletes to thrive on and off the field.

