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Golf prodigy saluted

12-year-old cited as example to youths

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Special to My Life

Bria' Sanders, a 12-year-old Memphis golfer who qualified for the U.S. Kids Golf World Championship in 2007, is featured and saluted on 750,000 McDonald's restaurants tray liners currently being distributed as part of their 2008 Black History Month celebration.

"We selected Bria' because she is a shining example of a young person who is working hard to reach their full potential," said BMOA Atlanta Region president Vicki Phelps-Chancellor. "The Black McDonald's Operator Association, BMOA, is saluting Bria' during Black History Month because she participated in our Wheels of Dreams Bus Program, BMOA Celebrity Golf Classic, has a 4.0 grade-point average and gives back to her community as a role model for youth."

"Bria', who was born in Atlanta, is just one of the more than 7,000 students who have benefited from the BMOA Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation and the Wheels of Dreams Bus Program that provides positive options to gangs, drugs and violence," said Chancellor.

Accomplishments and honors for Bria' Sanders:

- 2007 Tennessee Youth Achievement Award from Gov. Phil Bredesen.
- 2007 Tiger Woods Foundation National Junior Golf Team, the first Memphis school student to achieve this distinction.

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The BMOA Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation Celebrity Golf Classic Salutes Bria' Sanders of Memphis Tennessee who qualified for the U.S. Kids Golf World Championship in 2007.

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Rylee Armstrong
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The BMOA thanks our sponsors for their support of the Wheels of Dreams Bus program and their participation in the Eighth Annual BMOA Wheels of Dreams Celebrity Golf Classic. With the support of our sponsors the Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation has provided more than 7,000 youth in metro Atlanta innovative programs designed to help them reach their full potential.

The Wheels of Dreams Youth Foundation is a non-profit 501 (C) (3) organization. We provide free supplemental educational programs for youth that focus on entrepreneurial ideas, computer skills, mentors, career, family life, money management, college scholarship opportunities, how to make healthy eating and exercise part of their daily life. Visit www.bmoawheelsofdreams.org to find out how you can help young people succeed in life and help them to push back on the negative influences of gangs, drugs and violence.

Junior golfer Bria' Sanders is saluted by Black McDonald's Operator Association for her achievements.

■ 2006-07 Player of the Year; TN Golf Assoc. Junior Golf Tour and first African American.

■ Bria' is honorary chairman for Michah's Children Foundation Golf Classic, Houston.

■ 2007 Golf Highlights — won 13 of 22 tournaments with eight other top 10 finishes; qualified for the U.S. Kids World Golf Championships held at Pinehurst, N.C.; qualified for the Calloway Golf

Jr. World Golf Championships in San Diego; three-time defending champion David Wall Jr. Invitational, Blackshere, Ga.; won the Memphis Junior Masters; finished 2007 ranked No. 1 on the TN Golf Association Junior Golf Tour.

Currently Bria' is ranked No. 1 on the U.S. Junior Golf Tour — Girls Rising Stars Division.

Bria' was featured in Memphis

Sport Magazine, The Commercial Appeal, Skirt Magazine and is featured in Memphis Health and Fitness Magazine in 2007.

Visit briasanders.org and bmoawheelsofdreams.org for information.

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