

GOLF'S GREATEST LIVING AMBASSADOR

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN A STRUGGLE FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE GAME

RENEE POWELL

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER

INTERNATIONAL GOLF AMBASSADOR

CHAMPION FOR VETERANS

SOCIAL CHANGE PATRIOT



Dr. Powell is one of the most celebrated, resilient and persevering athletes of our time.

Raised on the East Canton, Ohio golf course built by her father, William "Bill" Powell, during times of racial adversity and segregation, Renee learned early on what it meant to excel against the odds.

SPEAKING TOPICS

Resiliency // Women's Empowerment
Keys to Athletic Success // Will to Succeed
Golf Clinics // Custom Speech Packages

REVIEWS

Renee Powell has proven herself to be an outstanding speaker whether in small group presentations or in a larger context. Her vivacious personality and passion for her subject comes through in her ability to share her experiences in an effective and knowledgeable manner with a feeling of commonality with her audiences.

– Dr. Anthony Parker, Golf Historian

Renee is an icon. Her story, her demeanor, her enthusiasm, and generosity of spirit uplift everyone who encounters them, and the University is proud to name this new student hall of residence after her – in recognition for her inspiration in the diversity of golf.

– Sally Mapstone, Principal and Vice-Chancellor University of St. Andrews

Renee Powell is not only an outstanding golfer but an amazing human being. Her efforts to diversify the game of golf are absolutely unparalleled. Anyone afforded the opportunity to attend her presentations will leave with a true sense of what it means to excel against the odds.

– Dominic Antenucci, Former Executive Director, Northern Ohio PGA Section

Renee is an accomplished professional golfer, business woman, and trailblazer. She is a gifted speaker and will mesmerize audiences with her eloquent speaking prowess and her tremendous ability to be relevant to all audiences. Her many accomplishments, stories, and background will give your clients, customers and guests the inspiration and motivation to strive for more in their individual and work pursuits.

– Suzy Whaley, Past President, PGA of America

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 1989 Inductee, **Ohio Women's Hall of Fame**
- 1990 Inductee, **Stark County Women's Hall of Fame**
- 1991 Recipient, **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major for Justice Award** (Presented by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference)
- 1992 **National Golf Foundation – Jack Nicklaus Golf Family of the Year**
- 1995 **Established Renee Powell Youth Golf Camp Cadre Program**
100% Wrong Club – Hall of Fame Award
- 1998 **Card Walker Award – PGA Tour**
Woodholme Foundation Legend Award
- 1999 **Budget Service Award** (Presented by LPGA and Club Professional Division)
Honorary Member, LPGA Teaching and Club Professional Division
- 2001 **Unsung Hero Award – Congressional Black Caucus Spouses**
- 2002 Recipient, **Executive Women's Golf Association Leadership Award**
- 2002 **Black Women in Sports Foundation – Legend Award**
- 2003 **PGA First Lady of Golf Award** (Presented by the PGA of America)
Inductee, **Northern Ohio PGA Hall of Fame (First female member)**
African American Sports Hall of Fame – Trailblazer Award
- 2004 **W.O. Walker, Call & Post Newspaper – Community Excellence Award**
- 2006 Inductee, **National Black Golf Hall of Fame**
- 2007 **William and Renee Powell, Inductees, Ohio Golf Hall of Fame**
LPGA Rolex for the Love of the Game Award
- 2008 **Honorary Doctor of Laws (L.L.D.), St. Andrews University** (First female golfer honored in 600-year history of Scottish institution)
Black Women in Sports Foundation – Legend Award
- 2009 **Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce Community Salute Award** (for Clearview Golf Club)
Trainor Award (Duramed FUTURES Tour)
- 2010 **Top 50 Female Teaching Professionals, Golf Digest**
Honorary Doctor of Public Service, University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Making A Difference Sarah Care Way Award
- 2012 **ATHENA International Leadership Award** (Honoring career of community outreach)
Top 50 Female Teaching Professionals, Golf Digest (Ranked No.10)
- 2013 Inductee, **Stark County Amateur Golf Hall of Fame**
Diversity Initiative Award (Presented by Coming Together Stark County, honoring Clearview HOPE, serving women veterans through golf)
Original Tee Golf Classic – True Original Award
- 2014 **Pioneers of the LPGA Award, LPGA Founders Cup** (Honored with Kathy Whitworth)
- 2015 **Ike Grainger Award**, United States Golf Association (In recognition of 25 years of volunteer service to the USGA)

Honorary Member, **Royal & Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrews, Scotland** (One of seven women to become first female members in 260-year-old history of the R&A)
- 2016 Recipient, **Women of Power Legacy Award** (Presented by BLACK ENTERPRISE, Hollywood, Florida)
- 2017 **PGA of America Hall of Fame**
- 2018 Honored by **University of St. Andrews** as the first American to have a residence hall in her name – **Renee Powell Hall**

Inductee (with William Powell), **Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame**
- 2019 **Elected first At-Large Director, PGA Board of Directors**

Old Tom Morris Award – Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (Presented to the William Powell family)

Recipient, **Women's Sport Museum 2019 Trailblazer**
- 2020 Recipient, **Metropolitan Golf Writers Association Distinguished Service Award**

Recipient, **Charlie Bartlett Award**, Golf Writers Association of America

Recipient, **Donald Ross Award**, American Society of Golf Course Architects

Honoree, **Renee Powell LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Fund** – annual grants have been established through the LPGA Foundation to LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Programs who serve African American communities

Recipient, **LPGA Ellen Griffin Rolex Award**

Named **Captain, 2021 United States Junior Solheim Cup Team**

Recipient, **2020 Northern Ohio PGA Patriot Award**

Black Heritage Celebration Award (Presented by Cleveland Cavaliers)
- 2021 Recipient, **Northern Ohio PGA Golf Professional of the Year** (First woman recipient of Section's highest honor)
- 2022 Inaugural Recipient, **Charlie Sifford Award presented by Southern Company for Advancing Diversity in the Game of Golf** (Presented at World Golf Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony)

The Junior League of Stark County Woman of the Year (Presented in 2023)
- 2023 **Christian Business League – Business Trailblazer Award**

Inductee, **The Ohio State University Athletics Hall of Fame**

Inductee, **Greater Cleveland Area Sports Hall of Fame**

Honoree, **Central Catholic High School Library Wing**, Canton, Ohio
- 2024 Recipient, **Lifetime Achievement Award**, Greater Cleveland Sports Commission (First woman recipient)



CLEARVIEW GOLF CLUB

"Golf for everyone"

When William "Bill" Powell encountered racial discrimination on the golf course after returning home from World War II, he decided to build his own place to play the sport he loved. With the help of his wife, Marcella, and his children, Bill Powell designed and carved nine holes out of farmland, building – by hand – while working nights as a security guard. He opened Clearview to the public in 1948, and in 1978 expanded the course to 18 holes. **The only course ever designed, built, owned and operated by an African-American**, Clearview was named a National Historic Site by the U.S. Department of the Interior in 2001.

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Very few people, if any, can match Renee's unique blend of knowledge, experience, and overwhelming compassion. She has literally "led" every day of her life - breaking barriers, changing stereotypes, and creating life-long friends in everything she does! I'm honored to call Renee a member, a pioneer, and a friend.

– Michael Whan, CEO, United States Golf Association; former LPGA Tour Commissioner