

FOUR DIVISION CHAMPIONS RETURN TO DEFEND TITLES AT 23rd PGA MINORITY COLLEGIATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Editor's Note: The debut broadcast of the 2009 highlight show on Golf Channel will air on Thursday, July 9 at 7:30 pm ET. Additional airing times will be released at a later date.

Four division champions return for the 23rd edition of the PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship, May 8-10, at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

The 2008 men's and women's teams from Bethune-Cookman University, and Division II Champion Fayetteville State University look to defend their titles against tough competition. The women's team from Bethune-Cookman University and Fayetteville State University will be making a bid to win a fourth straight crown.

Sara Young, a senior at Florida State University, is the defending champion in the Independent Women's Division and will also look to defend her title this year.

Amit Odaiyar of Florida Atlantic University, who finished in second place overall in the Independent Men's Division in 2008, will look to build on his solid finish.

A total of 38 colleges and universities are scheduled to participate in the three-day competition that will be contested on the Tom Fazio-designed Ryder and Wanamaker Courses.

The 54-hole, stroke-play Championship will consist of four divisions: NCAA Men's Division I and II, and NAIA Mens and Womens. In addition, there is an Individual Invitational competition for minority Men and Women contestants. The Individual Invitational is open to collegiate golfers who are African-American, Hispanic-American, Native or Alaskan American, Asian or Pacific Island American.

The Championship is being staged for the 12th consecutive year at the PGA Golf Club.