

Malachi Knowles

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Malachi Knowles has had a passion for golf since he was 10 years old. All through elementary and high school, he worked as the “shag boy” at Everglades Country Club in Palm Beach, Florida. He later attended Morgan State College in Baltimore, Maryland, a school that originally did not offer a golf program. Working with the athletic director, he helped establish a golf team that he captained for three years before graduating with a BA degree in 1963.

After attending Morgan State, Malachi became the first African American to graduate with a masters of regional and city planning degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1965. From 1965 to 1991, he held several executive and policy-making positions with the government

After returning to Riviera Beach, Florida, in 1993, Malachi founded Inner City Youth Golfers', Inc., with the mission of providing a combination of education and golf to provide positive aspects of life to young people. The organization has since received significant recognition for its outstanding contributions to the community.

In April 2004, Malachi founded the African American Golfers Hall of Fame. He also founded the African American Collegiate & Youth Golfers Hall of Fame as a way to provide role models for future generations of young golfers.



Malachi continues to win numerous awards and citations for his community work, which takes him across the United States and abroad. When not traveling, he enjoys playing golf with his wife, Essie, at Bear Lakes Country Club in West Palm Beach, Florida.