

Blake helps lead Gulf Coast to national title

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Colby Blake of Tylertown, a 2016 Parklane Academy graduate, was part of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community college team that won the school's first NJCAA Division II national championship in the sport.

Gulf Coast, which has made the NJCAA national golf tournament for the past 12 years, defeated 20 teams from around the country in the four-day tournament, held at Glen Lakes Golf Course in Foley, Ala.

The Bulldogs started the final day, May 24, six strokes behind tournament leader Parkland College of Illinois, but a 9-under par team score swept Gulf Coast to the title.

Blake is the son of Jim and Terri Blake of Tylertown. He completed his final year at Gulf Coast with three top-five tournament finishes and five more top-10 finishes and five more top-10 finishes. Golfstat ranked him No. 14 among NJCAA Division II golfers.

He was a semi-finalist for the Jack Nicklaus Award presented by Barbasol, honorable mention for the Ping Division II All-American Team, and third team NJCAA All-American.

He also made a mark in the Gulf Coast record books, finishing in the school's top 10 in scoring average (73.9), number of birdies (85), par 4 holes scoring average (4.14) and par 5 scoring average (4.79). Blake will attend William Carey College on a golf scholarship.



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