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### **The First Tee of Orange County Adds Prominent Financial Executive to Seasoned Board of Directors**

*Dennis Pattison joins popular organization dedicated to teaching life skills through golf*

**ANAHEIM, Calif., Nov. 6, 2015** – Among a host of recent successes, [The First Tee of Orange County](#) (TFTOC), a local nonprofit committed to providing youth with translatable life skills through the game of golf, has announced the addition of Dennis Pattison to its growing board of directors. Pattison is Vice President, Senior Client Manager, Global Commercial Banking at Bank of America Merrill Lynch and brings professional drive and personal dedication to the mission of TFTOC.

“The First Tee of Orange County has reached many milestones this year with the support and guidance of our active, experienced and energetic board,” said Tim Casey, board president, The First Tee of Orange County. “Dennis’ commitment to our cause and passion for golf will further strengthen our 14-member leadership team, and we look forward to his many contributions to our organization in this new capacity.”

Pattison brings more than 15 years of experience working in collaborative and goal-oriented business environments to TFTOC. His professional background includes financial advising, asset management, strategic counsel, sales, marketing, budgeting and forecasting and relationship management. He earned a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from University of California, Riverside and an MBA from University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business. An avid golfer, Pattison will work with the nonprofit to increase awareness of its signature educational programs and nine core values, which work to help youth learn translatable life skills through the game of golf.

“I look forward to taking a hands-on role in supporting the critical mission of providing kids with life skills,” said Pattison. “My passion for golf extends beyond the course and into the rich character of the game and its virtuous participants – something I hope to instill in future generations.”

Established locally in 2013, TFTOC helps children ages 7 to 18 in Orange County build a strong sense of self as they advance their knowledge of golf. The nonprofit offers golf-related education programs aimed at providing the life skills youth need to achieve success, including goal-setting, emotion management, interpersonal skills and conflict resolution. The program

emphasizes Nine Core Values™ — confidence, responsibility, respect, honesty, judgment, perseverance, sportsmanship, integrity, and courtesy — at every level of instruction.

**About the First Tee of Orange County:**

[The First Tee of Orange County](#) (TFTOC) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit youth development organization with a mission to impact the lives of young people through the game of golf. TFTOC creates opportunities for local youth through character-building programs aimed at instilling important values and promoting healthy choices. Based in Anaheim, California, the Orange County affiliate localizes the national work of [The First Tee](#) organization, which has introduced the game of golf and its values to more than 7.6 million young people in the United States and internationally. For more information, visit the chapter's [website](#) or connect with TFTOC on [Facebook](#).