



## New executive director takes reins at The First Tee of Orange County

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Gail Courtney has been selected as new executive director of [The First Tee of Orange County](#). Courtney brings to the youth organization vast experience in community relations, fund development, operations and marketing. She previously served as executive director of the Downey Chamber of Commerce. “The First Tee of Orange County is proud to welcome a proven leader dedicated to serving nonprofits – backed by a wealth of experience in relevant industries,” said board president Tim Casey. “Gail’s longstanding fund development knowledge, coupled with her extensive management background, will allow her to seamlessly step into this executive leadership role and help us kick off 2016 in fine form.”

Courtney’s professional background spans the consumer and nonprofit sectors – highlighted by positions with the Orange County Register, Easter Seals of Southern California and Irvine-based Families Forward. Her skill set includes sales, strategic development and philanthropic campaign development and execution. The DePauw University graduate will work in tandem with TFTOC Board of Directors to support financial sustainability and community engagement.

“As a mother and avid sports enthusiast, this immediately captured my professional interests and imagination as an organization where I could see myself making an impact,” Courtney said. “I can’t imagine a more worthwhile nonprofit to work for, and look forward to helping advance its mission of creating successful futures for our local youth.”

Founded in Anaheim in 2013, The First Tee of Orange County – one of six locations in the Southland – provides education programs through golf that teach life skills to youths, ages 7-18. These skills include goal setting, emotion management, conflict resolution and more. The nonprofit focuses on the national group’s Nine Core Values of confidence, responsibility, respect, honesty, judgment, perseverance, sportsmanship, integrity and courtesy at every skill level.