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JONATHAN BANKS, CARLY CHAIKIN, EDWIN HODGE, RHETT MCLAUGHLIN AND KEVIN NEALON HIT THE LINKS AT 26TH EMMYS GOLF CLASSIC TO RAISE OVER $335,000 FOR TELEVISION ACADEMY FOUNDATION

Hollywood Stars Came Out Swinging to Benefit Education Nonprofit



Rhett McLaughlin participating in the 26th Emmys Golf Classic presented by the Television Academy Foundation at El Caballero Country Club on Monday, Oct. 5, 2026, in Tarzana, California. (Photo by Danny Moloshok/Invision for the Television Academy/AP Content Services)

(**LOS ANGELES** – Oct. 5, 2026) — The Television Academy Foundation today announced it raised over $335,000 at the 26th Annual Emmys® Golf Classic held today, Monday, Oct. 5, at the El Caballero Country Club in Tarzana, California.

Television stars, sports luminaries, influencers, entertainment industry executives, Television Academy leadership and corporate partners competed in the event, including **Jonathan Banks** (*The Beast in Me*), **Carlos Bernard** (*24:Legacy*); **Carly Chaikin** (*Mr. Robot*), **Ambyr Childers** ("An Unlikely Affair" podcast), **James Denton** (*Good Witch*; *Desperate Housewives*), **KeiLyn Durrel Jones** (*Michael*; *How to Die Alone*), **Johnny Gil** (singer), **Edwin Hodge** (*FBI: Most Wanted*), **Rhett McLaughlin** (*Good Mythical Morning with Rhett & Link*), **Kevin Nealon** (*How to Date Again*), **Danny Pino** (*Hotel Cocaine*), **Sugar Ray Leonard** (champion boxer), **Emilio Rivera** (*The Family Business*) and **Andia Winslow** (*Nature).*

The Emmys Golf Classic is a cornerstone event for the Foundation, bringing together the television community for a day of sport, networking and philanthropy. Proceeds benefit the nonprofit's education programs, including the esteemed Internship Program and College Television Awards, which provide industry access and career-development opportunities for college students and emerging talent nationwide.

The full-day event kicked off with red carpet arrivals and featured a putting contest, full round of golf, lunch and auctions, culminating in an evening cocktail reception with awards presentations to the winners, including:

- 1st Place: The Johnny Carson Foundation team: Edwin Hodge, Tony Behrstock, David Kaufman, Andy Matson and Todd Okum
- 2nd Place: The Banijay Americas team: Flavio Morales, Joe Schlosser, Sebastian Jimenez and Oscar Morales
- 3rd Place: The Allen and Anita Kohl Charitable Foundation team: Carly Chaikin, Ambyr Childers, Anita Mann, David Lebowitz and Rick Schwartz

"This event is a wonderful reminder of how generously our community comes together to invest in its future," said Tina Perry, chair of the Television Academy Foundation. "We are deeply grateful to the celebrities, sponsors, television industry leaders and networks whose support made this year's event such a success. Their dedication empowers the Foundation to expand pathways for emerging storytellers and future television leaders from all backgrounds."

Sponsors for the event included AEG, Allen and Anita Kohl Charitable Foundation, Amazon Prime MGM Studios, Banijay Americas, CRBN, Dooney & Bourke, FIJI, FX, Jesse Collins Entertainment, Johnny Carson Foundation, Kingdom Reign Entertainment, LG, Lionsgate, Murray/Reese Foundation, Mercedes Benz of Encino, NBCUniversal, Nike, PEOPLE, PopUp Bagels, United Airlines, Venable LLP, Wasabi and Ysidro Sake Spritz.

About the Television Academy Foundation
The Television Academy Foundation is dedicated to inspiring tomorrow's Emmy winners today by discovering and championing future television leaders. Through

its celebrated nationwide programs — including its **Internship Program** and **College Television Awards** — the Foundation opens doors for emerging talent, empowering them to launch careers in television. The Foundation also produces **The Interviews: An Oral History of Television**, an extraordinary archive that preserves the stories of the industry's most influential voices. Together, these initiatives inspire creativity, foster inclusion and shape the future of television. For more information on the Foundation, please visit **TelevisionAcademy.com/Foundation**.

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