

# Benjamin Spitz

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## Impact of NYSGA Scholarship:

“The NYSGA Scholarship I received has given me such great opportunities. I’m currently going into my sophomore year at California University of Pennsylvania; a state school just south of Pittsburgh. The first time I visited Cal, everything felt right. They had the perfect major for me, the perfect golf program, and just an overall great feel to the campus. Unfortunately, the athletic department at Cal U has had some financial problems as a result of a “rogue” athletic director and I was unable to receive a golf scholarship. The NYSGA scholarship filled the gap and really let me go to the best possible school. I’m now majoring in Wildlife Biology and playing for the golf team at Cal U. Cal U also has a fairly extensive PGM program that comes with a lot of perks for the golf team. I get access to some amazing facilities and coaches, and the connections the PGM program has allows us to play at some pretty amazing places. On top of that I could not have asked for better teammates. As for academics, I can’t wait to get an internship next summer and get my career started as a wildlife biologist. It has been a fantastic mix of academics and athletics. The NYSGA scholarship really made the college decision easy for me. It has allowed me to pursue my dreams in DII golf and simultaneously set myself up for a bright future in an awesome field.”