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Montgomerie and Storey to receive Edinburgh honorary degrees

Ryder Cup-winning captain Colin Montgomerie and Paralympic gold medallist Dame Sarah Storey are to receive honorary degrees from the University of Edinburgh.

The sporting pair will receive their degrees at a ceremony in the McEwan Hall tomorrow (Friday).

Scottish professional golfer Colin Montgomerie has won a record eight European Tour Order of Merit titles and 31 European Tour events. He receives his award from Edinburgh in recognition of his major contribution to international golf and his charitable work.

Dame Sarah Storey is a multiple gold medal-winning Paralympic athlete in cycling and swimming. She is one of the most successful British Paralympians of all time, having won eleven gold medals, 24 world championship titles and achieved 73 world records. Her award is presented in recognition of her outstanding achievements in sport.

Other honorary graduates who have received degrees this week include former MI5 Director-General Stella Rimington and Luke Dowdney MBE, Director of Fight for Peace, a charity which helps vulnerable children.

Since 1695 the University of Edinburgh has awarded Honorary degrees to more than 2,700 individuals including Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Alexander Graham Bell and Marie Curie.

Photographers and TV crews are invited to meet at the McEwan Hall side door (Teviot side) at 4:15pm, where Mr Montgomerie and Dame Storey will be available for pictures and interviews. A number of students from the University's Centre for Sport and Exercise Cycling and Swimming clubs will also be accompanying Sarah in her photos.

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