

## **JOE SEWELL MEMORIAL AWARD**

*Recognizing Elmore County's Outstanding Christian Athletes and Leaders*

ELEVENTH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET MAY 3, 2016

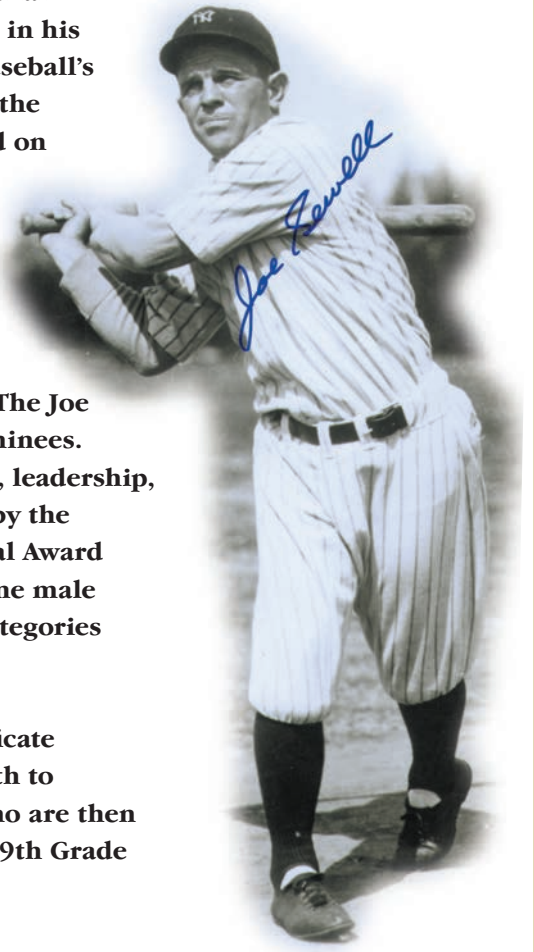


# Purpose of the Joe Sewell Memorial Award

The Joe Sewell Memorial Award is named after one of Elmore County's professional athletes who displayed leadership and Christian character both on the field and in his home community of Titus, Joe Sewell. Sewell still owns two of Major League Baseball's records for the single season fewest strikeouts in both 1930 and 1932 as well as the lifetime record of fewest strikeouts during his 14 year career. While he excelled on the field, Sewell was known as a quiet man of character and conviction who gave back to his community as often as he could.

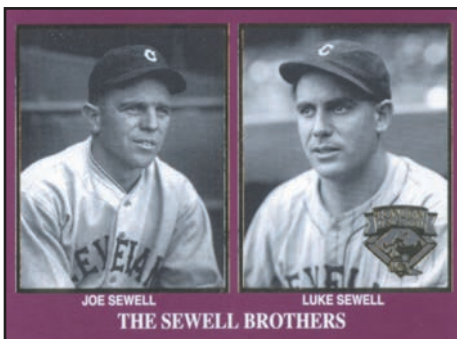
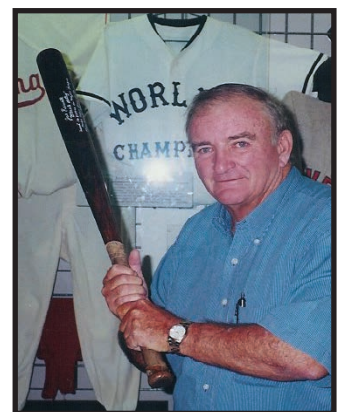
The purpose of the Joe Sewell Memorial Award is to recognize outstanding high school senior athletes who have consistently represented the highest ideals of Christian leadership and emulate the character of Joe Sewell. Each participating high school nominates up to four senior students for this award. The Joe Sewell Memorial Award Board of Directors names Finalists from that list of nominees. Students are then evaluated on the criteria of excellence in athletics, academics, leadership, and church, community, and character, as well as a panel interview conducted by the Board. One male and one female are selected as the overall Joe Sewell Memorial Award recipients. Each of those students receives a \$2,500 John Sewell Scholarship. One male and one female are also selected at the Category Winners for each of the four categories listed above, and each is awarded a \$750 scholarship.

The Joe Sewell Memorial Award Board of Directors also names 9th Grade Certificate Winners who exemplify the same criteria as the seniors to encourage these youth to continue to excel. High schools are invited to nominate up to four freshmen who are then evaluated by the board prior to being named a Certificate Winner. Many of our 9th Grade Certificate Winners return as Senior Finalists.



## John Sewell Scholarship

John Sewell was a cousin of Joe Sewell who was dedicated to the game of baseball and making a positive influence on young people. After a successful business career, John spent almost all of his available time working with young people. He admitted his greatest weakness in life by saying, "I just can't say no to a kid that wants to play ball. I'll do anything to help him." In 2000, John went on a mission to find his cousin's famous bat. When it was found in Birmingham, John had the opportunity to hold it and make the connection to his famous cousin from years past. John continued to coach and be a part of youth baseball until his death in 2003. He was a resident of Coosada, and his wife Billie serves with the Board of Directors.



The John Sewell Scholarships presented to students each year are fully funded by donations from local businesses and individuals who want to encourage excellence in Elmore County students and support the furtherance of their education. The scholarships for students would not be possible without these sponsors' participation each year – for their generosity, we are truly grateful.

## Joe Sewell still holds the record for The Hardest Player to Strike-Out in Baseball

Joe Sewell was born in Elmore County's Titus community in 1898. Most die-hard baseball fans know of the legendary Joe Sewell. However he stood in the shadows of some of baseball's giants in the game – Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and many others. He played for the Cleveland Indians and New York Yankees in his career from 1920 to 1933. Sewell was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1977 and died in Mobile in 1990.

Joe Sewell still owns two of Major League Baseball's records, records which most fans of the game say will never be broken. He holds the lifetime record for fewest strikeouts at bat during his 14 year pro career – 114 in 7,132 games. Sewell holds the single season record for fewest strikeouts at bat of just three strikeouts in 640 games in 1930 and 1932. A left handed hitter who threw right handed, Sewell was a speedy shortstop who led the American League in fielding twice and putouts and led the league four times in assists.

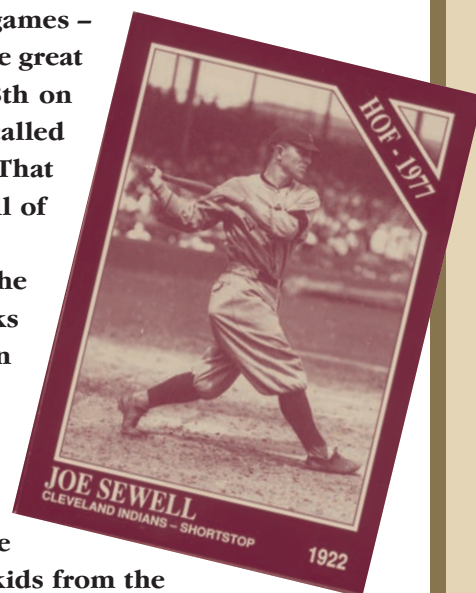
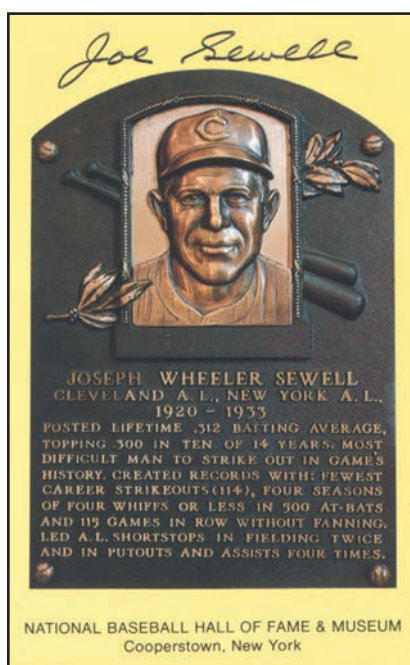
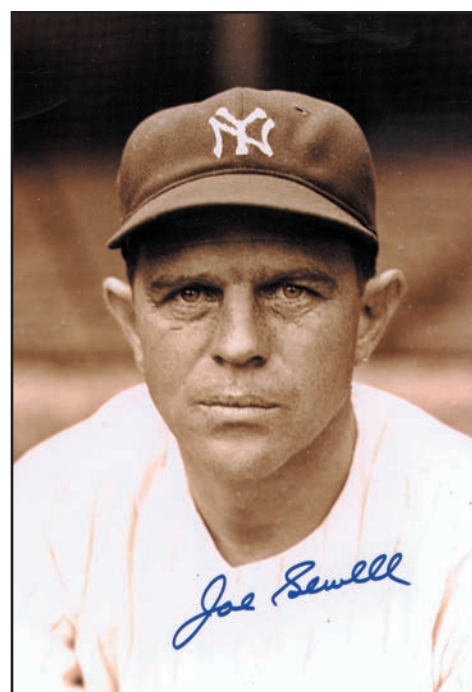
When it came to hitting, no one matched Joe Sewell. Few rookies then and even in today's modern era faced a tougher assignment or more pressure than Sewell did in 1920. While Sewell was playing his first professional season in New Orleans right out of college (Alabama), Cleveland Indians hero Ray Chapman was killed by a Carl Mays' pitch in August. When Chapman's replacement was hurt on Labor Day, the kid from Alabama got the call and was thrust into one of the most heated pennant races ever in the American League. "Little Joe" as he was called (5'7"), proved equal to the task, batting .329 for the rest of the season in helping the Cleveland Indians to their first American League Championship pennant.

From September 13, 1922 to April 30, 1930, he played 1,103 straight games – a major league record at that time, and only surpassed by his teammate, the great Lou Gehrig. He and his younger brother, Luke Sewell, are still ranked 8th on baseball's Most Career Hits list for brothers. Sewell used a 40-ounce bat called

"Black Betsy" during his entire career. That bat rests now in the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Museum in Birmingham.

But for all of his athletic feats, it is the character of the man that this award seeks to emulate as well. Joe Sewell was known as a quiet man of character and conviction. During the depression, Joe was known on several occasions throughout the years to bring baseballs, gloves and bats to the kids of Elmore County. He loved the game and wanted other poor kids from the South to have a chance to learn the game and the sportsmanship that accompanied it.

After retirement he spent several years coaching for the Yankees. He later was a scout for the Indians. He was head baseball coach at his alma mater, the University of Alabama, for several years leading the Tide to an SEC title in 1968. Alabama's baseball stadium is named for him.



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## ***Tonight's Speaker -***

# ***Mike Lutzenkirchen***

Father of Philip Lutzenkirchen, former Auburn student athlete, speaks on behalf of the Lutzie 43 Foundation to carry forward Philip's Legacy. Philip lost his life in a single vehicle accident on June 29, 2014.



Mike, a native of Wheaton, Illinois, has been married for 29 years to Mary and is father to Amy (27), Ann (25) and Abby (21). Mike is a former two-sport athlete at Coe College (NCAA Division III) playing basketball and baseball. Mike's career in sales, sales management and marketing included positions with Macmillan Publishing, Catapult Training, IBM, SpeedTracs and currently Vice President of Sales for Fuel My Club, a mobile app fundraising company.

Mike is currently Executive Director of the Lutzie 43 Foundation which carries forward Philip's legacy through the education of students, student athletes and coaches. The Foundation focuses on leadership, charity, compassion, mentorship, hard work, honesty and faith.

## ***Tonight's Emcee - DOUG AMOS***

Doug Amos has been involved in sports media in Montgomery for 33 years, having started his career in 1984 as a sportswriter for the Montgomery Advertiser, covering Auburn and Alabama athletics. After five years as a print journalist, Amos began his broadcasting career in 1993, and has co-hosted a sports radio talk show for the past 23 years. In 1995, his show was awarded the Associated Press top broadcasting award for the state of Alabama. In addition to co-hosting The Tailgate Show each weekday with former Auburn quarterback Charlie Trotman on ESPN THE TICKET 107.5 FM in the River Region, Amos is the associate athletic director for media relations and marketing at Faulkner University. He is also the play-by-play voice of Faulkner football, basketball and baseball radio broadcasts on the Faulkner Sports Network. He and his wife, Karla, have a daughter – Reyn, age 8.



# SENIOR FINALISTS



**Elissa Tiara Brown**

*Elmore County High School*

**Softball, Basketball, Track & Field**

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church,

Tuskegee. Youth Choir, President Heavenly Angels Gospel Singing Ministry, Food Ministry participant. Softball AHSAA record holder stolen bases, runs scored per game, hits per game, and single season batting average. All-State Softball (2014 & 2015), All-State Honors Basketball, 2015 Regional Champion 100 & 200 Meter Dash, Panther Pride Award for basketball. National English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Beta Club, and AP Scholar. Accepted to University of Alabama with an Athletic Scholarship for softball. Daughter of Primus and Tara Brown.



**Casey Brumbeloe**

*Stanhope Elmore High School*

**Football, Track & Field**

Coosada Baptist Church-Anchor Student Ministry, Kids

Fall Retreat leader, Sunday School Teacher (5th-6th graders) and MUD group leader. Senior Class Vice-President and served on ALSDE State Superintendent Advisory Council. Heart of Champion Award, Freshman Sewell Recognition, Varsity Scholar Athlete, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and Beta Club. Accepted to Troy University. Son of Jim and Melinda Brumbeloe.



**Cyan McKenzie Carroll**

*New Life Christian Academy*  
**Cheerleading**

Coosada Baptist Church, Coosada. Youth Group Leadership Team, VBS volunteer, Mission

volunteer. Fellowship of Christian Cheerleaders Camp. Organizes and leads lock-in devotional studies for Junior High girls. Co-Captain Varsity Cheer (2014-2015) Captain (2015-2016), JR/SR Prom Committee, Sparking the Arts Silver Medal Award (2015), Beta Club member. Accepted to Troy University and also a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship from University of South Alabama. Daughter of Monty and Kristie Carroll.



**Ryan Crockett**

*Wetumpka High School*

**Baseball, Cross Country, Football**

First Baptist Church, Wetumpka. Fellowship of Christian Athlete

Award, Freshman Sewell Recognition, Volunteer Youth Baseball League, Humane Society, YMCA, Relay for Life and Joy for Life. Alabama Baseball Coaches Association All-star, 1st & 2nd team All-Area Baseball, MVP Award and WHS Bryant-Jordan Scholar Award. National Honor Society and Beta Club. Recipient of the following scholarships from Samford University: Merit Academic, Leadership, Potts and Baseball. Son of Chip and Julie Crockett.



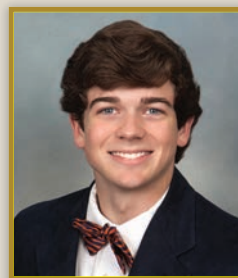
**Shannon Keith Darnell**

*Elmore County High School*

**Baseball**

Ebenezer Bible Church, Deatsville. Vacation Bible School, Children's Church & SS volunteer.

All-area Honorable Mention, 2nd Team All-Area and Member of the Collegiate International/National World Series Team. Beta Club, Senior Elite for Academic Honors, Mu Alpha Theta and National English Honor Society. Accepted to Central Alabama Community College, Southern Union and Huntingdon College. Son of Keith and Melissa Darnell.



**Dylan Harley Davidson**

*Tallassee High School*

**Baseball, Cross Country, Indoor & Outdoor Track**

First Baptist Church, Tallassee. Volunteer at

ACTS- (Association of Christians in Tallassee). State qualifier (60m, 4x200m, 4x800m) indoor track, Golden Glove Award and Academic Award in Baseball. Mu Alpha Theta, Beta Club and Tallassee Chorus. Accepted to Auburn University and received the Dudley University Endowed Scholarship. Son of Casey Davidson.



**Cheyenne Davis**

*Stanhope Elmore County High School*

**Volleyball, Softball**

First United Methodist Church, Millbrook. Bridge Builder volunteer, Dance

for Adults with special needs volunteer. Hands on Gallery volunteer, 2nd Team All-Area. Senior Class President, Beta Club (Vice-President) National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and Science National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society(President), Alabama Girls State Delegate (Governor's Cabinet), Poetry Out Loud State Finalist. Accepted and have received various scholarships to University of Alabama, University of Tennessee, Auburn University, UAB, University of South Alabama, and Troy University. Daughter of Mike and Tracy Davis.



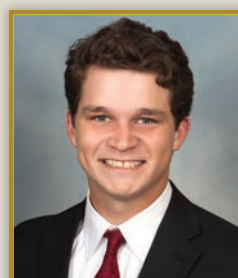
**Brandon Keith Dunn**

*Holtville High School*

**Baseball**

Shoal Creek Baptist Church-Deatsville Youth Group. Volunteer at Camp Amigos,

Vacation Bible School, Elmore County Food Pantry and Merry Wood Lodge nursing home. All-Metro Award, Batting Average Award and lettered in baseball. Presidential Award, Most Outstanding Student, Boys State Representative, Spanish Club, DECA, First Priority and Junior Civitan. Accepted to University of Alabama, Auburn University, Mississippi State and University of Mississippi. Son of Brandy Dunn and Kelli Tyrone.



**John R. Durden**

*New Life Christian Academy*

**Baseball, Football, Track & Field**

Coosada Baptist Church. Sunday School Volunteer.

All- tournament Team and Offensive Player of the Year. Beta Club, Ignite Club and Spanish Club. Recipient of the following scholarships: Faulkner University Presidential, Frontier and River Region Scholarship and University of Alabama Presidential. Son of Randy and Laura Durden.

# SENIOR FINALISTS



**Emilee J. Ellis**

*Edgewood Academy*

**Cheerleading, Volleyball, Softball**

Mulder United Methodist Church, Wetumpka. Christmas Operations volunteer, Talladega Presbyterian

Children's Home volunteer, Elmore County baseball and softball camp volunteer. Cheerleading Captain, AISA Senior All Star, 5-time All American, Pin-It-Forward Leadership recipient, Volleyball Captain, Softball Captain. Class President (2014-2015/2015-2016), National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Wofford Scholar (11), Alabama Girls State Delegate, Joe Sewell Freshman Nominee. Accepted to Auburn University (Founders Scholarship), Received the Presidential Scholarship from the following -University of Alabama, Spring Hill College, and Ole Miss. Offer from Shelton State for Athletic Scholarship. Daughter of Jeff and Laura Ellis.



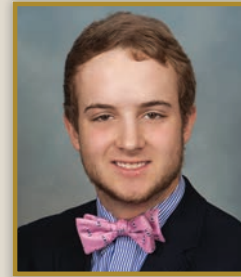
**Riley Greene**

*Wetumpka High School*

**Softball, Cross Country**

Mulder United Methodist Church, Wetumpka. First Priority Mission trip

participant, Angel Christmas Tree and Salvation Army Bell Ringer volunteer. Softball AHSAA 6A State Championship Team (2015), All-Metro Team Honorable Mention, Coaches Award, Beta Club and Mu Alpha Theta Member, Accepted to and received partial scholarships to University of Alabama, Auburn University, and Samford University. Daughter of Darren and Tracey Greene.



**Chandler Turner Haynes**

*Holtville High School*

**Baseball, Football, Soccer**

Bethal Worship Center, Wetumpka. Member of First Priority, Spanish

Club, Junior Civitan, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and High School Marching Band. Volunteer for Hope for the Forgotten and local food pantry. National Honor Society recognition, Student Ambassador Program & National Young Leader Conference invitee. Recipient of the Warhawk Scholarship at Auburn University Montgomery. Son of Jeff & Robin Haynes.



**Hana Hollis**

*Wetumpka High School*

**Volleyball**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Wetumpka. First Counselor in the Young Women's group. Team

Sportsmanship Award, Team Highest GPA Award. National Honor Society, Beta Club, tribal Council, Mu Alpha Theta (Vice-President), AP Scholar for History, Calculus, and Biology. Alabama All-State SSAA Choir, WHS Miss Warrior. Recipient of the following scholarships: Mercer University Presidential, Auburn University-Spirit of Auburn Founders, and Huntingdon College, Spirit of Huntingdon Award. Daughter of Andrew and Tammy Hollis.



**Reagan Law**

*Holtville High School*

**Softball, Cheerleading**

Shoal Creek Baptist Church, Deatsville. Vacation Bible School and Camp Amigos

volunteers, DNow participant. Beta Club, Presidential Education Award (2013-2016), Izell Brown Award, Distinguished Young Woman of Elmore County Overall and Scholastics Winner. SGA (Treasurer), Class President (2016), Beta Club, Book Club, Spanish Club (Vice-President), UCA All American, Softball Area Championship Team (2013 and 2015), All Metro 2nd team (2013-2015). Accepted to Auburn University and AUM-Recognition Scholarship. Daughter Chad and Allison Law.



**Ty Naquin**

*Stanhope Elmore High School*

**Baseball, Wrestling**

Cain's Chapel United Methodist Church, Deatsville. Volunteer for church nursery,

YMCA, Youth Wrestling League. State Wrestling Champ, State Runner-up, Super South Sectional Champ. National Honor Society, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish & Science Club, AP Scholars Award and founder of Chess Club. Recipient of the following scholarships: University of Alabama Presidential, Huntingdon College Cross and Flame Methodist Award. Son of Guy and Karen Naquin.



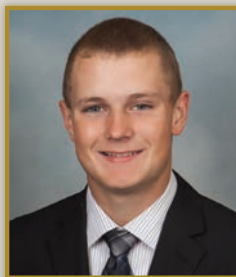
**Kerri Newton**

*Holtville High School*

**Cheerleading, Soccer**

Destiny Church, Millbrook. Volunteer for church nursery, Community Nursing

Home Volunteer, Middle School Math Tutor. UCA All American, Cheer Captain, Soccer Captain, Cheerleading Leadership Award. Beta Club, Presidential GPA Award, A/B Honor Roll, FCA, FCCLA, Junior Civitan, SGA President, Senior Class Secretary, DECA. Accepted to University of Alabama, Mississippi State University, UAB. Daughter of Dewayne and Karen Newton.



**Brian Owings**

*New Life Christian Academy*

**Baseball, Football**

Bethal Worship Center, Wetumpka. Youth Group, Children's Ministry

and Camp Hope volunteer. Letters in Football and Baseball, JV Defensive Player of the Year, Heart of Champion Award. Accepted to Faulkner University. Son of Jeromy and Beverly Owings.



**Jordan James Roberts**

*Edgewood Academy*

**Football, Golf**

Cain's Chapel United Methodist Church. Youth Group, Men's Ministry Volunteer,

Usher, YMCA and Relay for Life. Letters in Football and Golf. Received the Eric Folmar "I Like to Practice" Award. Honor Roll, Fishing Club and Student Government Association. Recipient of the Huntingdon College Cross and Flame Award and Alfa Partnership Award. Son of Randy and Jackie Roberts.



# SENIOR FINALISTS

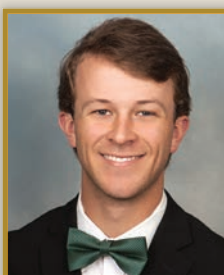


**Bennie (BJ)  
Smith, Jr**  
*Stanhope Elmore  
High School*

**Basketball,  
Football**

Springfield Missionary  
Baptist Church,

Millbrook. Junior Choir member and Usher Board. 1st & 2nd Team Elmore County Football, 1st team All-Metro Football, All-Metro Basketball Honorable Mention. 3X Offensive Player of the Year. Signed to play Football at Troy University. Son of Bennie Sr. and Teresa Smith.



**Christian Joel  
Smith**  
*Edgewood  
Academy*

**Baseball,  
Basketball,  
Football**

Millbrook First United

Methodist. Participated in Mission Trip, Nursing Home Ministry and Vacation Bible School. All-Area, All-State and All-Metro Teams. Beta Club, National Honor Society, Drama and Spanish Club. Accepted to Jefferson Davis Community College. Son of Joey and Jacki Smith.



**Mary Olivia  
Smith**  
*Elmore County  
High School*

**Cheerleading, Golf**

Thelma Baptist Church,  
Wetumpka. Youth Group,  
VBS and Children's Sunday  
School volunteer, Mission trip

volunteer, Elmore County Food Pantry and Elmore County Humane Shelter Volunteer. Letter in Cheerleading, Cheerleading Co-Captain, Alabama Girls State, Key Club Local (Served as Secretary, Treasurer, and President), Key Club State (Lt. Governor and Elections Chair), Kiwanis Key Leader, Beta Club (Executive Board), National English Honor Society (Vice-President, President) Class President (12th), Vice President (11th), Secretary-Treasurer (9th), 2015 AP Scholar. Accepted and received scholarships to the following: University of Alabama, University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, Samford University, and Troy University. Daughter of JT and Melanie Smith.

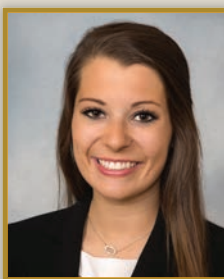


**Samuel Patrick  
Smith**  
*Tallassee High  
School*

**Indoor & Outdoor  
Track and Field**

First Baptist Church,  
Tallassee. Youth Group,  
Volunteer for Trade

Day, Tallassee Now, Prom Committee and Relay for Life. Letter in Indoor & Outdoor Track, State Qualifier, Outdoor Track Sectional Qualifier. Honor Roll, Men's Chorus and Member of Future Farmers Association. Accepted to Troy University. Son of John and Laura Smith.

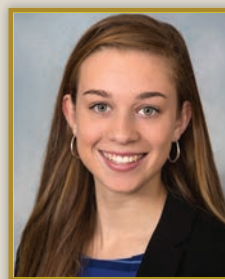


**Emily N.  
Strickland**  
*Edgewood  
Academy*

**Basketball,  
Cheerleading,  
Track & Field**

First Baptist Church,  
Wetumpka. Youth

Group, church volunteer to assist several different organizations, VBS Volunteer, First Priority participant. AISA All-Star Cheerleader, Basketball Captain. National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, National Academic for Future Physicians, Beta Club, Spanish National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Mathletes. Recipient of scholarships from the following: Troy University, UAB, AUM, Huntingdon College, University of Alabama and Faulkner University. Daughter of David and Toni Strickland.

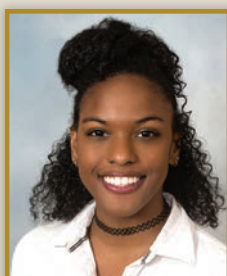


**Courtney Wallace**  
*Wetumpka High  
School*

**Cross Country**

Mulder United Methodist Church,  
Wetumpka. Assisted Church  
Leaders in starting the  
Autumnwood's Kid's Club Program,  
Children's Ministry Camp Volunteer,

5 Mission trips, Director of Mulder's First Priority Praise Night. Cross Country Team Captain, Leadership Award and Scholar Athlete Award. National Honor Society (Vice President), Beta Club, Tribal Council, Spanish National Honor Society, Varsity Dance Team Captain, Yearbook Staff Editor, and Lifeguard at Wetumpka YMCA. Scholarships: Auburn University-Spirit of Auburn, AUM-Warhawk Scholarship, Huntingdon College, Spirit of Huntingdon, Mississippi State-Freshman Excellence Scholarship, Samford University Academic and Leadership Scholarship, Spring Hill College-Presidential Scholarship. Selected to interview for Samford University Micah Fellows Program. Daughter of Michael and Kim Wallace.



**Yolanda Erin  
Walsh**  
*Tallassee High  
School*

**Cross Country,  
Indoor Track &  
Field, Outdoor  
Track & Field**

True Divine Baptist Church,

Montgomery and Tallassee Baptist Church, Tallassee. Faithful and True Guide, Angelic Worshippers Youth Praise Dance Ministries, Praise Dance Worship leader, Junior Mentor, Children's Church Volunteer. Outdoor Track State Qualifier (2013-2016), Cross Country State Qualifier (2014), Indoor Track State Qualifier (2016). Spanish Club (Secretary), US Bowling Congress, CCA (Youth Director), GAMETIME Junior Mentor, Tallassee Police Department Explorer. Accepted to UAB, University of North Florida, and Jacksonville University. Daughter of Jerome and Oliva Walsh.



**Julianne  
Wilkes**  
*New Life Christian  
Academy*

**Basketball,  
Softball,  
Volleyball**

Destiny Church,  
Millbrook. Safe

Harbor Element Ministries Youth Group, Elmore County Headstart Volunteer, Basketball (Captain), Softball (Captain), Volleyball (Captain). ACAA State Tournament MVP Volleyball (2014 and 2015), ACAA All-Tournament Team and ACAA All State First Team (Volleyball, Softball, and Basketball), Team member of 4 State Championship teams (Softball 2014 and 2015, Volleyball 2014 and 2015). Recipient of Softball Scholarship to Faulkner University. Daughter of Scott and Sharon Wilkes.



**Joshua Wilson**  
*Elmore County  
High School*

**Baseball,  
Football,  
Powerlifting**

Santuck Baptist Church.  
Praise Band Member,  
Volunteer for Can Food

Drives, Senior Center, Youth Football and Baseball Leagues. Football Captain, All-County, All-Metro Team. Powerlifting State Champion. National Beta Club, English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Foreign Language Honor Society, AP Scholar and Top Ten Academic Honors. Accepted to Auburn University. Son of William and Sandi Mann and Dale and Tonya Wilson.



## NINTH GRADE CERTIFICATE WINNERS

### Edgewood Academy

Amelia Welch  
Tyler Abernathy  
Avery Roberts  
Tripp Carr

### Stanhope Elmore High School

CeDayvia Barley  
Owen Woodard  
Alisson Nicole Evans  
Cristo Esteban Rocha

### Elmore County High School

Grace Barlet  
Trey Brand  
Madison Traylor  
Parker Watts

### Tallassee High School

Emma Coyle  
Andy Baker  
Tanner McNaughton  
Mary Kate Lackey

### Holtville High School

Connor Koch  
Tucker Jones  
Kaylyn Dismukes  
Kennedy Grier

### Wetumpka High School

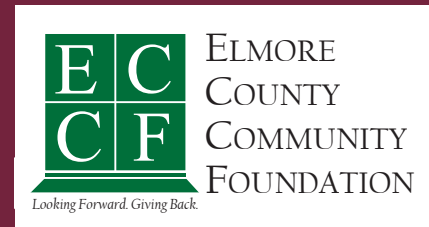
Garrison Clark  
Anna Kate Norton  
Cayden Opperman  
Daniel Spivey

### New Life Christian Academy

Laiken Champion  
Kirsten Elsky  
Haven Owings

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***"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."***  
***- Proverbs 22:6 KJV***

# PREVIOUS OVERALL AWARD WINNERS

## 2015 BOY'S AWARD



**Kirkland McWhorter**  
*Tallassee High School*  
 Cross Country, Soccer, Track & Field

## 2015 GIRL'S AWARD



**Madison Roberts**  
*Wetumpka High School*  
 Cheerleading

## 2014 BOY'S AWARD



**Aaron Smith**  
*Elmore County High School*  
 Football, Powerlifting,  
 Track

## 2014 GIRL'S AWARD



**Patty Holley**  
*Elmore County High School*  
 Volleyball

## 2013 BOY'S AWARD



**Colton LaDon Campbell**  
*Holtville High School*  
 Baseball, Basketball,  
 Football

## 2013 GIRL'S AWARD



**Carter Singleton**  
*Elmore County High School*  
 Basketball, Powerlifting,  
 Soccer, Track

## 2012 BOY'S AWARD



**Evan Miles Venable**  
*Elmore County High School*  
 Football, Powerlifting,  
 Basketball, Golf

## 2012 GIRL'S AWARD



**Hannah Elizabeth Weldon**  
*Edgewood Academy*  
 Volleyball, Basketball, Softball,  
 Cheerleading, Track

## 2011 BOY'S AWARD



**Cody Arant**  
*Wetumpka High School*  
 Football, Baseball

## 2011 GIRL'S AWARD



**Kelsey Baker**  
*Tallassee High School*  
 Cheerleading



# PREVIOUS OVERALL AWARD WINNERS

## 2010 BOY'S AWARD



**Thatcher Pinkston**  
Wetumpka High School  
Football, Tennis, Wrestling

## 2010 GIRL'S AWARD



**Taylor Veazey**  
Holtville High School  
Basketball, Tennis, Cross Country

## 2009 BOY'S AWARD



**Jordan Nickols**  
Holtville High School  
Football, Baseball

## 2009 GIRL'S AWARD



**Ashley Colquitt**  
Wetumpka High School  
Cheerleading, Soccer

## 2008 BOY'S AWARD



**Thomas Luke Rowe**  
Elmore County High School  
Football, Basketball, Track

## 2008 GIRL'S AWARD



**Rachel Virginia Powell**  
Tallassee High School  
Volleyball

## 2007 BOY'S AWARD



**Chris Glover**  
Holtville High School  
Football, Baseball

## 2007 GIRL'S AWARD



**Kelly McWhorter**  
Elmore County High School  
Cheerleading

## 2006 BOY'S AWARD



**Chas Worthy**  
Elmore County High School  
Football, Basketball, Baseball

## 2006 GIRL'S AWARD



**Ashley Hicks**  
Stanhope Elmore High School  
Cheerleading

## 2005 BOY'S AWARD



**Josh Cain**  
Edgewood Academy  
Football, Basketball, Track

## 2005 GIRL'S AWARD



**Heather Finklea**  
Elmore County High School  
Softball, Basketball

# *Twelfth Annual* **Joe Sewell Memorial Award Banquet Program**

Wetumpka Civic Center  
May 3, 2016

**Call to Order & Welcome** ~ Harris Garner, *Joe Sewell Memorial Award Board Chair*

**Senior and 9th Grade Student Entrance** ~ Harris Garner, *Joe Sewell Memorial Award Board Chair*

Dinner Instructions ~ Harris Garner

**Invocation** ~ Jimmy Veazey, *Minister of Music and Education, First Baptist Church Clanton*

Dinner

**Sponsor Recognition** ~ Joey Holley, *Joe Sewell Memorial Award Board Member*

**Introduction of Emcee** ~ Don Duncan, *Joe Sewell Memorial Award Board Member*

**Special Recognitions** ~ Doug Amos

Board Members

Past Award Winners

Senior Finalists who were 9th Grade Certificate Winners

**Recognition of 9th Grade Certificate Winners** ~ Doug Amos

**Introduction of Senior Joe Sewell Award Finalists** ~ Doug Amos

**Introduction of Speaker** ~ Doug Amos – GKN Aerospace

**Keynote Speaker** ~ **Mike Lutzenkirchen**

**Honoree Selection** ~ Mark McGhee, *Joe Sewell Memorial Award Board Member*

**Senior Category Award Winners** ~ Doug Amos

Girls Leadership Award ..... Neptune Technology Group

Boys Leadership Award ..... Wetumpka Lions Club

Girls Academic Award ..... Alabama Power Foundation

Boys Academic Award ..... Adams Drugs

Girls Church, Community & Character Award ..... Lee's Auto Repair

Boys Church, Community & Character Award ..... Millbrook Men's Club

Girls Athletic Award ..... Weldon Family

Boys Athletic Award ..... Ingram Family

**Girls Overall Joe Sewell Award and John Sewell Scholarship Winner** ~ Billie Sewell and Barry Mask-  
Sewell Family

**Boys Overall Joe Sewell Award and John Sewell Scholarship Winner** ~ Billie Sewell and Don Duncan-  
Don Duncan's All American Auto and Tire

**Adjourning Remarks** ~ Harris Garner