

Joe Sewell

## **JOE SEWELL MEMORIAL AWARD**

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

FIFTH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET MAY 5, 2009

## These Sponsors “Stepped up to the Plate”

This award and tonight's program were made possible by these sponsors who believe in the youth of Elmore County and the need to recognize and reward our young people who are excelling. Please remember them and thank them for hitting a home run for our kids.

**Grand Slam**



Billie Sewell, in memory of John Sewell

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## ***Tonight's Speaker -*** **BOBBY HUMPHREY**

**"Change is possible through a relationship with Christ."**

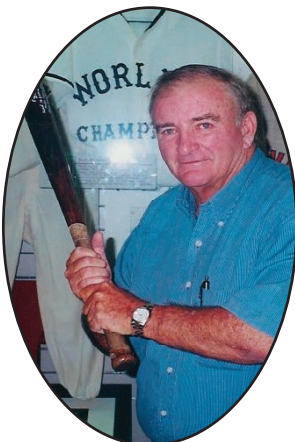
Drafted 17th in the 1st round of the Supplement Draft by the Denver Broncos, Bobby became the first rookie to rush for over 1,000 yards. He is also one of 10 running backs to rush for back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons in the 1st two years. The Broncos were in the Super Bowl during his rookie year in 1990. In 1991, Bobby was selected to the Pro Bowl. Then in 1992, he was traded to the Miami Dolphins. In 1992 he was the team leading receiver in pass receptions. He played with Miami in 1992 through 1993.

In 2004, Bobby was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

He was the Birmingham Arena Cup Steeldogs football coach from 1999 through 2005 where he coached longer than anyone else in AF2 history and holds the record for most wins in the league.

Bobby and his wife Barbara have 5 children and live in Birmingham. He has a degree in Social Work and is very active in the southeast with various businesses and charities.

He is active in church and speaks to youth groups as often as he can. His best advice is "change is possible through a relationship with Christ."



## **JOHN SEWELL SCHOLARSHIP**

John Sewell was a cousin of Joe Sewell who was dedicated to the game of baseball and 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. His wife Billie serves on the Board.

# SENIOR HIGH AWARD FINALISTS



## Rachel Allysa Andrews, *Elmore County High School*

### Volleyball, Basketball

Landmark Church of Christ, vacation Bible school volunteer, Sunday School teacher aide, nursery volunteer, youth ministry, mission trip to Mexico, Adullum House, pop tops for Ronald McDonald House, Eclectic Senior Center, Hospice volunteer. Volleyball All-Area Tournament Team 2008, Basketball All-Area Tournament Team 2009, Honorable Mention - Montgomery Advertiser Basketball All-Metro, 2009 City of Montgomery Unity Games, National Honor Society, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, senior class president, junior class secretary, 4-H, livestock club secretary, foreign language club, FCCLA, Citizenship Washington Focus (4-H), ECHS representative in Stars of Elmore County, elected Miss EL-CO-HI-LITE 2009. Accepted at Faulkner University. Daughter of John and Allyson Andrews.



## Christopher Bowar, *Edgewood Academy*

### Football

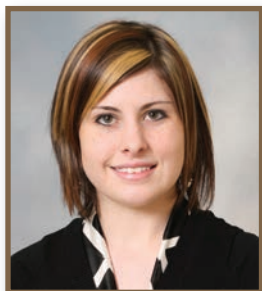
Thelma Baptist Church, vacation Bible school volunteer, several mission trips, Senior Adult Ministry Dinner volunteer, Relay for Life, participant in Christmas programs at nursing homes, Family Sunshine Center. Lettered in football 2007 and 2008, member of Edgewood's 2A State Champion and NPSAA Division II National Champion football team 2008, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Centre Fellow, National Honor Roll, Beta Club, SGA, Edgewood Academy Trophy for Academic Excellence, multiple subject awards, U.S. Army and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Awards for Outstanding Science Project, "The Edge" Newspaper, Math Team, Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Ambassador. Spirit of Auburn University Scholarship from Auburn University and Collegiate Scholars Scholarship with acceptance to University Honors College/Program at the University of Alabama. Son of Chris and Joyce Bowar.



## Gabriel Carter, *New Life Christian Academy*

### Football, Basketball, Baseball

Northview Christian Church, Father Walters Memorial Childcare Center volunteer, drama and children's productions, volunteer with elderly and homebound, nursery volunteer, performed music for various local organizations, mentorship with pastor, numerous awards at the state and national level for musical performances. Christian Leadership Award in basketball, MVP basketball and baseball, All-Conference basketball and two-time FCA All-Conference Receiver, Beta Club, FCA – vice president, Drama Club – vice president. Plans to attend Auburn University Montgomery. Son of Kenneth and Ava Carter.



## Sarah Collier, *New Life Christian Academy*

### Basketball, Volleyball, Softball

New Life Christian Center, plays piano for church service and youth group, children's church, vacation Bible school leader, youth group leadership program, food pantry, Smith Center, Teen Challenge internship, mission trip to Mexico. Beta Club - president, drama club – vice president, book club. Accepted at Bryan College and received first year's full tuition scholarship to Lee University. Daughter of Ira and Connie Collier.

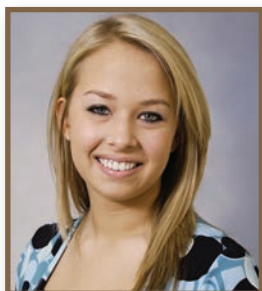


## Ashley Nicole Colquitt, *Wetumpka High School*

### Cheerleading, Soccer

Thelma Baptist Church, youth choir, children's ministry and Sunday School helper, Youth Leadership Elmore County graduate, Eastchase teen board model, nursing home volunteer, Big Brother/Big Sister mentor, Relay for Life youth committee, WHS representative at Montgomery's Legislative Day, team leader of TGIF, Upward Soccer coach, Wetumpka Youth Football League cheerleading coach. Lettered in both varsity cheerleading and soccer, first place squad 2009 UCA regional competition, first place squad 2007 and 2008 Cheersport regional competition, Armory Gymnastics Center Standing Back Tuck Club, National Honor Society – vice president, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National Merit Commended Student, Junior Miss Scholastic winner, SGA – president and secretary, Key Club – representative to Kiwanis Club and reporter, Diamond Dolls, First Priority, FCA. Presidential Scholarship to the University of Alabama and University and International Honors Programs. Daughter of Lee and Jennifer Colquitt.

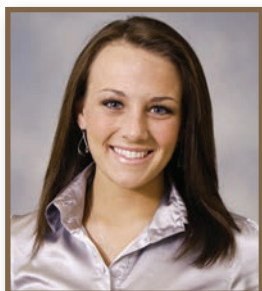
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## Bethany Colquitt, *Wetumpka High School*

### Cheerleading, Soccer

Thelma Baptist Church, youth choir, children's ministry and Sunday School helper, Youth Leadership Elmore County graduate, Eastchase teen board model, Relay for Life youth committee, Elmore County Junior Miss first runner up, Miss Christmas on the Coosa Pageant, Big Buddy Program, nursing home volunteer, Montgomery's Legislative Day participant, career facilitator at WHS, team leader of TGIF, Upward Soccer coach, city league cheerleading coach, 9th grade Joe Sewell nominee. Lettered in both varsity cheerleading and soccer, Armory Gymnastics Center Standing Back Tuck Club, first place squad 2009 UCA regional competition, first place squad 2009 Cheersport regional competition, National Honor Society, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, multiple class offices, Diamond Dolls, Show Choir, Key Club, First Priority - reporter, FCA. Collegiate Scholarship to the University of Alabama and University Honors Program. Daughter of Lee and Jennifer Colquitt.



## Jordan Elise Cox, *Stanhope Elmore High School*

### Cheerleading

Coosada Baptist Church, student choir, nursery volunteer, children's volunteer, Mission Fuge, disciple now, nursing home volunteer, Habitat for Humanity, Elmore County Humane Society, Extreme Makeover Home Edition, charity walk for leukemia and lymphoma, TGIF, mission volunteer to the Czech Republic. Co-captain of cheerleading squad, NCA All-American 2007, member of NCA's 2007 top team, regional and national Cheersport competition awards for squad in 2007-08, 9th grade Joe Sewell nominee, Mu Alpha Theta - president, National Honor Society, Beta Club, Spanish National Honor Society, Youth in Government, SGA representative, Standard Club - president, Diamond Doll, all-around science award as a junior, Bryant-Jordan Scholar Athlete award nominee from SEHS. Auburn Spirit Foundation Legacy Scholarship to Auburn University. Daughter of Cary and Lauri Cox.



## Adam Tyler Davenport, *Elmore County High School*

### Football, Baseball, Wrestling

First Baptist Church Eclectic, vacation Bible school, youth fundraisers and trip chaperone, city youth league baseball camp coach, math tutor. Lettered in football 4 years and wrestling 2 years, captain of football and baseball teams and wrestling squad, Sectional Wrestling Champion, State Runner-up, All-County baseball and football, AHSAA All-Star Baseball Game, Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Top 150 Players Showcase, Montgomery Advertiser All-Metro Football, Alabama High School Football Magazine Pre-season All State Team, 2008 Montgomery Quarterback Club Public School Player of the Year, 2008 Montgomery Advertiser 1A-4A Offensive Player of the Year, 2008 Wendy's High School Heisman School winner and State nominee, Beta Club - executive board, Mu Alpha Theta, multiple class offices, Excellence in English Award, 9th grade Joe Sewell nominee. Chancellor Scholarship to Troy University and Spirit of Auburn Scholarship to Auburn University. Son of Kent and Beth Davenport.



## Bethany Kay Edgar, *Holtville High School*

### Tennis

Deatsville Baptist Church, Sunday School teacher substitute, nursery volunteer, praise team, youth group, mission trip to Birmingham, AL. Captain of majorettes 2008 and 2009, girls' captain of tennis team 2008, Superior Rating as majorette at Troy University Band Contest 2007 and 2008, Beta Club, National Honor Roll, Izell Brown Award, AP English Award, Woodmen of the World Award, TGIF, vice-president and treasurer of SGA, First Priority, DECA, robotics team, band - secretary (2008) and lieutenant (2009), first place 2008 state DECA competition for full service restaurant management. Spirit of Auburn University Scholarship to Auburn University. Daughter of Clayton and Pam Edgar.



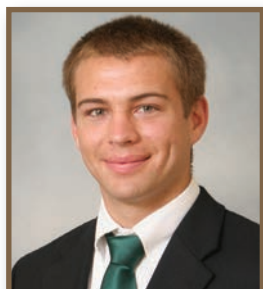
## Hunter Jeffrey Finklea, *Elmore County High School*

### Football, Golf, Powerlifting

Good Hope Baptist Church, numerous mission trips, praise choir, canned food drive leader, 9th grade Joe Sewell nominee. Lettered in football 4 years, Elmore County Football Coaches All-County Team, Montgomery Advertiser All-Metro Team, Alabama High School Football Magazine Pre-season Academic All-State Team, Montgomery Quarterback Club Public School Player of the Week 2008, member of ECHS State Champion Powerlifting Team in 2006, Spanish Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta - president, multiple class offices, Beta Club, Top of the Class Award, Elmore County NAACP Martin Luther King Academic Award, Bryant-Jordan Regional Academic Student-Athlete Award Winner 2009, Boy's State Representative, Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Ambassador, First Priority, Foreign Language Club, Key Club, DECA. School of Engineering Scholarships to the University of Alabama and University of Alabama Birmingham. Son of Jeff Finklea and Sharon Finklea.



# SENIOR HIGH AWARD FINALISTS



## **Will Thomas Flournoy, *Edgewood Academy***

### **Basketball, Football, Track**

Thelma Baptist Church, vacation Bible school, kids' camp counselor, children's service assistant, numerous mission trips, May Day work days at Edgewood. Lettered in basketball, football, and track, member of Edgewood's 2A State Champion and NPSAA Division II National Champion football team 2008, National Honor Society, Beta Club, Spanish Club, Prudential Spirit of Community Award, Outstanding Academic Achievement in Geometry and Pre-Calculus, SGA, Youth Legislature, Math Team, First Priority, Scholars Bowl. Accepted at University of Alabama, Troy University, and Auburn University Montgomery. Son of Tom and Wanda Flournoy.



## **Mitchell Jade Glass, *Tallassee High School***

### **Football, Baseball**

First Baptist Church Tallassee, yard care service for elderly, youth group, Upward Basketball volunteer, kids' football and baseball clinic volunteer, peer tutor. Lettered in football 4 years and baseball 4 years, All-County Football Team, Hustle Award, Best Line-man Award for Offense and Defense, Academic Athlete Award, Captain's Award in baseball, FCA, Spanish Club. Accepted to Auburn University. Son of John and Karen Glass.



## **Grant Kimbrough, *Stanhope Elmore High School***

### **Football, Track**

Stoney Point Church of Christ, acting youth minister, canned food drive. Football offensive team captain, All-Metro, two-time All-County Honorable Mention, Youth in Government, Outdoors Club, Standard Club, secretary of senior class. Football scholarship to Faulkner University. Son of Thomas and Diana Kimbrough.



## **Matthew James Lock, *Elmore County High School***

### **Football, Powerlifting, Baseball, Track**

Good Hope Baptist Church, two-time Bible drill state winner, multiple mission trips, youth choir, First Priority, math tutor, team leader of TGIF, Renew our Rivers Project volunteer. Lettered in football 3 years, Elmore County Football Coaches All-County Team Honorable Mention, Montgomery Advertiser All-Metro Football Team Honorable Mention, Beta Club – executive board, Mu Alpha Theta - reporter, Spanish Honor Society, FCA, 9th grade Joe Sewell nominee. Accepted to Central Alabama Community College. Son of John Randall and Janice Lock.



## **Tyler Rory McQueen, *Holtville High School***

### **Football, Soccer, Wrestling**

New Home Baptist Church, youth choir, AWANA leader, vacation Bible school teacher, children's church helper, church childcare, youth group, TGIF. Soccer co-captain, Hustle Award, Chrietzberg Award for top junior scholar athlete, Weightroom Excellence Award, "H" Award - football player who displays devotion, courage, class, sportsmanship, and leadership, 2007 Sack Leader, Beta Club, Spanish Club, Drama Club, FFA, FCA, Boy's State Representative. Accepted to University of Alabama, Troy University, and Huntingdon College. Son of Rory McQueen and Kelly McQueen.

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## **Ikeem Means, *Wetumpka High School***

### **Football, Baseball, Basketball, Track**

Liberty Hill Baptist Church, usher, drummer for all church choirs, food delivery to community. Captain of baseball and basketball teams and football team co-captain, football All-Metro and All-County, basketball All-County, two-time Offensive Impact Player of the Year, National Honor Roll, Who's Who Among America's Leading Students, Key Club, FFA, FCA, Drama Club, Mr. WHS. Accepted to Auburn University. Son of Patricia Means.



## **Cassidy Nicole Moses, *Wetumpka High School***

### **Cheerleading, Softball**

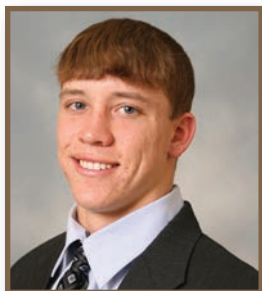
First Baptist Church Wetumpka, church drama team, youth group, vacation Bible school, Relay for Life, Megan Cook Blood Drive, Elmore County Pregnancy Center, Montgomery Zoo volunteer, city league cheerleading coach, travel softball team. Softball team captain, All-City, All-County, All-Metro, Elmore County Top Diamond Ace, Golden Arm Award, MVP in area tournament playoffs, UCA All-Star, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society - Secretary, Key Club, Big Brother/Big Sister, First Priority, Show Choir. Accepted at Auburn University and received softball scholarship at Central Alabama Community College. Daughter of Gary and Penny Moses.



## **Wyatt Newman, *Tallassee High School***

### **Soccer**

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, volunteer soccer coach, Renew our Rivers Project volunteer, elementary school volunteer. Soccer team captain, Coach's Award for soccer, National Honor Society - secretary, Beta Club, Spanish Club, Science Club, Choir. Leadership Scholarship to Auburn University. Son of Mark and Priscilla Newman.



## **Jordan Taylor Nickols, *Holtville High School***

### **Baseball, Football**

New Home Baptist Church, vacation Bible school, TGIF, Wetumpka Rehab Associates, Elmore County Youth Leadership, Holtville Dixie Youth Softball coach, YMCA youth counselor. Baseball team captain, East-West All-Stars, American Legion Sub-Regional winner, three-time Hustle Award, Golden Glove 2007, Beta Club – treasurer, SGA President, multiple class offices, foreign language club, FCA, Outstanding AP English Student Award, 9th grade Joe Sewell nominee, voted Mr. Holtville. Millennium Scholarship to Troy University and multiple scholarships to the University of Alabama. Son of Jared and Kim Walker and David Ingram.



## **Jade Kristen O'Brien, *Holtville High School***

### **Basketball, Volleyball, Softball**

Coosada Baptist Church, nursery Sunday School teacher, disciple now, summer teen volunteer program at Baptist South, volunteer at youth league basketball games, blood drive volunteer, preschool volunteer at Holtville Elementary School. Lettered in basketball 4 years, volleyball 2 years, and softball 1 year, captain's award in basketball 2007-08 and 2008-09, Highest Scoring Average Award in basketball, Elmore County All-Tournament Basketball Team 2008 and Area All-Tournament Basketball Team 2009, Captain's Award in volleyball 2008, National Honor Society, Beta Club, SGA, Junior Civitan, Foreign Language Club, voted Miss Holtville. Accepted at University of Alabama and Auburn University Montgomery. Daughter of Jeff and Lisa O'Brien.

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## Hannah Skinner, *New Life Christian Academy*

### Volleyball, Softball, Basketball

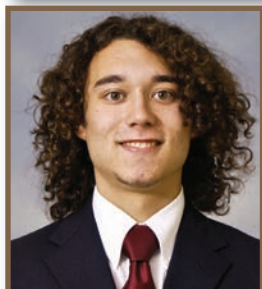
New Life Christian Center, worship team, sound technician, children's church and nursery volunteer, youth group, mission trip to Costa Rica. Lettered in volleyball 6 years, softball 3 years, and basketball 3 years, captain of volleyball team, MVP and two-time Best Defensive Player in volleyball, captain of softball team, captain and MVP on JV basketball team, 9th grade Joe Sewell nominee, Wendy's High School Heisman nominee, National Honor Society, Beta Club, Hillsdale College study abroad program to England. Accepted at Troy University, Auburn University, and Hillsdale College (Michigan). Daughter of Robert and Laura Skinner.



## Robert Turley, *Stanhope Elmore High School*

### Football, Wrestling

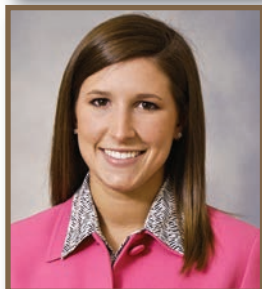
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, youth leader in youth group, Eagle Scout. Scholar Athlete Award, Youth in Government, FFA. Accepted to Eastern Arizona College. Son of Carl and Susan Turley.



## Benjamin Allen Varner, *Stanhope Elmore High School*

### Soccer, Football, Basketball

Coosada Baptist Church, numerous mission trips, Mission Fuge, praise band, choir and choir tours, Bible study leader, Elmore County Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity, YMCA kids counselor, school fundraisers in community. Soccer team captain, Beta Club, National Honor Society, Excalibur (science honor society), Mu Alpha Theta, representative to Youth Legislature, Standard Club – vice president, Key Club. Presidential Scholarship to University of Alabama Huntsville. Son of Allen and Sheila Varner.



## Anna Wicks, *Edgewood Academy*

### Volleyball, Cheerleading

Mountain View Baptist Church, vacation Bible school volunteer, nursery volunteer, nursing home volunteer, Montgomery Rockathon, Light the Night Leukemia Walk, mission trip at Billy Graham's Last Crusade, taught at Frazer's Cheer Clinic. Captain of varsity cheerleading squad 2008-2009 and JV cheerleading squad 2005-2006, UCA All-Star in 2005-06 and 2008-09, AISA All-Star 2008-09, lettered in volleyball, sophomore class treasurer, National Honor Society, Beta Club, Spanish National Honor Society, Art Honor Society, Spanish Club, SGA, FCA, yearbook staff. Accepted at Auburn University Montgomery and received scholarship at Troy University – Chancellor Scholarship. Daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth Wicks.



**The Joe Sewell Memorial Award and John Sewell Scholarship is a project under the auspices of the Elmore County Community Foundation. Contributions to the Joe Sewell Fund are tax-deductible.**

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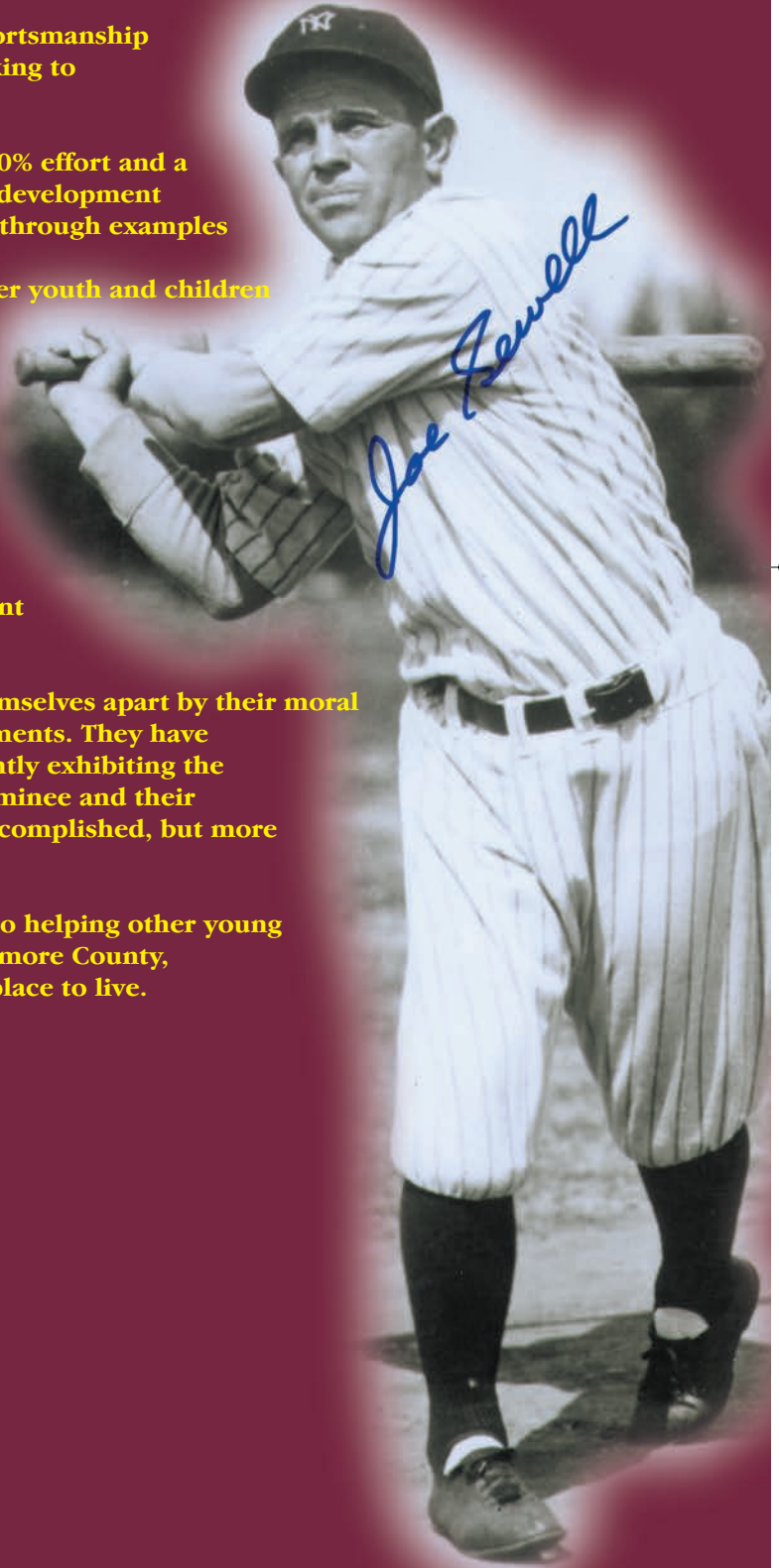
# Purpose of the Joe Sewell Memorial Award

The purpose of the Joe Sewell Memorial Award is to recognize outstanding high school senior athletes, who by their actions have consistently represented the highest ideals of Christian leadership in athletics. Approximately 28 high school seniors from across Elmore County are nominated for this award. One boy and one girl will be selected as the overall Joe Sewell Award recipient. Each will receive a \$1,000 John Sewell Scholarship. Their high school coaches and administrators nominate the students. Approximately 20 ninth graders are also nominated and receive a certificate. The nominees for the award are recognized for:

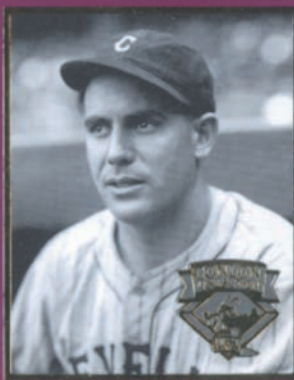
- Setting a Christian example of moral fitness and good sportsmanship
- Accepting their God-given gift of athletic ability and working to maximize their athletic potential
- Athletic achievement
- Achieving an academic performance level reflective of 100% effort and a recognition of the importance of education in their total development
- Obtaining the respect of their teammates and opponents through examples of character and perseverance
- Being a positive role model for their peers and for younger youth and children
- Giving 100% effort in practice and competition
- A willingness to make personal sacrifices for the good of their team
- Providing Christian leadership both in and out of the athletic arena
- Consistent church attendance, involvement and leadership
- Involvement in Christian activities and in organizations which promote Christian ideals
- Participation in student organizations, student government and other school activities

The nominees of the Joe Sewell Memorial Award have set themselves apart by their moral character, Christian example and excellence in their achievements. They have earned their nomination through hard work and by consistently exhibiting the qualities on which the award is based. We commend each nominee and their parents, families, coaches and teachers for what they have accomplished, but more importantly, for how they have gone about it.

Now we ask our nominees to "pass it forward " and commit to helping other young people be men and women of character and thereby make Elmore County, the State of Alabama, and indeed our great country a better place to live.



JOE SEWELL



LUKE SEWELL

THE SEWELL BROTHERS

## PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

### 2008 BOY'S AWARD 2008 GIRL'S AWARD 2007 BOY'S AWARD 2007 GIRL'S AWARD



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

**Luke Rowe is now  
attending  
Troy University.**



**Rachel Virginia Powell**  
*Tallassee High School -*  
Volleyball

**Rachel Powell is now  
attending the  
University of Alabama.**



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

**Chris Glover is now  
attending  
Troy University.**



**Kelly McWhorter**  
*Elmore County High School -*  
Cheerleading

**Kelly McWhorter is now  
attending Central Alabama  
Community College.**

### 2006 BOY'S AWARD 2006 GIRL'S AWARD 2005 BOY'S AWARD 2005 GIRL'S AWARD



**Chaz Worthy**  
*Elmore County High School -*  
Football, Basketball, Baseball

**Chaz Worthy is now  
attending  
Huntingdon College.**



**Ashley Hicks**  
*Stanhope Elmore High  
School -* Cheerleader

**Ashley Hicks is now  
attending the  
University of Alabama.**



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

**Josh Cain is now  
attending Jacksonville  
State University.**



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

**Heather Finklea is now  
attending the University of  
Alabama at Birmingham.**