

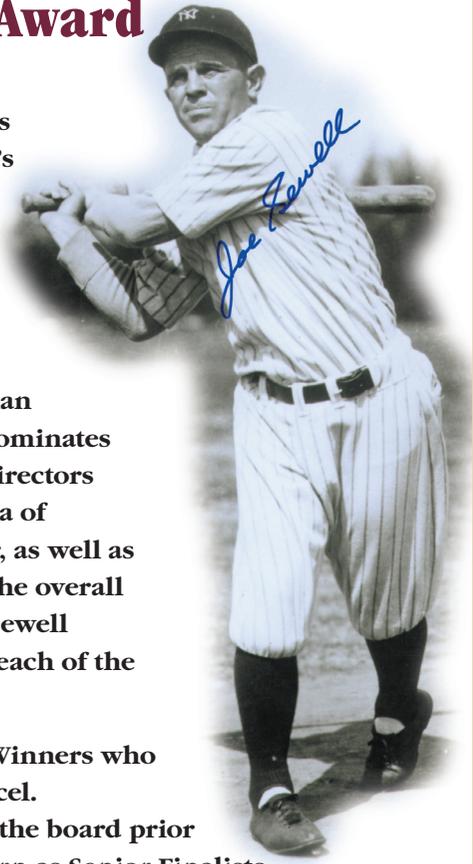
**JOE SEWELL MEMORIAL AWARD**

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

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET MAY 3, 2022

# 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.

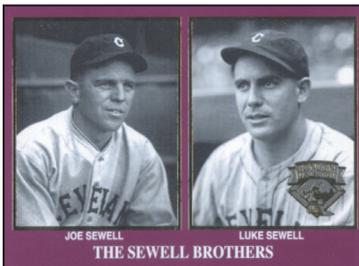
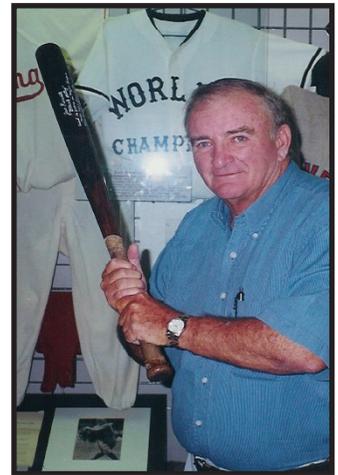


The purpose of the Joe Sewell Memorial Award is to recognize outstanding high school senior athletes who have consistently represented the highest ideals of Christian leadership and emulate the character of Joe Sewell. Each participating high school nominates up to four senior students for this award. 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 \$3,000 John Sewell Scholarship. One male and one female are also selected as the Category Winners for each of the four categories listed above, and each is awarded a \$1,000 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.

The Joe Sewell Memorial Award and John Sewell Scholarships are projects under the auspices of the Elmore County Community Foundation (ECCF) which is an affiliate of Central Alabama Community Foundation.

Contributions to the Joe Sewell Fund are tax-deductible. Donors may give online at [cacinfo.org](http://cacinfo.org) or by mail to ECCF/Joe Sewell Fund, P.O. Box 743, Wetumpka, AL 36092



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## 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.

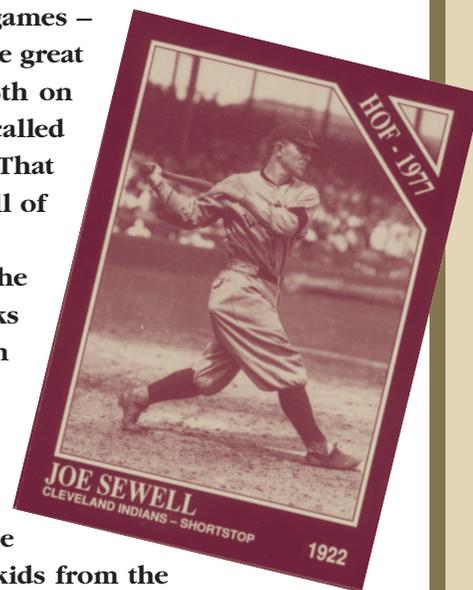
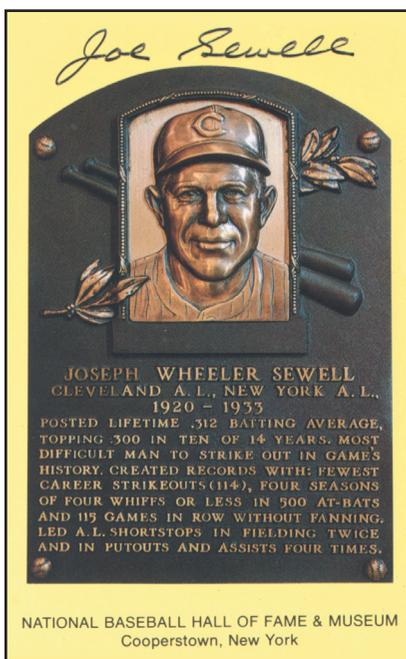
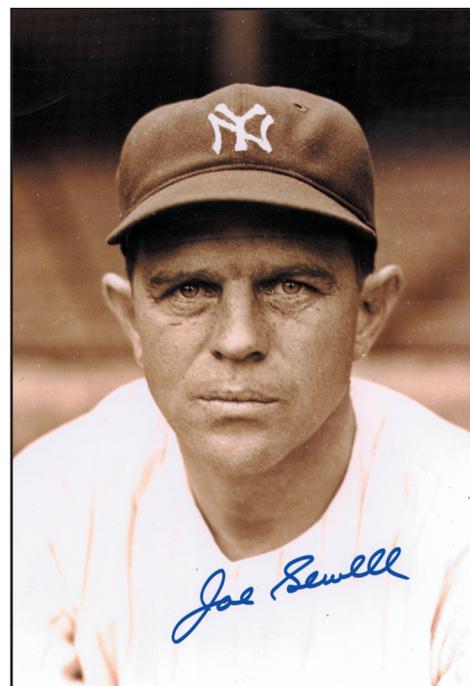
When it came to hitting, no one matched Joe Sewell. Few rookies then and even in today's modern era faced a tougher assignment or more pressure than Sewell did in 1920. While Sewell was playing his first professional season in New Orleans right out of college (Alabama), Cleveland Indians hero Ray Chapman 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 -*

# **Bear Woods**

Bear Woods is a native of Macclenny, Florida, where he played quarterback and safety at Baker County High School. He was an honorable mention as an All-State Athlete. In 2005, he walked on at Troy University to play quarterback and moved to linebacker in his freshman season. He graduated in the spring of 2010 with a degree in Sports and Fitness Management. During his time at Troy, he was a two-time All-Sunbelt Conference Player, a four-time Sunbelt Conference Champion, two-time Team Captain, and he was the recipient of the Athletic Director's Athlete of Excellence Award.



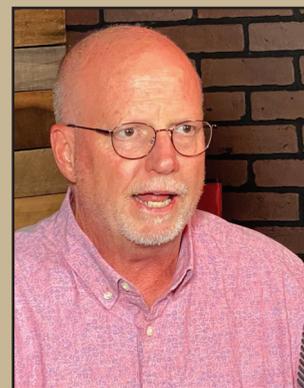
In the spring of 2010, Woods signed as an undrafted free agent with the Atlanta Falcons from 2010-2011. In September of 2011, Woods signed with the Canadian Football League's Montreal Alouettes, where he spent five seasons. During that time, he was awarded two-time Eastern Defensive Player of the Year, two-time CFL All-Star, and set the franchise record for tackles in a season with 126. In the summer of 2017, Woods signed with the CFL's Toronto Argonauts, where he was named the team's Most Outstanding Defensive Player and led the number one ranked defense in the CFL to victory in the 105th CFL Grey Cup. Woods finished his career with the Toronto Argonauts in 2021, completing a 12-year professional football career.

Woods, now known as "Coach Bear," is the new Wetumpka High School Head Football Coach and Athletic Director.

Coach Bear and his wife Jennifer have four children. They have been residents of Wetumpka for seven years and are excited to represent their hometown as the new football coach of the Wetumpka Indians.

## *Tonight's Emcee - Doug Amos*

Doug Amos has been a part of the sports media in the River Region for close to four decades, having covered the Southeastern Conference for The Montgomery Advertiser for eight years before beginning his broadcast career. He has hosted a sports radio show in the area since 1993 and is a two-time recipient of the Associated Press Excellence in Broadcasting Award. He currently hosts "The MAX Round Table", a daily sport radio show with Charlie Trotman and Darrell Dapprich on ESPN The Ticket in the River Region and ESPN 106.7 in Auburn/Opelika. Earlier this year he began another venture - hosting "The Score" television show each weekday morning on WCOV FOX20. This past basketball season he completed his 25th and final season of play-by-play broadcasting of collegiate sporting events. Doug and his wife, Karla, have a daughter - Reyn, age 14.



# SENIOR FINALISTS



## William Jackson Atkinson

*Elmore County High School*

### Soccer

Santuck Baptist Church: Fall Festival Volunteer, Disciple NOW Volunteer, Eclectic Christmas Volunteer • Beta Club President, National English Honor Society, ECHS Elite, Mu Alpha Theta, Robotics Club Board Member, Maroon Machine Member, Auburn

University Honors College, Elmore County Food Bank, Refurbished playground equipment at Eclectic Elementary School • Top 5 In Class; Senior Class Salutatorian • Scholarship to Auburn University • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Son of Greg and Jan Atkinson.



## Emma Caroline Brown

*Elmore County High School*

### Volleyball, Softball

Thelma Baptist Church: Guatemala Mission Trip, Strength to Stand Winter Conference, VBS Volunteer, Operation Christmas Child • Volleyball: Serving Award • Softball: State Playoff batting honor • Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, Senior Class

Secretary, First Priority, Key Club, Senior Elite, Top 5 in Class, Distinguished Young Woman Academic Award • Volunteer with Food Pantry and hitting lessons for younger players • Scholarships to William & Mary, Auburn University, Faulkner University • Daughter of Chip and Stacey Brown.



## Woodrow Dean

*Tallasse High School*

### Track

Bethlehem East Baptist Church: Children's Church Helper, Glow Ministry Team Member • Track: All-State Team, State 5A Champion & Runner Up, All-Montgomery Metro Team & Runner of the Year, Section 5A Champion, AHSAA North-South All Star Race-1st

Place, AHSAA Runner Spotlight, 2nd Place MileSplit National Performer of the Week, 5K record in 3 state venues, 3rd fastest 5K in Alabama • Beta Club, National Honor Society • Scholarships to Cornerstone University, Samford University, University of Alabama, Liberty University • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Son of Larry and Onilda Dean.



## Mackenzie Elizabeth Foshee

*Stanhope Elmore High School*

### Volleyball, Tennis

Coosada Baptist Church: VBS Volunteer, Nursery Worker, Youth Leadership Team • Volleyball: Offensive Player of the Year, Coaches Award, Team Captain • Beta Club Officer, National Honor Society Officer, SGA Representative, DECA, Junior Civitan, FBLA, Mu Alpha

Theta, Spanish National Honor Society, English National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society • Scholarships to University of Alabama, University of Alabama Birmingham, University of South Alabama, Troy University, Faulkner University • Daughter of Jon and Patti Foshee.



## Belle Haynes

*Tallasse High School*

### Softball, Volleyball, Track and Field

Beulah Baptist Church: VBS Volunteer, TRIBES Participant, Operation Christmas Child • Softball: Team Captain, All-State, All-Metro, All-County, All-State Terrific 20, North-South Team • Volleyball: Team Captain • Bryant Jordan Region 3 Class 5A Academic Award

• Volunteer with Food Pantry, Math & Physics tutor, Life-South Blood Drive • Mu Alpha Theta, FCA, Key Club, SGA Officer, Spanish Club • Scholarships to University of South Alabama, Auburn University, University of Alabama, UAB, Samford University, Southern Union Community College • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Daughter of Dana and Beth Haynes.



## Chloe Baynes

*Tallasse High School*

### Softball, Volleyball, Track and Field

First Baptist Church Tallasse: Children's Sunday School, Youth Softball Practice, Life-Choice Pregnancy Center • Softball:

All-Area, All-Metro, All-State, North-South All-Star, Max-Preps National Freshman of the Year & All-American, County Player of the Year, Offensive Player of the Year, Sports Illustrated Magazine Faces in the Crowd • Volleyball: Team Captain • Track and Field: Sectional Champion • National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, FCA • Scholarship to Auburn University Montgomery • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Daughter of Mark and Michelle Baynes.



## Robert Sean Darnell

*Elmore County High School*

### Baseball, Football

Ebenezer Bible Church: Operation Christmas Child, Central Baptist Church Youth Group • Baseball: Wetumpka Herald Player of the Week, Elmore County Baseball Player of the Year, All-Metro, Varsity Captain, 2nd Team All-State • Football: All-County Honorable

Mention • Bryant Jordan Region 3 Class 5A Achievement Award • Beta Club/State Convention, National English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, FCA, First Priority, Senior Elite, Mr. Elite • Intends to attend Wallace-Dothan with athletic and academic scholarships • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Son of Keith and Melissa Darnell.



## Michael Austin Forney

*Holtville High School*

### Baseball, Football, Basketball

Shoal Creek Baptist Church: Prayer Group Leader • Baseball: Highest Batting Average, Team Captain, All-County, All-Metro, All-State • Football: North-South All-Star, County Defensive Player of the Year, All-County, All-State, Team Captain, Lead Tackler •

FCA, Mu Alpha Theta Officer, Spanish Club, Boys State Activities Director • Volunteer with Humane Shelter, Food Pantry • Scholarships to Auburn University, Belhaven University, University of South Alabama, Millsaps College, University of Alabama Huntsville, Alabama A & M, AUM • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Son of Robert and Lee Forney.



## Nathan Alan Golden

*New Life Christian Academy*

### Basketball, Baseball, Golf

New Life Christian Center: Kid's Ministry Volunteer • Basketball: Offensive Player of the Year, 1st Team All-Tournament Award • Beta Club/Vice-President, Food Pantry, Millbrook Welcome Center, Humane Society, YMCA Volunteer, Montgomery

Alzheimer's Care Givers Volunteer, HUGS Organization • Scholarships to Auburn University, University of Alabama, Auburn University Montgomery • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Son of Rusty and Heidi Golden



## Kelbi Johnson

*Stanhope Elmore High School*

### Softball, Volleyball, Basketball

Coosada Baptist Church: Youth Group, Santa's Workshop • Softball: Rookie & Defensive Award, MVP, All-County • Volleyball: MVP, Team Captain, All-County, Coaches Award • Beta Club, National Honor Society Officer, Science, English, and Spanish National

Honor Societies, DECA Club, Mu Alpha Theta, FBLA Officer, FCCLA Officer, Jr Civitan, Spanish Club, FCA, COVID Food Drive, Tornado Relief Drive • Scholarships to Central Alabama Community College, Bryant-Jordan Achievement Scholarship • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Daughter of Scott and Brandi Johnson.

# SENIOR FINALISTS



## Colton Curtis Jones

*Edgewood Academy*

**Football, Baseball**

Aldersgate United Methodist Church: Mexico Mission Trip, Youth Member, Mission Week Volunteer • Football: All-State, All-County, All-Metro, AISA All-Star, Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman, East Side AISA All-Star Game • Baseball: AISA All-Star Junior Player

• Beta Club, National Honor Society, Youth Baseball Camp Volunteer • Scholarships to Belhaven University, University of West Alabama, Birmingham Southern, Huntingdon College • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Son of Henry and Anita Jones.



## Cooper Harrison Mann

*Holtville High School*

**Football, Baseball, Basketball**

Cain's Chapel United Methodist Church: Operation Christmas Child, VBS Volunteer • Football: All-County, All-Metro, All-State Defensive End, Defensive Lineman of the Year, All-County Punter • Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, FCA, National Honor Society, Algebra & Pre-Cal

Awards, Food Pantry, Youth Baseball/Basketball Camps, Baked for elderly in community, Tornado Relief • Operate/Own Lawn Care Business • Scholarships to University of Alabama, Lincoln University, Sterling College • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Son of Colin and Jennifer Mann.



## Caleb Mason

*Tallasse High School*

**Baseball, Cross Country, Soccer**

East Tallassee Baptist Church: D3 Youth Conference, M-Fuge Camps in Georgia and Alabama, VBS and Church Nursery Volunteer • Cross Country: State Qualifier, Top 10 Finisher at 5A Sectionals • National Honor Society Committee Chair, National

Honor Society for High School Scholars, Mu Alpha Theta, FCA Leader, FFA, Fishing Team, Choral Program, Tallassee Elementary School After School Program Volunteer • Scholarships to Southern Union State Community College, Auburn University • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Son of Brad and Deborah Mason.



## Madison Elaine McElrath

*Stanhope Elmore High School*

**Volleyball, Cross Country, Track and Field**

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church: Media, Nursery & Youth Usher Ministries, Youth Choir, Praise Dance, Youth of the Year • Cross Country: Team Captain • Track and Field: Team Captain • Beta Club, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Officer, Girls State

Mayor/Delegate, DECA Student of the Year, Senior Senate Class President, JROTC Officer, Superior Cadet Award, US ARMY National Scholar/Athlete, Salvation Army, Voice of SEHS • Scholarships to University of Alabama, Auburn University, Troy University, UAB • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Daughter of Frederick and Temeyra McElrath.



## Mattie Elizabeth Moulton

*Edgewood Academy*

**Cheer**

Journey Church • Cheer: Team Captain, Alabama Independent Schools All-Star Cheerleader, Three-time UCA All-American, Pin It Forward Award • Leads prayer before football and basketball games • Beta Club, National Honor Society • Wetumpka YMCA

Cheer Coach and Camp Counselor • Volunteers private cheer coaching lessons for younger girls • Scholarship to Troy University • Daughter of Corbin and Ashley Bartgis.



## Jasmine R. Russell

*Wetumpka High School*

**Softball, Volleyball, Basketball**

Hope Hull Church of Christ • Softball: Most Valuable Player, Best Offensive Player, Coaches Award • Beta Club, National Honor Society of High School Scholars, YMCA Volunteer, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FCCLA • Volunteer for food/toy drives and

donations to community, Volunteer to paint elementary school building • Scholarships to Troy University, Coastal Alabama Community College, Miles College, University of Montevallo, Albany State University • Daughter of Glenda Russell and Tony Russell.



## Lamonica D. Smith

*Holtville High School*

**Softball, Cheer, Track and Field**

Coosada Baptist/Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church: Sunday School and Youth Volunteer • Cheer: Pin It Forward Award, All-American Cheerleader • Track and Field: Sectional Qualifier • Beta Club Officer, National Honor Society, CAEC Leadership Recipient,

MLK Essay Winner, JROTC Captain & Commander, FCA, SGA Officer, Taste of Elmore County, Christmas on the Coosa Character Breakfast, Zoo Boo, WHS JROTC Expo Event • Scholarships to Marion Military Institute, AUM, Faulkner University, Troy University, University of Alabama, Southern Union Community College • Daughter of Lamar and Jeronica Smith



## Hope Reagan Staton

*Holtville High School*

**Cross Country, Soccer, Basketball, Golf**

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church: Alter Server, Sunday School Teacher's Aide, Search Team, VBS • Cross Country: State Qualifier, Top Bulldog Award • Soccer: County Brick Wall Award • Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Physical Science Award, Bronze Award for ACT,

FFA Officer, FCCLA Officer, Class Officer, Jr Civitan, March for Life in Washington DC, multiple drives for food, coats, & cleaning supplies, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army Soup Kitchen • Scholarships to University of Montevallo, Central Alabama Community College, Jacksonville State University • Daughter of Scott and Mary Staton



## Maggie Kathryn Thames

*Elmore County High School*

**Track and Field**

First Baptist Church of Wetumpka: Community Cleanups, VBS, Strength to Stand and "Generate" Trips, Children's Music Worship Leader, Breakfast Club Devotional Group • Track and Field: State Qualifier, Javelin and Hurdles place winner • Maroon Machine

Band: Section Leader, Brass Captain, and Band President • Beta Club Officer, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Student Council Officer, First Priority, Senior Class Elite, Senior Class Ms. Elite, Senior Class Valedictorian • Scholarships to Troy University, University of South Alabama • Daughter of Taylor and Christie Thames.



## Avery M. Thomas

*Wetumpka High School*

**Football, Track and Field, Basketball**

Community Congregational United Church of Christ: Media Ministry, "Community Cares" Volunteer, VBS • Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football Team, All-Metro, All-County, Coaches Defensive Back of the Year Award, Team Captain • Track and Field:

6A Outdoor/Indoor State Long Jump Finalist • Beta Club, National Honor Society • Volunteer with Tackle Hunger Food Drive, YMCA Assistant Director/Leader, YMCA Christmas Angel Tree Adoption, Food Pantry • Athletic Scholarship to Belhaven University • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Son of Alex and Margo Thomas.

# SENIOR FINALISTS



## Annabelle Grace Tucker

*New Life Christian Academy*

**Cheer, Golf, Softball**

New Life Church • Cheer: FCC & CCA Leadership Awards, Cheer Captain • Golf: ACAA State Championship Team, 2nd Place ACAA State Golf Tournament, 3rd Place ACAA State Golf Tournament • Beta Club/President, National Honor Society for High School

Scholars • Co-Founder of Holiday Cheer, Camp Hope Volunteer, Humane Society, multiple food drives, Montgomery Alzheimer's Association Organizer • Scholarships to Birmingham Southern College, Auburn University, University of Alabama Birmingham • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Daughter of Christopher and Autumn Newell.



## Austin Patrick Turner

*Wetumpka High School*

**Football**

Thelma Baptist Church: Chaperone/Group Leader for Youth and Disciple-Now Conference, Small Group Leader, Strength to Stand, Mission Trips to New Orleans, Georgia, and Guatemala to build and repair homes, churches & provide food and witness to people

• Football: Wetumpka Football Team Richard Payne Award Recipient • Beta Club, National Honor Society, Multiple offices in FFA, Organizer of Wetumpka FFA Rodeo • Owner/Operator of A&B Firewood • Entering business field after graduation • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Son of Brent and Jennifer Turner



## Emma Kathryn Weldon

*Edgewood Academy*

**Volleyball, Basketball**

Ridge Church: Mission Trip to Jackson, MS, Ridge Small Group Member, Community Cleanup, Operation Christmas Child, Adullam House Volunteer • Volleyball: All-County, All-Metro, Team Captain, All-Tournament State Team, AISA All-Star • Basketball:

AISA All-Star, State Championship Team • Beta Club, National Honor Society, Academic Top 10%, Presidential Academic Award • Representative to Girls State • YMCA Youth Volunteer Coach • Scholarships to University of Alabama • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Daughter of Chris and Leslie Weldon.



## Mark Samuel Williams

*Edgewood Academy*

**Football, Baseball**

Centerpoint Fellowship: Thelma Baptist Church Youth Group, VBS Volunteer, Youth Conference • Baseball: Most Improved Player • Beta Club, National Honor Society, Presidential Academic Fitness Award • Salvation Army Bell Ringer, Field of Dreams Volunteer, Youth baseball camp volunteer • Scholarships to University of South Alabama • Son of Mark and Carey Williams.



## Tracy Abigail Wright

*Wetumpka High School*

**Golf**

Weeping Willow Baptist Church: Children's Church Program • Golf: Team Captain, Humanitarian Award, AHSAA Region 3 Leader • JROTC Cadet Major Battalion Officer, Student Council President, A+ Student VOICES, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership, Alabama

Girls State, University of Alabama Early College, JROTC Scholar Athlete • Adopted Afghan Mobile Medical Unit, Children's Miracle Network • Scholarships to Auburn University, University of Alabama, Mississippi State University, University of Mississippi • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Daughter of Tracy and Mona Wright.

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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*



# NINTH GRADE CERTIFICATE WINNERS



## Edgewood Academy

William Ethan Evans, John Phillips Kujala,  
Matthew Eves Bailey, Elizabeth Walker Ellis



## Elmore County High School

Eli Brian McGhee, Addy Greyce Peaden, Ally Orr



## Holtville High School

Kayden Elizabeth Edwards, Colt Wesson,  
Shalom Matthew McCloud, Bailea Catherine Boone



## New Life Christian Academy

Carson A. McCutchin, Lilly J. Moore,  
Kaleb Aaron Jackson



## Stanhope Elmore High School

William J. Myers, Colby Gant Beyer,  
Caleigh Nicole Reese, Toni Jae Taylor



## Tallassee High School

Rush Alexander Wright, Alli Faith Smith,  
Bryson Rigsby, John Camden Mask



## Wetumpka High School

Jushon Fleming, Price Thomas Goggans,  
Candler Elizabeth Brooks, Kelby Walker

# PREVIOUS OVERALL AWARD WINNERS



## 2021 BOY'S AWARD



**Carson Michael Peevy**  
*Edgewood Academy*  
 Football, Basketball, Track & Field

## 2021 GIRL'S AWARD



**Morgan McKinlee Causey**  
*Wetumpka High School*  
 Volleyball, Basketball, Track & Field

### 2020 BOY'S AWARD



**Conner Bradford**  
*Stanhope Elmore High School*  
 Football, Track & Field, Basketball

### 2020 GIRL'S AWARD



**Laurel Avery Bacon**  
*Stanhope Elmore High School*  
 Cheerleading

### 2019 BOY'S AWARD



**James Allen Singleton, Jr.**  
*Elmore County High School*  
 Baseball, Basketball, Football

### 2019 GIRL'S AWARD



**Emma Grace Coyle**  
*Tallassee High School*  
 Cheerleading

### 2018 BOY'S AWARD



**Benjamin Todd Buck, Jr.**  
*Holtville High School*  
 Football, Soccer, Baseball, Basketball, Wrestling

### 2018 GIRL'S AWARD



**Sarah Staton**  
*Holtville High School*  
 Soccer, Cross Country, Bowling

### 2017 BOY'S AWARD



**Robert Broom**  
*Holtville High School*  
 Cross Country, Soccer

### 2017 GIRL'S AWARD



**Hannah Traylor**  
*Elmore County High School*  
 Basketball, Powerlifting, Track & Field, Volleyball

### 2016 BOY'S AWARD



**Ty Naquin**  
*Stanhope Elmore High School*  
 Baseball, Wrestling

### 2016 GIRL'S AWARD



**Elissa Brown**  
*Elmore County High School*  
 Softball, Basketball, Track & Field

### 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, Track, Cheerleading

**2011  
BOY'S AWARD**



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

**2011  
GIRL'S AWARD**



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

**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

*Eighteenth Annual*  
**Joe Sewell Memorial Award Banquet Program**

Wetumpka Civic Center  
May 3, 2022

**Call to Order & Welcome**

**Senior Entrance**

**Dinner Instructions**

**Invocation** ~ Wren Aaron, *Church of the Highlands*

**Dinner**

**Sponsor Recognition**

**Introduction of Emcee**

- \* Worthy Promotional Products

**Special Recognitions** ~ Doug Amos

- \* Millbrook Men's Club  
Board Members  
Past Award Winners  
Senior Finalists who were 9th Grade Certificate Winners

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

- \* Riverside Chevrolet

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

- \* Elmore County Commission

**Introduction of Speaker**

- \* Neptune Technology Group

**Keynote Speaker** ~ **Bear Woods**

**Honoree Selection**

- \* Lee & Leesa Williams

**Senior Category Award Winners** ~ Doug Amos

- Girls Leadership Award ..... \* First Community Bank
- Boys Leadership Award ..... \* Wetumpka Lions Club
- Girls Academic Award ..... \* Alabama Power Company
- Boys Academic Award ..... \* Central Alabama Electric Cooperative
- Girls Church, Community & Character Award..... \* Adams Drugs
- Boys Church, Community & Character Award..... \* McKee & Associates
- Girls Athletic Award ..... \* Garner Engineering Associates
- Boys Athletic Award ..... \* Tallassee Rehab

**Girls Overall Joe Sewell Award and John Sewell Scholarship Winner**

- \* Mrs. Billie Sewell
- \* Goodwin Mills Cawood, LLC

**Boys Overall Joe Sewell Award and John Sewell Scholarship Winner**

- \* Mrs. Billie Sewell
- \* Garner Electric

**Adjourning Remarks**