

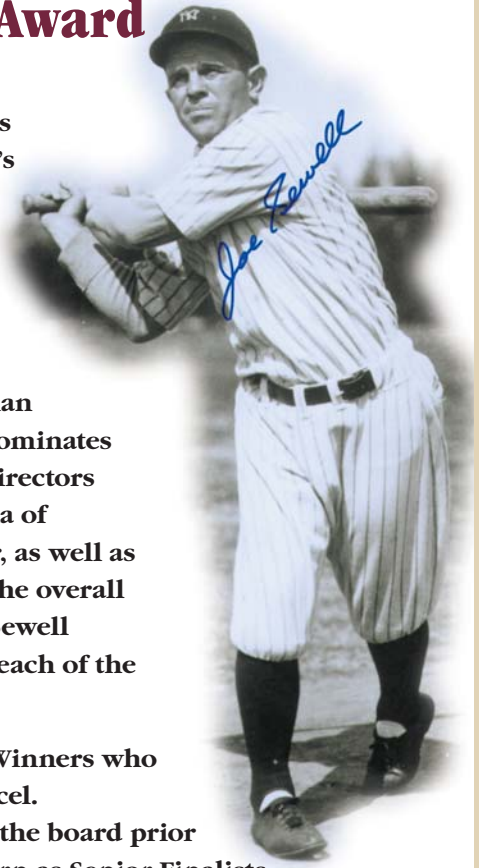
JOE SEWELL MEMORIAL AWARD

Recognizing Elmore County's Outstanding Christian Athletes and Leaders

NINETEENTH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET MAY 2, 2023

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.

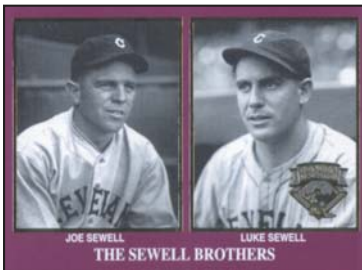
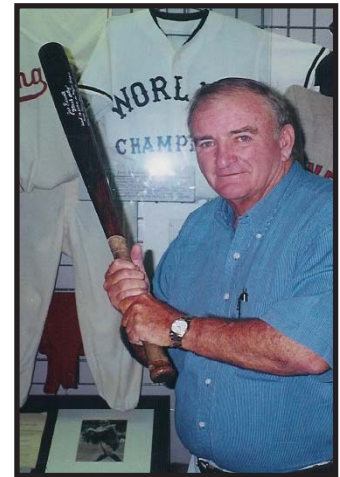


The purpose of the Joe Sewell Memorial Award is to recognize outstanding high school senior athletes who have consistently represented the highest ideals of Christian leadership and emulate the character of Joe Sewell. Each participating high school nominates up to four senior students for this award. 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 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.

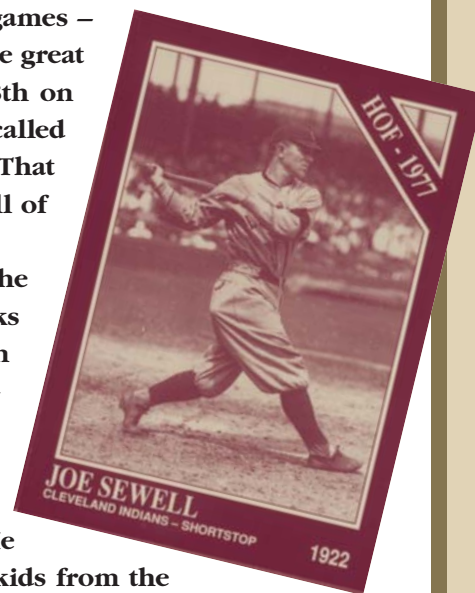
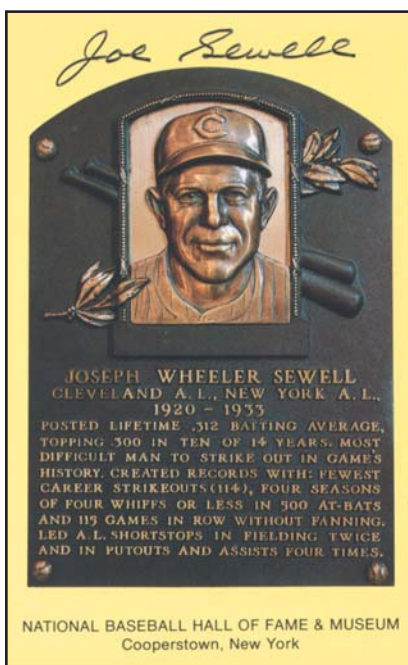
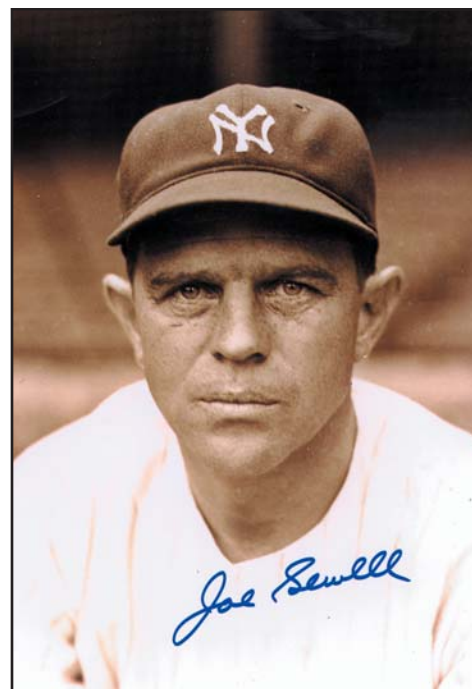
When it came to hitting, no one matched Joe Sewell. Few rookies then and even in today's modern era faced a tougher assignment or more pressure than Sewell did in 1920. While Sewell was playing his first professional season in New Orleans right out of college (Alabama), Cleveland Indians hero Ray Chapman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

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Tonight's Speaker -

**Abby Lutzenkirchen
Forristall**

Abby Lutzenkirchen Forristall is the Director of Events and Opportunities with the Lutzie 43 Foundation. The Foundation, created to honor the memory of Abby's older brother Philip Lutzenkirchen, exists to reduce the number of distracted driving incidents. Prior to joining the Lutzie 43 Foundation team, Abby was a program officer at The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation. In this role, she managed the work of associate-led grant making for the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation, Atlanta United Foundation and the PGA TOUR Superstore Community Fund. Abby graduated from the University of Alabama with a bachelor's degree in Public Relations. A four-year starter and member of the Crimson Tide women's soccer team, Abby was named captain her senior year and was named the 2015 SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Abby is married to Miller Forristall, former Crimson Tide tight end and current New Orleans Saint.



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 on ESPN The Ticket in the River Region and ESPN 106.7 in Auburn/Opelika. He also hosts "The Score" television show each weekday morning on WCOV FOX20. For 25 years he provided play-by-play radio and television coverage of college football and basketball games in Alabama, retiring from that venture two years ago. Doug and his wife, Karla, have a daughter - Reyn, age 15



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SENIOR FINALISTS



ELENA ADAMS

Edgewood Academy

Volleyball

The River of Life Church • Nursery Worker • YMCA Volleyball Coach
 • FDA Drug and Tobacco Study • UAB Sleep Study • Genesis Project
 Outreach • Wednesday Night Food Service • VBS Volunteer
 • Class Officer • Beta Club • National Honor Society

- Top 10% Award • SGA Vice-President • Subject Awards for Precalculus and Anatomy
- Mathlete Team • Cottey College (Missouri) Merit and Volleyball Scholarships
- Daughter of Phil and Kimberley Adams.



BELLA MARIE BARFOOT

Stanhope Elmore High School

Cheer

Coosada Baptist Church • Varsity Cheer Captain • UCA All-Star
 Cheer Award • Top 10% of Senior Class • Science, English,
 Computer Science, and Math National Honor Societies
 • Bryant-Jordan Scholar Athlete Representative • Church Preschool

- Teacher • MissionFuge Camps • Junior Civitan Secretary • Senior Senate • SGA Vice-President
- Millbrook Chamber of Commerce Junior Ambassador • University of South Alabama-USA Jaguar Achievement Admission Scholarship • Early Nursing School Acceptance • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Daughter of Austin and Sandy Barfoot.



BRADLEY BOONE

Edgewood Academy

Football, Baseball, Track, Basketball

Mulder Memorial United Methodist Church • Football: All-State,
 All-Metro, All-County • 2022 Central Alabama Top 22 in Football
 • Alabama Independent Schools Football All-Star
 • Baseball All-County • Beta Club • National Honor Society

- Chemistry Highest Average Award • Field of Dreams Volunteer • Tornado Relief Volunteer
- Mr. Edgewood • Troy University • Southern Union • Son of Michael and Sherrie Boone.



BRADLEY BROWN

Edgewood Academy

Cheer, Softball

Brush Poppers Cowboy Church • UCA All-American Cheerleader
 • Pin It Forward Recipient • AISA All-Star Cheerleader
 • Outstanding Shop Class Student • Elmore County Food Pantry
 Thrift Store Volunteer • Junior Cheer Clinic Volunteer • Beta Club

- Prom Committee • Accepted with scholarships to University of Alabama, Mississippi State University, University of South Alabama, Ole Miss, Jacksonville State University, and Huntingdon College • Troy University • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Daughter of Steve and Kelley Brown



MICAH COLE

Tallassee High School

Football, Wrestling, Basketball, Track

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church • Big Cat and Iron Man
 Award • Football: All-Metro, Region, County, Area
 • Wrestling-MVP • Basketball-Coaches Award • Jr. MANNERS
 Professional Development Program • National Honor Society

- Alabama Boys State • FCA • Tallassee Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador • Operates Public Address System at Church • Multiple scholarship include Marion Military, Belhaven, Montevallo, South Alabama • Morehouse College (Atlanta, GA) Football and Academic scholarships
- 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Son of Kerry and Michelle Cole.



MADISON ELIZABETH BAILEY

New Life Christian Academy

Cheer, Golf, Softball

Grace Pointe Church of Christ • Golf Team State Championship
 • Softball Heart of Champion Award • Alpha Omega Honor Society
 • National Society of High School Scholars
 • Volunteer for Cops4Kids, Humane Shelter, VBS/Nursery/

- Children's Church • AUM Counselor Scholarship • Enlisted in Army National Guard: Basic Training Ft. Leonard Wood Missouri, July 2023 • Will attend AUM and Auburn University
- 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Daughter of Brad and Amy Holmgren.



GAVAN BAXLEY

Wetumpka High School

Cross Country, Track

Mulder Memorial United Methodist Church • Youth Leader; Church
 Council • Operation Christmas Child, Elmore County Food Pantry
 • Cross Country: Team Captain, All-Metro, Sectional Champion
 • Alabama State Games Male Athlete of the Year • 7 times Cross

- Country/Track State Finalist • USATF Jr Olympic National Finalist • SGA & Beta Club President
- National Honor Society • Tribal Talk • Social Media Manager & Play by play announcer for WHS Athletics • Troy University Leadership Scholarship / Troy Track Team member • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Son of Ben and Nacole Baxley.



BRYSON BOONE

Edgewood Academy

Football, Baseball

Mulder Memorial United Methodist Church • Football All-State,
 All-Metro, All-County • 2022 Central Alabama Top 22 in Football
 • Beta Club • National Honor Society • Tega Wanogho Youth
 Football Camp Volunteer • Field of Dreams and Baseball Camps

- Volunteer • Tornado Relief Volunteer • Auburn University Air Force ROTC Scholarship
- 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Son of Michael and Sherrie Boone.



EMMA RENEE CHAVERS

New Life Christian Academy

Volleyball, Softball, Basketball

Millbrook First United Methodist Church • Volleyball Most
 Valuable Player Award • Volleyball All-State • Softball Most
 Valuable Player Award • Softball All-State • Beta Club
 • Student Council • Vacation Bible School and Children's Church

- Volunteer • Elmore County Food Pantry Volunteer • Bible Drive for Inmates • YMCA Youth Volleyball Volunteer and Volleyball Camp Volunteer • Volleyball Scholarship to Cumberland University Scholarship (Lebanon, Tennessee) • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner
- Daughter of Brian and Sonya Chavers.



ABBIE DAVIS

Tallassee High School

Softball, Cheer, Track

First Baptist Church Tallassee • First Baptist Youth Group Leader
 • Two times UCA All American Cheerleader • Highest GPA Dance
 Team and Cheer Team • Cross Country Regional Qualifier
 • Throws Javelin • Tallassee Area Chamber of Commerce

- Ambassador • National Honor Society • Fellowship of Christian Athletes President • Future Business Leaders of America Vice President • Member Key Club & Lions Club • Softball Team Prayer Leader • Softball Athletic Scholarship Coastal Alabama Community College • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Daughter of Bradley and Catherine Davis.

SENIOR FINALISTS



TAYLOR GUNN

Wetumpka High School

Cross Country, Soccer, Track

Redland Hills Baptist Church • Youth Group Leadership Team • Church Tech Team • Community Yard Work • National Honor Society • Beta Club President • SGA President • Skills USA Vice President • Record for fastest WHS Cross Country Team

- USATF Junior Olympics • Soccer Playoffs • Tribal Talk Host and Editor
- Central Alabama Electric Youth Tour Member • AGAPE of Central Alabama Volunteer
- Auburn University Honors College: Spirit of Auburn Founders Scholarship and Alumni Scholarship • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Son of Wes and Amanda Gunn.



ALLYE JUSTISS

Elmore County High School

Volleyball, Basketball

Good Hope Baptist Church • VBS Worship Leader • Volunteer for Operation Christmas Child, Life South Blood Bank, Elmore County Humane Shelter, and Food Pantry • National English Honor Society (President) • Beta Club • Mu Alpha Theta • Elmore County High School

- Academic Elite • First Priority (Vice-President) Fellowship Christian Athletes • ECHS Panther Ambassador
- Volleyball: Heart of a Panther Award • Linley Heflin Scholarship • Elk Lodge National Scholarship
- University of South Alabama Honors College (Jaguar Achievement & Freshman Leadership Scholarships)
- 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Daughter of Josh and Tiffany Pack; Wesley Justiss.



JAMES CAMERON NICHOLS

New Life Christian Academy

Football, Basketball, Baseball

East Memorial Baptist Church • Strength to Stand Conferences • Volunteer with Food Drives and Bible Drives • Peer Tutor • Beta Club Chaplain and Vice-President • National Honor Society • Boy Scouts • Student Council Vice-President and Chaplain

- Drama Club President • Book Club • Football Offensive/Defensive Line • Student Football Coach
- Heart of a Champion Award • Basketball Guard/Forward • Baseball Outfielder/Second Baseman
- University of Alabama (Foundation in Excellence Scholarship) • Troy University Chancellor's Scholarship & Scholars Award • Brother of Christopher Smith.



KENNETH PAUL ROGERS

Stanhope Elmore High School

Cross Country, Track

Millbrook Presbyterian Church • Church Youth Group • Beta Club • SkillsUSA • Top 50 on CLT10 (Liberal Arts College Entrance Exam) • Cyberpatriot Cyber Security Club • JROTC Company Commander • JROTC Academic Team

- 1st Officer Trail Life USA (Christian Boys Scouts) • Student Eagle Program
- Student Newsletter (Chief Writer) • Cross Country State Meet • YMCA Life Guard
- Auburn University Montgomery Dual Enrollment Classes • Will attend Wheaton College or The Citadel • Son of Ben and Carol Rogers.



SAMUEL ALLEN SILAS

Holtville High School

Baseball

Shoal Creek Baptist Church • Volunteer with Christmas Community Store and Food Drives • Youth Group Mentor for Freshman Grow Trip • Baseball: All State, All County, All Metro • Golden Glove Award • AHSAA All-Star Game • Coaches Association All-Star

- Game • Perfect Game All American • National Honor Society • Beta Club • Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society • Bulldog Ambassador • Leader of the Pack • Jacksonville State University Athletic Baseball and Academic Scholarships • Son of Robbie and Audra Silas



KHLOE GRACE JONES

Stanhope Elmore High School

Softball

Elmore Church of Christ • Youth Group Leader, Children's Bible Class Teacher, Girls for God • Elmore Youth In Action • Softball: Most Improved, All County • Wetumpka Herald Player of the Week • Beta Club • National Science Honor Society

- Mu Alpha Theta (Vice-President) DECA (Credentialed in Marketing, Personal Finance & Business Technology 2022) • Tornado Relief Volunteer • Assists elderly and shut-ins in her community
- Enterprise State Community College Softball Scholarship
- Daughter of Kevin and Stephanie Jones.



CARLIE SHEA LANIER

Holtville High School

Soccer, Cross Country, Cheer

Shoal Creek Baptist Church • Brazil Mission Trip • VBS Bible Story Teacher and Children's Ministry Volunteer • National Honor Society • Mu Alpha Theta • Fellowship of Christian Athletes (President) • Vice President FCCLA (Family, Career, & Community

- Leaders of America) • Soccer: Team Captain, Player of the Game • Club Soccer: Wetumpka United and Alabama FC • Auburn University • Auburn University Montgomery
- Huntington College • Troy University • Central Alabama Community College • Southern Union
- Daughter of Charlie and Jessica Lanier.



COOPER WESLEY ROGERS

Elmore County High School

Baseball, Basketball, Football

Good Hope Baptist Church • Vacation Bible School Recreation Leader • An Eclectic Christmas Cast Member • Volunteer for Summer Child Nutrition Program • Beta Club Executive Board • State Beta Convention Agriculture Competition • National English

- Honor Society • Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society • Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Baseball: Team Leader, All County • Lurleen B. Wallace Community College Baseball Athletic and Academic Scholarships • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner
- Son of Wes and Karen Rogers.



COURTNEY SIDES

Elmore County High School

Volleyball, Track

Good Hope Baptist Church • Mission Trip, VBS, Praise Band • President of Senior Class, Beta Club, Key Club, and Student Council • Founder ECHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle • Volleyball All County • ALFA's Outstanding Female Athlete • Alabama & National High School Athletic

- Association Student Leadership Summit • Ranked 1st in ECHS Senior Class • Elmore County Distinguished Young Woman 1st Runner Up • Girls State Treasurer • Volunteer: Hope for Houston, An Eclectic Christmas, Operation Christmas Child • Bryant Jordan Regional Scholar Athlete • University of Mobile (Presidential & William Weaver Full Scholarship) • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Daughter of Scott and Kim Sides.



KILEY SISSON

Wetumpka High School

Soccer, Volleyball, Tennis

Mulder Memorial United Methodist Church • Mission Trip to North Carolina • Elmore County Food Pantry • 100+ community service hours • Volleyball JV Defensive Player of the Year • Tennis 2nd seed • DECA Club: 3rd in State Marketing Competition • DECA National

- Marketing Competition • Yearbook Head Editor • Tribal Council • Key Club • Government Club Vice President • Fellowship of Christian Athletes • National Honor Society • Beta Club • Senior Class Rep
- Auburn University: Spirit of Auburn Founders Scholarship, Ever to Conquer Scholarship. C.S. & Louise Bazemore Scholarship • Daughter of Weston and Mary Sisson.

SENIOR FINALISTS



MATTHEW PAYTON STEPHENSON

Elmore County High School

Baseball, Basketball, Football

First Baptist Church Eclectic • Mission work in Florida & Kentucky • Area Disaster Relief • All County, All Metro, All State in Baseball, Basketball & Football • County Player of the Year in both Basketball & Football • WSFA Fever Star Athlete • School records: Most

Touchdowns in a Game; Most Career Touchdowns; Basketball Most Points in a Game • Beta Club Executive Officer • Mu Alpha Theta • English Honor Society • ECHS Academic Elite • University of Montevallo Baseball and Academic Scholarships • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Son of Ricky and Joy Stephenson.



MARLEE STEWART

Tallasse High School

Volleyball, Softball, Track

First Baptist Church Tallassee • RENEW Weekends • Strength to Stand Conference • Church Nursery and VBS volunteer • Volleyball: Team Captain, All County, Most Kills, Most Solo Blocks, Most Attacks, 95 Good Serves Senior Year • Softball: State Playoffs

• Chamber of Commerce Ambassador • Senior Class President • Alabama High School Athletic Association Leadership Team • Top 5 in Class • National Honor Society • Mu Alpha Theta • FCA • Southern Union State Community College Presidential Scholarship • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Daughter of Jackie and Allison Stewart.



MASON DWAYNE STEWART

Tallasse High School

Football, Baseball

First Baptist Church Tallassee • Association of Christians in Tallassee for Service (ACTS) • Participated in Winter Extreme and TRIBES • Volunteer for VBS, Fall Festival, and Church Nursery • Football: Bengal Award, Best Hustle Award, Butch Davis Scholar

Athlete Award, Burlsworth Character Award • Bryant-Jordan Foundation Scholar Athlete Award • Top 5 in Class • Head Chemistry Lab Assistant • Chamber of Commerce Ambassador • Boys State • Southern Union State Community College Technical Scholarship (Electrician) • Son of Jackie and Allison Stewart.



REAGAN MCKENZIE THORN

Holtville High School

Volleyball, Softball

Centerpoint Fellowship Church • Kid's Ministry volunteer • Volleyball: Defensive Award, Most Digs, Serving Award, Coach's Award, All County Honorable Mention • Softball: 1st player at HHS to hit a Full Cycle • Fan's Choice Player of the Week

• Softball Leadership Team • Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society • Beta Club • Fellowship of Christian Athletes • First Priority • ACT Bronze Medal • Book Club • University of South Alabama Jaguar Achievement Scholarship and Jaguar Dream Scholarship • Daughter of Kimberly Thorn, Rick Thorn, and Kevin Maze.



COLTON WAYNE WHEELER

Holtville High School

Soccer, Football

Prattville Church of Christ • Volunteers with Field of Dreams, Community Christmas Store, Elmore County Food Pantry, and Stuff the Bus • Soccer Team Captain • Football Team Captain • Boys State Representative • Jr. Civitan Club • Leaders of the

Pack, President • SGA Vice President • Senior Class Secretary • Mu Alpha Theta • Beta Club • I Dare You Award • Enlisted in Alabama National Guard: Basic Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Summer 2023 • Will attend Auburn University (Aerospace Engineering) • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate Winner • Son of Todd and Kim Wheeler.



COLIN BRYANT WOODHAM

Stanhope Elmore High School

Baseball, Basketball

Coosada Baptist Church • Volunteered with Horizon Camp, Vacation Bible School, Easter Egg Hunt, Millbrook Men's Club, and Stuff the Bus • Elmore County Cy Young Award Winner • Baseball: Rookie of the Year, All County, All State,

All Metro • Baseball Coaches Association All Star Game • Beta Club • Science National Honor Society • Jacksonville State University Baseball Athletic Scholarship • Son of Lance and Michelle Woodham.



BECCA WORRELL

Wetumpka High School

Soccer, Track, Volleyball

Mulder Memorial United Methodist Church • Volunteered with Humane Shelter and Disaster Relief • Soccer: Team Captain, Area Championship • Track: State Relay Races • Volleyball: JV Team Captain • Girls State Delegate • Beta Club President

• Key Club Webmaster • National Honor Society • AP Scholar with Honors Award • FCA Group Leader • Robotics Club • Awards at South's Best Robotics • Auburn University Honors College: Spirit of Auburn Founders Scholarship, Bazemore Scholarship, Blount Scholarship, Alabama Electric Coop Scholarship • Daughter of Leslie Worrell, Granddaughter of Pat Hall.

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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
Lucas Stubbs, Harlie Barrett,
Barrett Brown, Stone Bartgis



Elmore County High School
Gage Davis, Seth McGhee,
Colby Blackwell, Addison Hicks



Holtville High School
Gage Russom, Kinslee Jackson,
Isabelle Searcy, Tyler Hackett



New Life Christian Academy
Ava Baker, Jaya Hatcher,
Wade Mora (Aidan Gibbons)



Stanhope Elmore High School
Grayson Jones, Jessica Patton,
Hayden Anderson, Maria Escobar



Tallassee High School
Nathan Mason, Nubia Espinoza,
Patrick Ernest, Chloe Smith



Wetumpka High School
Adison Turner, Cameron Wells,
Ashlynn Turner, Jack Pinckard

PREVIOUS OVERALL AWARD WINNERS



2022 BOY'S AWARD

2022 GIRL'S AWARD



Michael Austin Forney
Holtville High School
 Baseball, Football, Basketball



Belle Haynes
Tallassee High School
 Softball, Volleyball, Track and Field

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

Nineteenth Annual

Joe Sewell Memorial Award Banquet Program

Wetumpka Civic Center

May 2, 2023

Call to Order & Welcome

Senior Entrance

Dinner Instructions

Invocation ~ Rev. Brannon Bowman, *Millbrook Presbyterian Church*

* Millbrook Men's Club

Dinner

Sponsor Recognition

* Sewell, Williams, Weldon, and Ingram Families

Introduction of Emcee

* Goodwin Mills Cawood

Special Recognitions ~ Doug Amos

* Central Alabama Electric Cooperative

Board Members

Past Award Winners

Senior Finalists who were 9th Grade Certificate Winners

Recognition of 9th Grade Certificate Winners ~ Doug Amos

* McKee & Associates

Introduction of Senior Joe Sewell Award Finalists ~ Doug Amos

* Elmore County Commission

Introduction of Speaker

* Neptune Technology Group

Keynote Speaker ~ Abby Lutzenkirchen Forristall

Honoree Selection

* Tallassee Rehab

Senior Category Award Winners ~ Doug Amos

Girls Leadership Award * First Community Bank

Boys Leadership Award * Wetumpka Lions Club

Girls Academic Award * Mandi Fortner Agency

Boys Academic Award * Adams Drugs

Girls Church, Community & Character Award..... * Alabama Power

Boys Church, Community & Character Award..... * Garner Electric

Girls Athletic Award * Little River Materials

Boys Athletic Award * Holley Steel

Girls Overall Joe Sewell Award and John Sewell Scholarship Winner

* Mrs. Billie Sewell

* Garner Electric

Boys Overall Joe Sewell Award and John Sewell Scholarship Winner

* Mrs. Billie Sewell

* Worthy Promo

Adjourning Remarks