

Joe Sewell

Joe Sewell Memorial Award

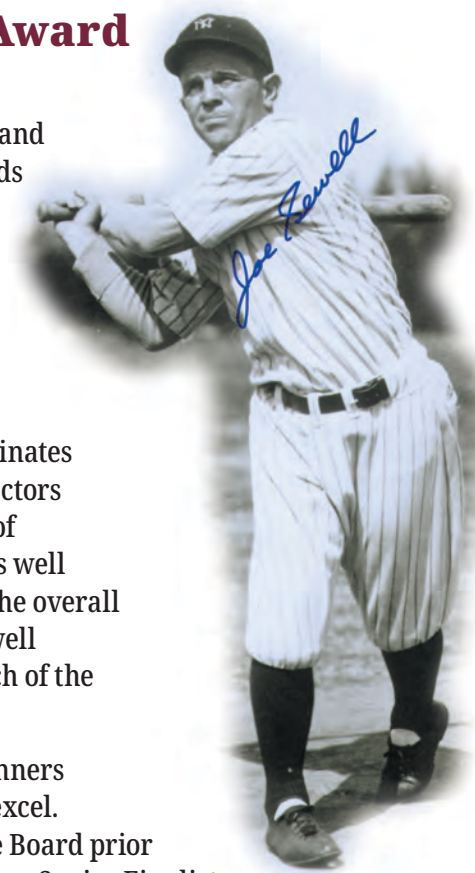
*Recognizing Elmore County's Outstanding Christian Athletes and Leaders
Twenty-First Annual Awards Banquet May 6, 2025*

Purpose of the Joe Sewell Memorial Award

The Joe Sewell Memorial Award is named after one of Elmore County's professional athletes, Joe Sewell, who displayed leadership and Christian character both on the field and in his home community of Titus. 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.

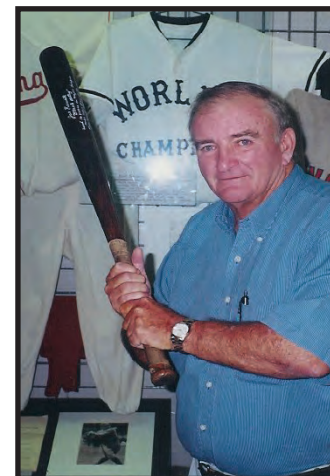
The purpose of the Joe Sewell Memorial Award is to recognize outstanding high school senior athletes who have consistently represented the highest ideals of Christian leadership and emulate the character of Joe Sewell. Each participating high school nominates up to four senior students for this award. 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 \$3,500 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 \$1,500 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



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.

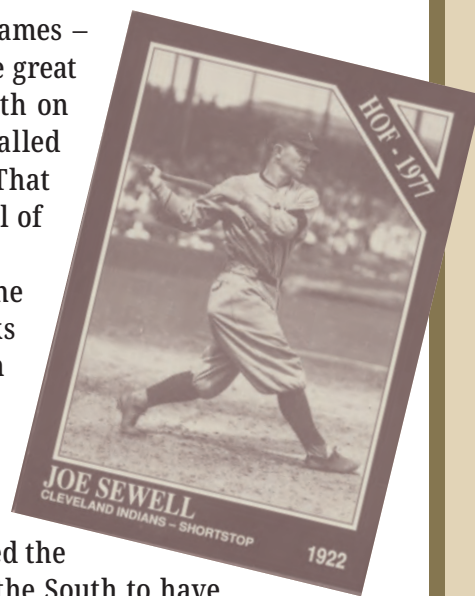
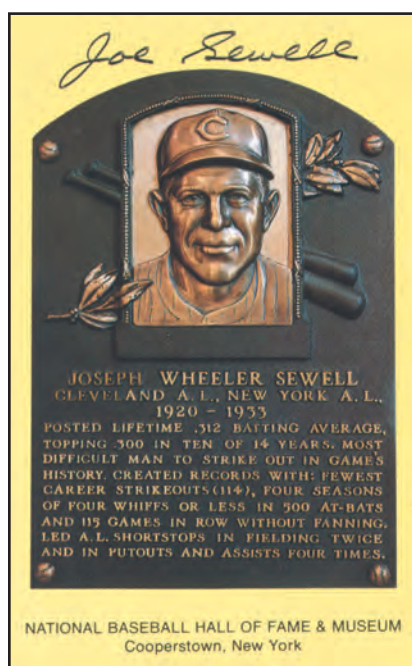
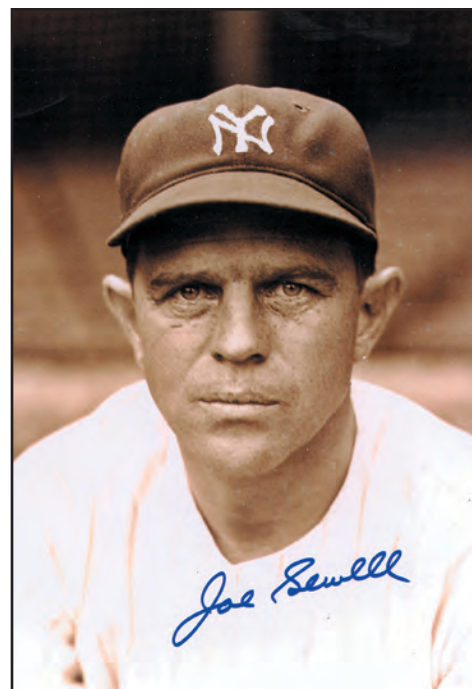
Joe Sewell still owns two of Major League Baseball's records, records which most fans of the game say will never be broken. He holds the lifetime record for fewest strikeouts at bat during his 14 year pro career – 114 in 7,132 games. Sewell holds the single season record for fewest strikeouts at bat 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.



In Memory - **Jeff Chapman**

Jeff Chapman was born on April 6, 1957, in Montgomery, Alabama. He spent his early childhood in Millbrook, where he lived for the first 12 years of his life before moving away for more than two decades. Eventually, he returned to Millbrook to raise a family with his beloved wife, Gail. Together they raised three children—Cody, Cory, and Cassie Lu. His memory lives on through his cherished grandchildren: Kaylee, Kason, and Karlee.



For the past 35 years, Jeff called Millbrook home, deeply investing himself in the community. As a dedicated member of the Millbrook Men's Club for over 30 years, he played an active role in organizing and fundraising for their annual barbecues. A passionate horseman, Jeff spent countless hours trail riding through the Smoky Mountains and loved sharing this experience with others.

Professionally, he owned and operated Clean King, a commercial cleaning business. Spiritually devoted, Jeff was a faithful member of Hunter Hills Church of Christ and took part in its prison ministry, reflecting his commitment to service and compassion.

Jeff's leadership and character were evident early in life. At Lee High School, classmates honored him with the title "Mr. Lee High School," and he was a proud recipient of the prestigious Jimmy Hitchcock Award, which continues to recognize Christian leadership in athletics. A gifted athlete, Jeff lettered in football and remained undefeated in wrestling throughout his three years in high school. He continued his athletic journey by playing junior college football in Mississippi and later earned a business degree from Abilene Christian University.

Jeff was the co-founder, along with Barry Mask, of the Joe Sewell Memorial Award, established to honor Elmore County's outstanding Christian athletes and leaders. A lifelong Alabama football fan, he had the rare joy of witnessing both the Bear Bryant and Nick Saban eras.

Jeff Chapman leaves behind a lasting legacy of faith, family, sportsmanship, and community. His impact will be forever remembered by those who had the privilege to know and love him.



Tonight's Speaker - **Scott Sullivan**

Scott Sullivan was raised on a small farm in Pickens County in west Alabama. He learned about hard work at an early age, and it taught him a lot of discipline. After a successful highschool career, Scott played one year at Marion Military Institute before deciding to walk on at Auburn. Scott's father had graduated from Auburn, but Scott had never been on campus. He found the baseball facility and introduced himself to then, head coach Hal Baird. During one fateful afternoon practice, Coach Baird saw something in Scott that started the journey which led to a 10-year MLB career. He was eventually awarded a scholarship that was described by Scott as "Life Changing." He went on to graduate from Auburn University before embarking on his professional career.

Scott was drafted in 1993 by the Cincinnati Reds, and debuted for the Reds two years later. Sullivan went on to set a franchise record by pitching at least 100 innings in relief from 1998 to 2001. He also ranks second in Reds history with 494 pitching appearances, and went on to pitch for the Chicago White Sox and Kansas City Royals, finishing a rewarding career in 2004.

Scott was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2024, becoming the 10th Auburn baseball player to be inducted. During that ceremony, Auburn head baseball coach Butch Thompson spoke honoring his friend. Coach Thompson went on to say Scott was "One of the best men I've met since I've walked the earth." After being named the head baseball coach, Coach Thompson wanted to live as close as possible to Scott, seeking accountability and a person of character to help him grow personally as he rebuilt the baseball program. As a bonus, Butch never has to worry about their outdoor fireplace being available for the family gathering spot.

"I haven't filled that woodbin in eight years because that man fills my woodbin," Thompson said.

Scott and his wife Leann live in Auburn and have 3 kids.



Tonight's Emcee - Doug Amos

Doug Amos has been a part of the sports media in the River Region for 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. Through his Roundtable Broadcasting company, he also produces and hosts multiple weekly coaches shows and a weekly college football preview show. For 25 years he provided play-by-play radio and television coverage of college football and basketball games in Alabama, retiring from that venture three years ago. Doug and his wife, Karla, have a daughter – Reyn, age 17.



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SENIOR FINALISTS



Ava Faith Baxley
Edgewood Academy
Cheer

Mulder Methodist Church • Church Children's Ministry, Church Youth Group, Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child • Elmore County Food Pantry, Redland Elementary School Book Buddy, Ivy's Closet • AISA All Star Cheerleader, AISA State Championship Team 2022 and 2024, UCA Pin It Forward

Recipient, Volleyball Manager 2024-25 • Beta Club, National Honor Society, Yearbook Editor • Scholarships to multiple universities • Will attend University of Montevallo – Political Science/Law • Daughter of Ben and Nacole Baxley



Colby Gant Beyer
Stanhope Elmore High School
Football, Soccer, Golf

Coosada Baptist Church • DNOW, Refuge, Deep Water • Football Team Captain, Kohl's National Kicking Showcase, Florida State Camp Punting Winner, All-County Kicker, All-Region Punter, Stanhope Quarterback Club Scholarship, Soccer Team Captain • Bryant Jordan Region Winner • National Honor Society,

Science Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta • Wetumpka and Millbrook Food Banks, Youth Football Camp, Millbrook Senior Center, YMCA Camp Counselor • Full Academic Scholarship to Clemson University – Engineering • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate • Son of Richie and Kelli Beyer



Robbie Grace Bolton
Elmore County High School
Volleyball, Basketball, Cheer

Church in the Pines at Children's Harbor • Volleyball: Area Champions, Super-Regionals Participant, Team Co-Captain • Basketball: Team Captain, Area Runner-up, Area Champions • Cheerleading: UCA Space Center Regional 1st place • National Beta Club, National English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Pi

Kappa Theta Honor Society, National Society for High School Scholars, Student Council Secretary • Alabama Cattlemen's Assn. Grand Champion, Childhood Arthritis & Rheumatology Research Alliance • Auburn University - Nursing • Daughter of Robbie and Grace Bolton



Bailea Catherine Boone
Holtville High School
Volleyball, Softball

Shoal Creek Baptist Church • Winter Weekend, Passion Camp, Camp Amigos • Volleyball Offensive Player of the Year, Team Leader Award, 2024 All County, Softball Offensive Player of the Year, Captain, All County, All State, AHSAA season records- Batting average, hits, stolen bases, single AHSAA record single game hits

• Bryant Jordan Scholar, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Junior Civitan, DECA, Beta Club Vice President, SGA Vice President, Youth Leadership • Field of Dreams, Food Pantry • Faulkner University - Softball • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate • Daughter of Kevin and Tanya Boone



Victoria Christine Bullock
Holtville High School
Softball, Volleyball

Shoal Creek Baptist Church • Student Leadership Team, Special Needs Ministry, VBS Leader, Discipleship Praise & Media Team, Passion Camp, • Volleyball Defensive MVP, All County, Serving Award • Beta Club President, Junior Civitan, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, FCA President, SGA President

• County Science Fair 1st Place, Regional Science Fair Judges Choice Award • Field of Dreams, Trunk or Treat, Food Pantry, Life South Blood Drive, Rodeo Volunteer • Lurleen B. Wallace Community College Softball Scholarship • Daughter of Craig and Leia Bullock



Lily Monroe Davenport
Wetumpka High School
Softball

Taylor Road Baptist Church • Captain, North-South All-Star Team, All-State x2, 6A State Champions, State All-Tournament Team, First Team All-County, Wetumpka Herald Player of the Week x4, Montgomery Advertiser Player of the Week x2 • National Honor Society, Health Occupation Students of America Historian

• Baptist South Volunteer • Certified in Teen Mental Health, Basic Life Support, First Aid, and Patient Care Technician • Anderson University Presidential Scholarship, Denmark Scholarship – Nursing • Daughter of Ryan and April Davenport



Kayden Elizabeth Edwards
Elmore County High School
Volleyball, Basketball, Softball

Vessel Church • Squad Wars, VBS • Basketball Team Captain, Softball Offensive MVP, Highest Batting Average • Beta Club Vice President, National English Honor Society Vice President, Mu Alpha Theta President, FCA, Key Club, SGA Representative, Academic Top 10, ECHS Elite, Food Pantry • Mississippi

State University Honor College or University of Alabama at Birmingham Honor College – Biochemistry/Pre-Dental Track • Operation Christmas Child • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate • Daughter of Toby and Heather Edwards



Elizabeth Walker Ellis
Edgewood Academy
Volleyball, Cheer, Basketball

Frazer Church • 2x Volleyball State Champion, 2x Cheerleading UCA all American, UCA Pin It Forward Award, AISA All Star, 2x Cheer State Champion, 2x Basketball State Champion, Coaches Award • SGA Vice President, Beta Club, National Honor Society, Yearbook Assistant Editor • Doodlebugs, Junior Athletic

Camps, Operation Christmas Child, See You at the Pole Lead Organizer • Prestige Scholarship to University of Alabama – Biology/Pre-Dental • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate • Daughter of Jeff and Laura Ellis



Price Thomas Goggans
Wetumpka High School
Cross Country, Track and Field, Tennis

Frazer Methodist Church • VBS, Student One Leadership Team, Discipleship Now • Tennis Team Captain, 2nd Place Team Sectionals • AP Scholar Award, 1st place DECA Financial Services, National Honor Society Treasurer, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, SGA Secretary, Rho Kappa National Honor Society, Yearbook • Operation Christmas

Child, YMCA, Christmas on the Coosa, Food Bank • Merit Scholarship to Auburn University – Accounting/Finance Major • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate • Son of Jamie and Amber Goggans



Zoie Jalese O'Neal Holmes
Stanhope Elmore High School
Volleyball

Abundant Life Church Ministries • Choir, Community Food Distribution, Media Team • Volleyball MVP, Coaches Award, 2x 1st Team All County, All-Tournament Team Area 6A Region 2 • Beta Club, National Honor Society, First Priority, National Honor Societies for English, Science and Math, Youth Leadership

Elmore County, Junior Civitan, Senior Senate, Future Business Leaders of America, Yearbook Manager, Purple Star Program • Alabama A&M University - Business Major • Daughter of James and Lisa Holmes

SENIOR FINALISTS



Kinsley Kennebrev
Tallassee High School
Cheer, Softball

Jerusalem Baptist Church • Sunday School Teacher, Teens and Tents • Cheer Captain x3, Co-Captain, Most Dependable Cheerleader Award, Academic Excellence Cheerleader Award, Magic City Regional Cheer UCA Competition Division Winner, UCA Semifinalist Nationals • National Honor Society, Tri – M

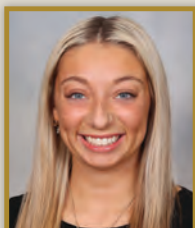
Music Honor Society, SGA Secretary, SGA Vice President, Key Club President, Leo Club President, FCA President • Community Clean Up, Hall of Pride, Food for Kids, Chamber Choir • Leadership Scholarship to Tuskegee University – Animal Science • Daughter of Cedric and Bonita Brown



Camden Mask
Tallassee High School
Swimming

Union Church At Lake Martin • Fall Festival, Operation Christmas Child, Strength to Stand, Disciple Now, • Swim Team Captain, 4th place state 100-yard breaststroke, 4th place state 200-yard IM, 2nd place state 100-yard breaststroke, 2nd place state 200-yard IM, 1st place state 100-yard breaststroke, All-American

USA Swimmer • National Honor Society, Tri – M, Key Club, Boys State, FCA Music Director, SGA Representative • Swim Scholarship to Henderson State University – Chemistry/Pre-Dental • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate • Son of John Ernest Mask II and Courtney Conner Mask



Chaynie Ruth Moulton
Stanhope Elmore High School
Cheer

Coosada Baptist Church • Fuge Camp, Nursery Volunteer, Refuge Youth Group, VBS Volunteer, DNOW Weekend • Cheerleader Co-Captain, Four Year Varsity Letterman • Beta Club, Junior Civitan, Junior Ambassadors, DECA, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, National Science Honor

Society, Diamond Dolls, Student Government, Senate • Server at Smoke House Pit BBQ • Academic Scholarship to Mississippi State University – Veterinary Medicine • Daughter of Harold and Tricia Moulton



Allyson Marie Orr
Elmore County High School
Softball, Volleyball, Track and Field, Cross Country, Cheer

Refuge Baptist Church • VBS Pre-K teacher, Operation Christmas Child • Softball Golden Glove Winner, Volleyball 2021 All-County Honorable Mention, 2023 All-County 2nd Team, State Javelin Runner-up, 2022 Regional Championship Cheer Team

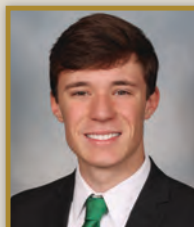
• SGA Treasurer, Beta Club Reporter, National English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Miss ECHS Elite 2025, FCA, First Priority • Lake Martin Harbor Helper, Character in Action Award • Southern Union/Auburn University – Pre-Dental • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate • Daughter of Jeffery and Amanda Orr



Clenangelo Sharvis Peake, Jr.
Wetumpka High School
Football

Vessel Church • Food Drive, Church Trick or Treat • First Team All-County, Player of the Week, Max Preps Player of the Week, Cornerstone Award • National Honor Society Chaplain, SGA Vice President, Beta Club, DECA, Journalism, Mu Alpha Theta, Rho Kappa • Huntingdon College (John Wesley Scholarship),

University of South Alabama, University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Alabama, Auburn University: Alabama A&M University, Jacksonville State University • Son of Kormeshia Peake and the late Clenangelo Sharvis Peake, Sr.



Ethan Edward Pruitt
Holtville High School
Basketball, Soccer

New Home Missionary Baptist Church • Missions Conference Flag Bearer, Devotion Leader, See you at the Pole, Passion Youth Camp, Fort Bluff Youth Camp, Fall Festival, Winter Weekend, AWANA Youth Leader • Basketball Team Captain • Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, 2024 Boys State Representative,

First place 2023 and 2024 DECA Sports Marketing competitions, DECA President, Regional Science Fair, FFA, Jr. Civitan, • HES Field Day, Field of Dreams, Math Tutor • Auburn University Montgomery – Accounting Major; Ministry • Son of Adam and Starr Pruitt



Luke C. Reinert
Elmore County High School
Football, Wrestling, Baseball, Basketball

Santuck Baptist Church • Eclectic Christmas, VBS, Discipleship Now, Strength to Stand Youth Conference • Football All-County 2022, 2023, 2024, All-Metro 2022, 2024, All-Region 2024, All-State 2024, Team Captain, Defensive MVP 2024, Wrestling State Qualifier 2024, 2025 • Youth Football Camp • Fellowship of Christian Athletes,

National Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, ECHS Elites - Mr. ECHS Elite 2025, ECHS Ambassador • Southern Union/Auburn – Civil Engineering • Son of Shaun and Kimberly Reinert



Bryson Magee Rigsby
Tallassee High School
Baseball, Football, Basketball

First Baptist Church Tallassee • VBS, Strength to Stand, Student Ministry Leader, Small Group Leader, Music Ministry, Kids Camp Chaperone • Baseball Tiger Award (for hard work and dedication) as a Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior

• Basketball Tiger Award Freshman • Tallassee Chamber of Commerce Ambassador • National Honor Society, Key Club, Leo Club • Tigers Unlimited at Auburn University • Southern Union/Auburn University – Business • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate • Son of Abe and Brooke Rigsby



Parker Lane Shaw
Edgewood Academy
Football, Baseball

Santuck Baptist Church • 2024 All State Football, 1st Team 2024 AISA All Star Football, 2024 Wetumpka Herald Player of the Week, 2023 All State 2nd Team, All County, 2022 All County Honorable Mention, All State Baseball 2024, 2024 AISA All Star, 2024 All County Baseball Honorable Mention, 2023 ALABCA All Star

• Beta Club, National Honor Society, Honor Roll Award • Fishing Team, Youth Football Camp • Field of Dreams, Tornado Relief • Southern Union State Community College • Son of Wade and Ashley Shaw



Johnna Beth Sims
Wetumpka High School
Tennis

Wetumpka Church of Christ • Youth Group • Tennis Team Captain, Four Years Team Sectionals Appearance, Most Improved Award • Beta Club, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Youth Leadership Elmore County, WHS Art Club President

• Kelly High School Art Show, Alabama Superintendent's Art Show, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts "Master" Works Show • National Alliance for Mental Illness Walk, Elementary School Fundraiser, Food Pantry, Tutoring • Auburn University – Industrial Design • Daughter of Craig and Kimberly Sims

SENIOR FINALISTS



Alli Smith
Tallassee High School
Softball, Wrestling, Flag Football

Christ Gospel Baptist Church • Vacation Bible School
• Leadership Award 2023-2024 • 6 MVP Softball Awards,
Most Athletic Female, Girls Wrestling State 4th Place
• Beta Club, National Honor Society, Health Occupation Students
of America Treasurer, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Lions

Club, Key Club, Future Teachers America • Women's Wrestling Team, Academic Scholarship-
Huntingdon College - Athletic Training • 9th Grade Joe Sewell Certificate
• Daughter of Matt & Ambrea Fannin and Eric Smith



William Michael Smith
Edgewood Academy
Basketball, Football, Golf

Coosada Baptist Church • Mission Fuge, Discipleship NOW, Praise
Band, Student Ministry Leadership Team, Harvest Fields Community
Church Flag Football Coach, Mission Trips including Amazon Hope in
Brazil • Basketball Team Captain, Beta Club, National Honor Society
• Dual Enrollment, YMCA Soccer Coach, YMCA Basketball Coach,

Camp Counselor, Grandview YMCA Counselor of the Summer • Auburn University Montgomery –
Education and Coaching • Son of Stuart and Heather Smith



Harold Jackson Stallworth
Stanhope Elmore High School
Baseball, Basketball

Coosada Baptist Church • Disciple NOW Weekend, Refuge Student
Ministries, WELCOME Center • Baseball 2023 All County Team
Honorable Mention, Minority Prospect All American Game x2,
Atlanta Braves Nike 44 Classic Showcase Player
• Team Bible Study Leader • Science National Honor Society,

National Society of High School Scholars, Beta Club • Prattville Food Pantry Volunteer
• Alabama Baseball Coaches Association 2025 Scholarship Award • Pensacola State College Full
Athletic Scholarship for Baseball • Son of Harold and Shonda Stallworth



Tyler Colt Wesson
Holtville High School
Soccer

Shoal Creek Baptist Church • Youth Leadership Team, Light the
Night, Operation Christmas Child • Soccer Team Captain,
Goal and Assists Leader, 2nd Team All County, School Record:
Goals in a Game, Club Soccer State Cup Finalist x4
• Beta Club, DECA, Mu Alpha Theta, Jr. Civitan, Leaders of the Pack,

Skills USA, OSHA-30 Work Place Safety Certification, 2nd Place District Science Fair,
National Honor Society • University of Alabama in Huntsville – Civil Engineering
• 9th Joe Sewell Award Certificate • Son of Travis and April Wesson

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NINTH GRADE CERTIFICATE WINNERS



Edgewood Academy
Jay Oliver, Skylar Hines,
Payton Williams, Joseph Borer



Elmore County High School
Beau Traylor, Delaney Hines,
Mary Charles "Charley" Labriola, Braylon Jackson



Holtville High School
Gavin Russom, Hailey Phelps,
Kadie Stark, Hudson Mann



Stanhope Elmore High School
Brayden Smith, Lillian Miller,
Mary Mason Wright, Joseph Griffin



Tallassee High School
Jaiden Gordon, Hudson Timmerman,
London O'Neal, Brady Adams



Wetumpka High School
MaKinley Torres, Xavier Morris,
Charlie Skipper, Grayson Morgan

**JOE SEWELL AWARDS
PREVIOUS OVERALL AWARD WINNERS**



2024 BOY'S AWARD

2024 GIRL'S AWARD



Brady Mason

Wetumpka High School

Cross Country, Track

Lorin McElrath

Elmore County High School

Volleyball, Track

**2023
BOY'S AWARD**



Gavan Baxley
Wetumpka High School
Cross Country, Track

**2023
GIRL'S AWARD**



Courtney Sides
Elmore County High School
Volleyball, Track

**2022
BOY'S AWARD**



Michael Austin Forney
Holtville High School
Baseball, Football, Basketball

**2022
GIRL'S AWARD**



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**



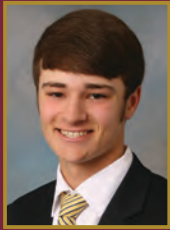
Evan Miles Venable
Elmore County High School
Football, Powerlifting, Basketball, Golf

**2012
GIRL'S AWARD**



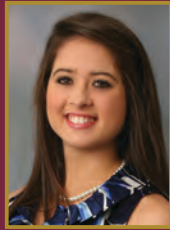
Hannah Elizabeth Weldon
Edgewood Academy
Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Track, Cheerleading

**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**



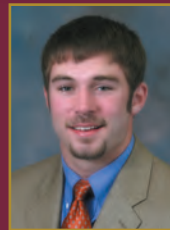
Chris Glover
Holtville High School
Football, Baseball

**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

2024 CATEGORY WINNERS



GIRLS' LEADERSHIP AWARD



Aysia Simone Jackson
Stanhope Elmore
High School

GIRLS' ACADEMIC AWARD



Macey Belle Stewart
Tallassee High School

GIRLS' CHURCH, COMMUNITY & CHARACTER AWARD



Taylor Renee Price
Holtville High School

GIRLS' ATHLETIC AWARD



Lindsey Ann Brown
Edgewood Academy

BOYS' LEADERSHIP AWARD



Trevor O'Neil Brown
Elmore County
High School

BOYS' ACADEMIC AWARD



Richard Bosch
Tallassee High School

BOYS' CHURCH, COMMUNITY & CHARACTER AWARD



**David Everett
Pinkston**
Wetumpka High School

BOYS' ATHLETIC AWARD



**Brandon Drey
Barrett**
Holtville High School



Twenty-First Annual
Joe Sewell Memorial Award Banquet Program

WETUMPKA CIVIC CENTER
MAY 6, 2025

Call to Order & Welcome

Senior Entrance

Dinner Instructions

Invocation ~ Rev. Dr. Derwin Perry, Goodship Missionary Baptist Church

* Millbrook Men's Club

Dinner

Sponsor Recognition

*Jenilyn's Florist

Introduction of Emcee

* Goodwin Mills Cawood

Special Recognitions ~ Doug Amos

*Elmore County Commission

Board Members

Past Award Winners

Senior Finalists who were 9th Grade Certificate Winners

Recognition of 9th Grade Certificate Winners ~ Doug Amos

* Central Alabama Electric Cooperative

Introduction of Senior Joe Sewell Award Finalists ~ Doug Amos

* Don Duncan Tire & Auto

Introduction of Speaker

* Neptune Technology Group

Keynote Speaker ~ Scott Sullivan

Honoree Selection

* Diversified Alarm

Senior Category Award Winners ~ Doug Amos

Girls' Leadership Award ~ Mckee and Associates & First Community Bank

Boys' Leadership Award ~ Weldon Family, Ingram Family & Wetumpka Lions Club

Girls' Academic Award ~ Adams Drugs & Mandi Fortner State Farm Agency

Boys' Academic Award ~ Garner & Associates Engineering

Girls' Church, Community & Character Award ~ Goodson Building

Boys' Church, Community & Character Award ~ Performance Sealants & Weatherproofing

Girls' Athletic Award ~ Harley Davidson of Montgomery

Boys' Athletic Award ~ Holley Steel

Girls' Overall Joe Sewell Award and John Sewell Scholarship Winner

* Mrs. Billie Sewell

* Worthy Promo

Boys' Overall Joe Sewell Award and John Sewell Scholarship Winner

* Mrs. Billie Sewell

*Garner Electric

Adjourning Remarks