

42nd Annual Awards Dinner

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OF THE



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PROGRAM

Welcome	Robert M. Sullins, President, Middle Tennessee Chapter
Invocation	Lee Brown, Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Presentation of the Colors	Hunters Lane JROTC Color Guard / Lt. Col. Barry Sprouse and Sgt. Major Richard Mahoney

DINNER

Introduction – Board of Directors Robert M. Sullins, Chapter President
Reno Benson, Andy Bickerstaff, Scott Brunette, Art Demmas, James “Boots” Donnelly, Wes Elrod, Howard Gentry Jr., Steve Gregory,
Bob Hyde, Joe Kelley, Brad Lampley, Wallene Leek, John Major, David Malone, Mark North, Walter Overton, Wayne Parker, Richard Philpot,
Jerry Pigue, George Plaster, John Popham, Calvin Short, Larry Taft, Ray C. Thomas, Brenard K. Wilson.

Presenting “Charles W. Hawkins High School Scholar-Athletes” Wes Elrod, Jerry Pigue and Calvin Short, Directors

Presenting “University Scholar-Athletes” Brad Lampley and Mark North, Directors

Presenting “Joe L. Worden Courage Award” John Major, Director
The Joe L. Worden Courage Award is presented to a student-athlete who has overcome obstacles and fought back to succeed. This award is named in honor of Joe Worden, who served Vanderbilt University as its athletic trainer for nearly four decades.

Presenting NFL Retired Players Associations “Inspiration Award” George Plaster and Brenard K. Wilson, Directors
The Inspiration Award is presented to a student who is an outstanding leader in his school and his football team and demonstrates leadership by his example. This award is presented by the National Football League Players Association, Nashville Chapter.

Presenting “Jim Barrom Spirit Award” Judith Barrom, Wallene Leek and Andy Bickerstaff, Directors
The Jim Barrom Spirit Award is presented to a Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools student who exemplifies the highest qualities of sportsmanship. This award is named in honor of Jim Barrom, former Local Chapter Director of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

Presenting “Harold ‘Cotton’ Clark Spirit Award” Scott Brunette and Reno Benson, Directors
The “Harold ‘Cotton’ Clark Spirit Award” is presented to a Mid-State student who exemplifies the highest qualities of sportsmanship. This award is named in honor of the late Cotton Clark, longtime Executive Secretary of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

Presenting “Art Demmas Outstanding Official Award” Art Demmas and Walter Overton, Directors
Accepting Steve Swift

Presenting “Roy Kramer Contribution to Football Award” Steve Gregory, John Popham and Larry Taft, Directors
The Roy Kramer Contribution to Football Award is presented to two local individuals who have been instrumental in promoting the game of football with the highest level of leadership, integrity and participation. This award is named in honor of the former SEC Commissioner and Vanderbilt Athletic Director.
Accepting Family of Jim Cartwright

Presenting “Roy Kramer Contribution to Football Award” James “Boots” Donnelly, Wes Elrod and Jerry Pigue, Directors
Accepting Family of Gerald Johnson

Presenting “Fred Russell Distinguished American Award” Robert M. Sullins, Chapter President
The Fred Russell Distinguished American Award is the highest honor presented to a local supporter of American values and the Nashville Community by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame local chapter. This award is named in honor of the former sports editor for the Nashville Banner from 1930-1998. Fred Russell is a member of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame.
Accepting Governor Phil Bredesen

Presenting “C.R. Bickerstaff/Coach Bill Pace University Scholar-Athlete Award” Dave Malone and Ray Thomas, Directors
The C.R. Bickerstaff, longtime Executive Secretary of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the NFF and College Hall of Fame, and Coach Bill Pace University Scholar-Athlete Award is presented to the top university football scholar-athlete in the Middle Tennessee area based on scholarship, sportsmanship and value to the team.

Presenting “Admiral William P. Lawrence Award” Dr. Laurie Lawrence, George Plaster, Wayne Parker, Directors
The Admiral William P. Lawrence Award is presented to the top high school football scholar-athlete in the Middle Tennessee area based on scholarship, sportsmanship and value to his team. This award is named in honor of Admiral William P. Lawrence, a former Nashville outstanding scholar-athlete and Naval hero.

Past Winners: "Fred Russell Distinguished American Award"

1969 - Alfred Adams* Dr. Thomas Zerfoss*	Art Guepe* 1977 - Horace G. Hill, Jr.* Ralph Owen*	1987 - Dennis C. Bortorff 1988 - John Rich 1989 - Dr. Thomas F. Frist, Jr.	1998 - Joe Kelley 1999 - John Seigenthaler 2000 - Dr. Bill Wise
1970 - P. V. Overall* Alfred Sharp*	1978 - Capt. Wm. P. Lawrence, USN* Dr. Bill Sherman	1990 - Gen. William G. Moore, Jr. 1991 - Dr. Greer Ricketson	2001 - Lee Greenwood 2002 - Coach Edward S. Temple
1971 - Charles W. Geny* Robert Lawrence, Jr.*	1979 - Guilford Dudley, Jr.*	1992 - William M. "Bill" Johnson 1993 - E. W. "Bud" Wendell	2003 - Captain Greg Johnson 2004 - Charles W. Hawkins, III*
1972 - Vernon Sharp* Boyce Smith, Sr.*	1980 - Dr. F. Tremaine Billings James F. Neal	1994 - Governor Winfield C. Dunn Governor Ned Ray McWherter	2005 - Martha Rivers Ingram 2006 - Lt. Colonel Jeff Holmes
1973 - Charles M. Murphy* 1974 - Dr. Amos Christie* Charles W. Hawkins, Sr.*	1981 - Arthur Rebrovick* 1982 - Kenneth L. Roberts 1983 - Mayor Richard Fulton	1995 - U.S. Senator William H. "Bill" Frist, M.D. U.S. Senator Fred Dalton Thompson	2007 - Governor Phil Bredesen *Deceased
1975 - Joe E. Torrence* James A. Webb	1984 - Nelson C. Andrews 1985 - Joe M. Rodgers	1996 - John Richard Hall	
1976 - Frances E. Carter*	1986 - Frank C. Gorrell*	1997 - Drew Rederick Maddux	

Past Winners: "Roy Kramer Contribution to Football Award"

1972 - Dr. A. B. Lipscomb* 1973 - R. L. (Pete) Naylor* 1974 - Madison Sarratt* 1976 - William D. Baird* 1977 - David Scobey 1978 - David Aaron* 1979 - Emmett Strickland* 1980 - John F. Green* 1981 - Roy F. Kramer 1982 - Art G. Demmas Donald C. Orr 1983 - Dr. Rob Roy Purdy*	Bill Pace* 1984 - Tommy Owen* Nick Coutras* 1985 - Dr. Arliss Roaden 1986 - Robert H. Cummings 1987 - Joseph W. Gilliam, Sr. 1988 - Carlton Flatt Ed Watson* 1989 - James "Boots" Donnelly 1990 - Dennis Harrison 1991 - George Volkert* Joe L. Worden*	1992 - Louis J. Catignani* 1993 - Elmore "Scoop" Hudgins* 1994 - John R. Bibb* 1995 - William J. "Bill" Wade, Jr. 1996 - Coach John T. Majors Attorney Herb Rich 1997 - Walter Ray Nipper, Jr.* Dr. C. R. Bickerstaff 1998 - Herschel Lowell Moore 1999 - Coach George MacIntyre 2000 - Coach Woody Widenhofer 2001 - Coach William "Bill" Dupes	2002 - Dr. Edward Adelman 2003 - Coach Jerry Pigue 2004 - Coach Wes Elrod Coach Jimmy Gentry 2005 - Jack Redgren Coach Calvin Short 2006 - Coach Joe Davis Coach Jerry Pearson 2007 - Coach Jim Cartwright Coach Gerald Johnson *Deceased
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Past Winners: "Admiral William P. Lawrence Award"

1968 - Butch Stinson, Cohn 1969 - Barrett Sutton, M.B.A. 1970 - Howard Gentry, Jr., Pearl David Campbell, Maplewood Randy Miles, East Tommy Haynes, North 1971 - Brant Lipscomb, M.B.A. Mike Winchester, Madison Jay Bonds, TPS John Shaub, Lipscomb 1972 - Tate Rich, M.B.A. Lonnie Sadler, Madison Ernie Lehning, Dupont Mike Arrington, Joelton 1973 - David Shaub, Lipscomb 1974 - James Threalkill, East 1975 - Jack Chandler, Overton 1976 - Tony Glover, Antioch	1977 - Terry Corn, Overton 1978 - Chris Kennedy, Overton 1979 - Damon Anagnos, M.B.A. 1980 - Jeff Powell, Whites Creek 1981 - Mike Beckham, Overton 1982 - Kenny Witherspoon, Stratford Johnny Doris, F.R.A. 1983 - Keith Victory, Overton 1984 - Ronald Robinson, Stratford 1985 - Reuben Allen Bueno, Jr., MBA 1986 - William S. Evans, Overton 1987 - Charley Williamson, F.R.A. 1988 - Bryan Link, Hillwood 1989 - Rodney Buford, Hunters Lane 1990 - Glenn H. McCadams, Jr., Lipscomb 1991 - Ryan Philip Bachman, F.R.A. Daniel John Kustelski, Hillwood 1992 - Daniel Marlin Keel, Davidson Acad.	Jonathan Ryan Quinn, McGavock 1993 - Billy Wayne Gatlin II, Antioch Robert Saunders Neblett, F.R.A. Hugh Robert Gaston, M.B.A. Jess Clinton Jennings, Overton Rayburn Manning Hall, Jr., Stratford 1994 - Benjamin Cullen McIntosh, D.C.A. 1995 - Jerrell Allen "Bo" Link, Hillsboro Justin Harrison Lowe, Goodpasture Andrew David Stewart, David Lipscomb 1996 - Will Bartholomew, M.B.A. Ryan Gary McSwain, D.C.A. Mathew Allen Moore, Goodpasture 1997 - Thomas Ely Hutchinson, F.R.A. Nathan Thomas Daniel, Overton 1998 - Travis Dalton Bellenfant, D.C.A. Jonathan David Shaub, David Lipscomb James Andrew Stewart, Hendersonville	1999 - Guy Robert Dinwiddie, Hendersonville Christopher James Robert Patton, D.C.A. 2000 - Andrew Robert Patterson, D.C.A. 2001 - Mikael Allen Jacobs, Brentwood Matthew Vaughn Loveless, Nashville Christian Timothy DeWayne Gray, Hillsboro David Neil Campbell, Hendersonville 2002 - Christopher Scott Coleman, Nashville Christian 2003 - Clifton Ryan Bone, Antioch 2004 - Burton Folk Elrod, Lipscomb Brenard Wilson, II, Hunters Lane 2005 - Mark Braden Brinkley, Lipscomb 2006 - Matthew Wyatt Elrod, Lipscomb
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Past Winners: "Joe L. Worden Courage Award"

1999 - Kenneth James Moore, Jr., B.G.A. 2000 - Bo Dunkle, Cumberland University 2001 - David Holcombe, B.G.A.	2002 - Dallas Anthony Buell, Glenciff* 2003 - William Kristofer Ruderer, Hillwood 2004 - Kyle Christopher Skiera, Brentwood	2005 - Alexander Kyle Trent, Hillsboro 2006 - Michael Brett Craig, Siegel
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Past Winners: "Art Demmas Outstanding Official"

1999 - William T. Smith 2000 - Wayne Clendenen 2001 - Judge Casey Moreland	2002 - Vic Francescon 2003 - Walter Overton 2004 - Jeff Irwin	2005 - Ray "Hoss" Fuller 2006 - Billy Still 2007 - Steve Swift
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"Inspiration Award" provided by Nashville Chapter NFL Retired Players Association

2000 - Erwin David Latimer, C.P.A. 2001 - Daniel Allan Childs, Smyrna 2002 - John Christian Yarbrough, Hunters Lane	2003 - William Joseph Bell, Franklin 2004 - Brandon Chase Fisher, C.P.A. Charles Christopher Wooden, D.C.A.	2005 - William W. Billington, III, M.B.A. 2006 - Dorman Duane Vaughn, III, Davidson Academy
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CHARLES W. HAWKINS III HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE WINNERS

School

Antioch High School
 Battle Ground Academy
 Beech High School
 Blackman Senior High School
 Brentwood Academy
 Brentwood High School
 Centennial High School
 Christ Presbyterian Academy
 David Lipscomb High School
 Davidson Academy
 Donelson Christian Academy
 Eagleville High School
 Ensworth High School
 Ezell-Harding Christian School
 Fairview High School
 Father Ryan High School
 Franklin High School
 Franklin Road Academy
 Friendship Christian School
 Gallatin High School
 Glenclyff High School
 Goodpasture Christian School
 Hendersonville High School
 Hillsboro High School
 Hillwood High School
 Hunters Lane High School
 Independence High School
 LaVergne High School
 Lebanon High School
 Maplewood High School
 McGavock High School
 Middle TN Christian School
 Montgomery Bell Academy
 Mt. Juliet High School
 Nashville Christian School
 Oakland High School
 Overton High School
 Page High School
 Pearl-Cohn High School
 Pope John Paul II High School
 Portland High School
 Ravenwood High School
 Riverdale High School
 Siegel High School
 Smyrna High School
 Station Camp High School
 Stratford High School
 Trousdale High School
 Watertown High School
 Westmoreland High School
 White House High School
 Whites Creek High School
 Wilson Central High School

Scholar-Athlete

Kent E. Aigbe
 Benjamin Paul Caudill
 John David Bates
 Paul Chapman Stevens
 Jabaree Wayne Tuani-McKissack
 David Nolan Young
 Allanté Dubois McLemore
 James Justin Parris
 Kevin Michael Davis
 Matthew Philip Reed
 Seth Andr White
 Khendall Lillard
 Norman Jack Nuismer III
 Jenner Wayne Turner
 Clayton James Stevens
 Thomas Thurman
 Justin B. Hampton
 Michael Chase Turpin
 Eric Molander
 William Pate
 Mario Pennington
 Joseph Grant Heintzman
 Aaron Matthew Thomas
 Demetrous Garrett
 Wesley Terrelle Jackson Jr.
 Randall C. Lewis Jr.
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 Tennessee State University
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 Blake Robertson Mears
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In addition to their sponsorship for the schools listed above, a number of generous supporters have stepped forward to assist with their sponsorship of tonight's dinner. The Middle Tennessee Chapter of the National Football Foundation would like to extend a special thank you to these people / organizations for believing in the mission of our organization. Their support allows us to continue our goal of honoring these fine, young student-athletes. Please join us in thanking the family of Charles W. Hawkins III; Joe Davis; Coca-Cola; K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. / Tennessee Titans; Perma Pipe; National Football Foundation Coaches' Academy; Sedan on Demand (Murfreesboro / Nashville).

CHARLES W. HAWKINS III HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE WINNERS

ANTIOCH HIGH SCHOOL -- KENT E. AIGBE

PARENTS: JULIE O. STEPHENS & KEVIN AIGBE

COACH: MIKE WOODWARD

ACADEMIC: GPA – 2.9

FOOTBALL: Wide receiver and defensive back all four years. All-Metro Honorable Mention, All-Region Team.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Future Business Leaders of America; V.P. of Marketing for Virtual Business Class.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Children's Church Youth Assistant, Pastor's Honor Roll Disciple; Recycling for School.

COACH WOODWARD'S COMMENT: "Kent led the team in interceptions as a junior and senior and was the leader of our secondary making sure we were always in the correct coverage. He is a hard worker who attended every workout/practice and is a great representative of our program."

BATTLE GROUND ACADEMY -- BENJAMIN PAUL CAUDILL

PARENTS: LYNN & DR. MAX CAUDILL

COACH: TIM JOHNSON

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.5

FOOTBALL: Quarterback, defensive back and special teams; Started three games as a sophomore; At quarterback, started six games as a junior before season ending injury; As a senior, started last four games; Started all games at long snapper during his junior and senior seasons.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Officer.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Participated in various mission trips; Participated in "Against the Grain" helping tutor/mentor at-risk youth; Participated in "Open Hearts" program teaching Christian attitudes/principles to inner-city youth.

COACH JOHNSON'S COMMENT: "Ben has been an absolute pleasure to coach. A hard-worker and skilled player. Ben exemplifies what high school students should be about. He is a true team player. It's easy to recognize big statistics and great athleticism but Ben demonstrated the most important ingredient to a team's success...having a true unselfish "TEAM" attitude."

BEECH HIGH SCHOOL – JOHN DAVID BAITES

PARENTS: PERRIN & JOHN BAITES

COACH: ANTHONY CRABTREE

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.85

FOOTBALL: Linebacker and tight end for four years; Team Captain; First-Team All-County; First-Team All Region.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Member of Long Hollow Youth Group.

OTHER HONORS: 2007-2008 Mr. Beech High School; 2007 Boys State Delegate.

COACH CRABTREE'S COMMENT: "John David is an exceptional competitor on and off the field. He is an excellent football player and teammate."

BLACKMAN HIGH SCHOOL – PAUL CHAPMAN STEPHENS

PARENTS: CAROL & MARC STEPHENS

COACH: BOBBY WELLS

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.91

FOOTBALL: Played tight end in the ninth and 10th grade before moving to center, where he was a varsity starter for his junior and senior seasons.

Recipient of "Blaze" Award which is the highest award granted to a senior football athlete at Blackman HS.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Elected Vice President of Senior Class; member of student council as a senior; voted "Most Outstanding" senior superlative; as a junior received Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts Outstanding Achievement award; in Blackman HS Drama held speaking parts in "Wizard of Oz" and "Westside Story;" participated in the Blackman Select Choir and was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes all four years;

played pitcher, first base and centerfield during 9th and 10th grade; played all four years on the school's basketball team starting at center in his junior and senior seasons; named co-captain as a senior and earned the Work Ethic Award as a sophomore and junior; delegate to American Legion Boys State, representing Blackman where he was also appointed senior advisor to the Governor.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active in Believers Chapel Youth Group; Youth for Christ Mission trip to serve disadvantaged for one week during junior year; earned Eagle Scout and Bronze Palm as member of the Boy Scouts of America for six years; planned, recruited and supervised the Memorial Walkway at the Discovery Center at Murphree Springs; helped renovate a historic, local cemetery; helped build and install trail signs and resting benches along four miles of hiking trails in local park; assisted a local food bank by collecting and sorting donated food; helped clear a lot and build a playground for a local children's daycare facility; helped build a split rail fence at a local state park.

COACH WELLS' COMMENTS: "Paul is an excellent young man and one of the hardest workers on our team. He is a man who exhibits great character."

BRENTWOOD ACADEMY -- JABAREE WAYNE TUANI-MCKISSACK

PARENTS: ELLSAPETA TUANI & LEON WAYNE MCKISSACK

COACH: RALPH POTTER

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.55

FOOTBALL: As a freshman and sophomore, played defensive tackle; moved to weakside defensive end as a junior before spending time at tight end, defensive end and fullback as a senior. Named to All-County Team as a junior, named First-Team All-State as both a junior and senior, named First-Team All-Midstate as a senior.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Student Body President; Spanish National Honor Society; Boys freshman bible study leader, volunteer at Buena Vista Christian Dynamics class and at New Hope Academy; Admissions day tour guide; participated in wrestling where he placed fourth as a junior in the state also; member of the track team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Joe Cambell Service Day activities.

OTHER HONORS: Honor Roll

COACH POTTER'S COMMENT: "Jabaree is a true servant leader. He has a great work ethic and compassion for those around him. People get better when they are around Jabaree."

BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL -- DAVID NOLAN YOUNG

PARENTS: DEIDRA & DAVID YOUNG

COACH: RON CRAWFORD

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.3

FOOTBALL: Strong safety, cornerback, wide receiver and punt returner; All-Region selection; All-WAM Team; Received Bruin Award for football team; Team Captain as a senior; Team Academic Award Winner.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: National Honor Society; Principal's List; Mu Alpha Theta; Member of the baseball team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Habitat for Humanity; Teaches Sunday School to pre-k and kindergarten children; Worked at Graceworks Ministries.

COACH CRAWFORD'S COMMENT: "Nolan did a great job directing our defense from his safety position this year. Just like in the classroom, Nolan gets all out of his ability."

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL -- ALLANTÉ DUBOIS MCLEMORE

PARENT: LEILA COLLETTE BLAKELY

COACH: MARK MATYKIEWICZ

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.3

FOOTBALL: Four-year player at defensive back and wide receiver; All-Region (junior and senior); Team Defensive MVP; Wide Receiver of the Year.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Jobs for Tennessee Graduate; National Student Leadership Conference Delegate.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Church Usher and Junior Deacon; 25 hours community service each year.

OTHER HONORS: Most Athletic Senior Superlative.

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY -- JAMES JUSTIN PARRIS

PARENTS: SUSAN & JAMES PARRIS

COACH: JAY MATHEWS

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.0

FOOTBALL: Four-year starter on defensive line; Honorable Mention All-Region as a freshman; All-Region selection sophomore, junior and senior seasons; All-Williamson County selection junior and senior seasons; Featured player in On the Ball Magazine during senior season; Named Captain of the Week one week during senior season; Devotional leader.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: National Honor Society; NFL Atlas & Athena Squad leader; Senior lunch service committee, Powder Puff Committee/Coach; Elementary teacher's aide; Fellowship of Christians Athletes; Stage Combat Showcase; Student host for college visitation program; NHS recycling program; Participated in track and field all four years garnering numerous top state and region finishes.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Volunteers at Glencliff Elementary School, International English Institute; Quilting for Orphans; Salvation Army Stockings program, Nashville Soup Kitchen, Second Harvest Food Bank. Active member of Christ Presbyterian Church; Discipleship group member; Youth Winter/Summer Camp.

COACH MATHEWS' COMMENT: "Justin is a special student at our school. He is a solid leader, four-year starter in football and has finished as the state runner-up in the discus the past two years. He does everything right. He combines hard work and great leadership to accomplish significant achievements."

DAVID LIPSCOMB HIGH SCHOOL -- KEVIN MICHAEL DAVIS**PARENTS:** BARBARA & DR. MICHAEL DAVIS**COACH:** GLENN F. McCADAMS**ACADEMIC:** GPA – 4.0**FOOTBALL:** Played halfback, wide receiver and kick returner during three years on team, which was State Championship Runners-Up his sophomore and junior season before being named to the All-Region team en route to team capturing a State Championship in his senior season.**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT:** National Honor Society junior and senior year; Spanish Club freshman and sophomore year; Varsity baseball all four years earning a State Championship as a freshman.**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Helped autistic children bowl during Special Olympics; Involved in church youth group.**OTHER HONORS:** Received “Top Ten Percent” Academic Award; Voted as a sophomore class representative; Received Bachelor of Ugliness Award which is the highest award given to DLHS senior male student as voted by junior and senior classes.**COACH McCADAM’S COMMENT:** “Kevin has been an outstanding scholar, athlete and citizen throughout his high school career at David Lipscomb High School.”**DAVIDSON ACADEMY -- MATTHEW PHILIP REED****PARENTS:** SHERRY & PHIL REED**COACH:** PAUL WADE**ACADEMIC:** GPA – 3.8**FOOTBALL:** 2007 Team Captain; Two-year starter at center/defensive tackle; Letterman on 2005/2006 State Championship teams; 2006 Coaches All-State Second-team; 2007 Coaches All-State First-team selection; Murphy Fairs pre-season All-State Academic Team.**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT:** Student Council Secretary; Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA); National Honor Society; American Legion Boys State; Varsity Baseball.**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Long Hollow Baptist Church; Coaches Dixie Youth baseball at Moss Wright Park.**COACH WADE’S COMMENT:** “Matthew led by his output. His Christian walk accompanied with his love for football and his teammates enabled him to lead effectively. He will do well in life.”**DONELSON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY -- SETH ANDREW WHITE****PARENTS:** STACEY & KELLY WHITE**COACH:** DENNIS A. GOODWIN**ACADEMIC:** GPA – 3.65**FOOTBALL:** Four-year letterman and team captain; Starting offensive tackle/defensive tackle for three years; Anchored offensive line in 2007 that had over 2,200 yards passing and 2,000 yards rushing en route to reaching the state semi-finals; All-Region and All-State the past two seasons; Has accepted a football scholarship to Western Kentucky University.**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT:** Involved with Excel Club, BiSci Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Active member of his church youth group; Donelson Christian Academy Winterim community service; Participated in Slidell, LA Katrina cleanup trip; Volunteered at East Nashville’s Community Cares homeless shelter; Participated with Donelson Christian Academy in planting trees for Nashville-area Habitat for Humanity.**OTHER HONORS:** All year Honor-Roll as a freshman and junior.**COACH GOODWIN’S COMMENT:** “Seth is an outstanding young man and a true student-athlete with tremendous work ethic on and off the field as well as in the classroom. His Christian walk is one of character which influences every aspect of his life.”**EAGLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL -- KHENDALL LILLARD****PARENTS:** GLORIA & JEFFERY LILLARD**COACH:** JASON SCHARSCH**ACADEMIC:** GPA – 3.52**FOOTBALL:** Four-year starter at offensive tackle and defensive tackle; Voted Lineman of the Year as a junior; Selected to All-Region Team (junior and senior); Team Captain as a senior.**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT:** Served as an Eagleville High School ambassador for incoming students; Counseled elementary students on educational requirements; Beta Club; Spanish Club; Member of basketball team.**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Member of the Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church Choir and Youth Department.**COACH SCHARSCH’S COMMENT:** “Khendall has been a great leader for our school and we are confident he will do well in any endeavor he chooses.”**ENSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL -- NORMAN JACK NUISMER III****PARENTS:** CAROL & JACK NUISMER**COACH:** RICKY BOWERS**ACADEMIC:** GPA – 3.3**FOOTBALL:** Four-year starter at offensive tackle and defensive tackle who in his senior season, helped Ensworth to nine victories and a playoff victory over Christian Brothers High School.**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT:** Member of varsity basketball, track and baseball teams; Tap dance ensemble; Riflery Club; Perfect score National Latin; Competed in Nashville High School Math Competition; Accomplished guitar player.**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Member of Christ Presbyterian Church and Discipleship Group; Volunteers for Habitat for Humanity.**COACH BOWERS’ COMMENT:** “His zeal for the game, intensity of preparation, dedication to his teammates and durability made Nuismer an excellent leader and performer. He is a student of the game and has a rare combination of passion, intelligence and physical talent. He will always be remembered as one who put the Ensworth program on the track to success and I personally count him as one of my favorite all-time student athletes.”**EZELL-HARDING CHRISTIAN SCHOOL -- JENNER WAYNE TURNER****PARENTS:** STACY & MARK TURNER**COACH:** JACKSON HOWELL**ACADEMIC:** GPA – 2.6**FOOTBALL:** Four-year player who spent time at multiple positions including linebacker receiver and special teams.**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT:** Also competes in Motocross.**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Volunteers time to a plethora of school service projects.**COACH HOWELL’S COMMENT:** “Jackson is an outstanding young man and epitomizes the character of a team player.”**FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL -- CLAYTON JAMES STEVENS****PARENTS:** BARBARA & HOMER STEVENS**COACH:** CHRIS WHITEFIELD**ACADEMIC:** GPA – 2.7**FOOTBALL:** Played fullback and linebacker and was named to the ALL-Region 6-2A team and was the Co-linebacker of the Year in 6-2A.**COACH WHITEFIELD’S COMMENT:** “Great leader by example...great effort on every play. Clay was the primary reason for our success this year.”**FATHER RYAN HIGH SCHOOL -- THOMAS THURMAN****PARENTS:** THERESA & ED THURMAN**COACH:** BRUCE LUSSIER**ACADEMIC:** GPA – 3.9**FOOTBALL:** Offensive Tackle for three years, starting one season; Received the Father Ryan 12th Man Academic Scholarship.**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT:** Student Council Class President (junior); Irish Service Corp. (sophomore, junior and senior); Latin Club (freshman, sophomore, junior and senior); National Honors Society; Father Black Honor Society.**COACH LUSSIER’S COMMENT:** “I have had the pleasure of working with Thomas Thurman for the past three years as a student and an athlete. As a member of the Father Ryan football team, Thomas excelled in all areas as a result of his focus and desire to be the very best that he could be. Thomas is well liked and respected by both his peers and the Father Ryan faculty. I have no doubt that his attributes will allow him to be an outstanding young man of the 21st century.”**FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL -- JUSTIN B. HAMPTON****PARENTS:** CATHEY & CRAIG HAMPTON**COACH:** KEN CURTIS**ACADEMIC:** GPA – 3.7**FOOTBALL:** Played four years and was a three-year starter on the defensive line; Also played special teams; Named the Region 6-5A Defensive Player of the Year in 2007.**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT:** Member of the school’s soccer team; School Link-Crew and American Legion-Boys State.**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Active member of the People’s Church in Franklin; Explorers volunteer fire-fighter**COACH CURTIS’ COMMENT:** “Justin is a young man of tremendous maturity and character. On the field and off, he is a leader by word and action.”

FRANKLIN ROAD ACADEMY -- MICHAEL CHASE TURPIN

PARENTS: KIMBERLY & MICHAEL TURPIN

COACH: WILBURN DAVID TUCKER

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.5

FOOTBALL: Four-year player that started three seasons at linebacker and on the offensive line; Received All-Region Honorable Mention honors as a junior; As a senior, was the team's top-rated lineman, led the team in tackles, was team captain and Named a First-Team All-Region selection.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Senior Class President; Member of Student Council; Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Participated in both Track & Field and wrestling.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of Brentwood Baptist Church and assisted with the Titans Kids Club.

OTHER HONORS: Most Outstanding Junior Award at Franklin Road Academy; 2007 All-Midstate wrestling selection.

COACH TUCKER'S COMMENT: "I have taught and coached Chase for four years and I can't think of anyone more deserving of this award. He has always been a gentleman, a competitor and a friend to everyone."

FRIENDSHIP CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL – ERIC MOLANDER

PARENTS: MELANIE & MATTHEW MOLANDER

COACH: JOHN MCNEAL

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.76

FOOTBALL: Three-year player who played linebacker, fullback and running back; 2007 football team Co-Captain; Won 2006 team weightlifting award; Received 2006 team football award for best linebacker; 2006 1A State Championship Runner-Up; 2007 All-Region 4-1A selection; 2007 Finalist for Nick Coutras Award.

COACH MCNEAL'S COMMENT: "Eric has attended Friendship since his sophomore year and has grown not only as an athlete, but as a fine Christian example for all of our student body to follow. His work ethic has been an inspiration for all of his teammates. I can't think of a more qualified individual to nominate for this prestigious award."

GALLATIN HIGH SCHOOL -- WILLIAM PATE

PARENTS: MAIRLEE AND ROBERT PATE

COACH: ROBERT LASSITER

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.95

FOOTBALL: Played tight end and defensive end; Had 12 receptions with two touchdowns grading out at 86% through 11 games; 2007 Academic All-State selection; DAL Award winner (Dedication Ability and Leadership); Voted Team Co-Captain.

COACH LASSITER'S COMMENT: "Will was our most improved player this season because of his dedication in the weight room. His attitude and enthusiasm, both on and off the field, including in the classroom, made him our best nominee for this award! He represents our program extremely well!"

GLENCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL -- MARIO PENNINGTON

PARENTS: LISA & FRANK PENNINGTON

COACH: GREG ABNER

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.3

FOOTBALL: Three-year starter at outside linebacker and running back.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Student assistant in the school's special needs class for the past two years; Member of T.S.A.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA); Has worked with Habitat for Humanity.

COACH ABNER'S COMMENT: "It has been a pleasure to have someone like Mario in our program and at our school. He has always shown himself as a great example."

GOODPASTURE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL -- JOSEPH GRANT HEINTZMAN

PARENTS: PAM & DAVID HEINTZMAN

COACH: DAVID MARTIN

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.0

FOOTBALL: Four-year member of team playing on the offensive line; As a senior, named to the Army All-Academic Football Team and a Wendy's Scholar Athlete of the Week.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of the Student Council, the National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) all four years; Key Club (junior and senior) and Cooking Club (freshman).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Through community involvement at school, Heintzman read to elementary students, collected food, worked with the

Make-A-Wish Foundation, volunteered as both Cougar trail and day worker, pancake breakfast, school improvement worker, sponsoring Christmas families. Through community involvement at church, participated in camp clean up, Sweet Heart Banquet, rescue mission, disaster relief, Mexico mission trip and church youth group.

OTHER HONORS: Perfect attendance, Faculty Award, Top 10%, Honor Roll (freshman); Faculty Award, Honor Roll (sophomore); Faculty Award, Bible Award, Honor Roll (junior); Honor Roll (senior).

COACH MARTIN'S COMMENT: "Grant is an outstanding student possessing character, dependability and is a true gentleman. He has shown great courage overcoming two serious injuries in his career to become a great player and leader."

HENDERSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL -- AARON MATTHEW THOMAS

PARENTS: DONNA & JOHN WHITEFIELD

COACH: BRUCE HATFIELD

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.7

FOOTBALL: Three-year player on the offensive and defensive line where he was a two-year starter; Earned First-Team All-County honors during his senior year.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of National Honor Society; Beta Club; Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA); Math Team; TMTA Midstate Math Contests- placing fifth in Algebra II, second in geometry and 11th in calculus.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Participated in canned food drive for needy for four years; Volunteered to work at Lady Commando Softball Tournament; Participated in youth football camp as a counselor; Attended Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Camp for two years.

OTHER HONORS: Received award for outstanding achievement in health science education; 2007 Football Academic Award; Top 10% Class of 2008.

COACH HATFIELD'S COMMENTS: "Aaron has been extremely important to our football program the past two years. He has led our football team with his outstanding performance in the classroom, in the community and on the field."

HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL -- DEMETROUS GARRETT

PARENTS: FETINA & PAUL GARRETT

COACH: SCOTT BLADE

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.1

FOOTBALL: Four-year player at wide receiver and defensive back earning All-City, All-Region 4, All-State and All-Mid-State honors.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Actively involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Tutor at the Magness Potter Boys and Girls Club.

OTHER HONORS: Received a full athletic scholarship to the Naval Academy; Won the Coaches Award after his junior season.

COACH BLADE'S COMMENT: "Demetrous has surpassed all of our expectations. His leadership both on and off the field has been well received. We will miss having his colorful personality around the locker room. Our loss is the Naval Academy's gain."

HILLWOOD HIGH SCHOOL -- WESLEY TERRELLE JACKSON JR.

PARENT: KRISTAL KING

COACH: MOSE PHILLIPS JR.

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.08

FOOTBALL: Three-year varsity letterman as a quarterback, running back, wide receiver, cornerback and safety; Earned All-Region, and All-District; Played in Tennessee's East vs. West game in 2007.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Three-year varsity basketball letterman; Four-year varsity track & field letterman; Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA); Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); FHA.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Junior deacon at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church; Participant in Hillwood Clean up Committee.

OTHER HONORS: Most athletic superlative 2007-2008; Received football scholarship offers from Carson-Newman University and Tusculum University.

COACH PHILLIPS' COMMENTS: "Wesley Jackson Jr. is the complete package when it comes to being a scholar/athlete. Wesley leads by his actions and works to better the team in any situation that arises. He's a model student as well as athlete. He's a coach's dream."

HUNTERS LANE HIGH SCHOOL -- RANDALL C. LEWIS JR.

PARENT: ANGELA & RANDALL LEWIS

COACH: RICHARD CAMPBELL

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.45

FOOTBALL: An exceptional athlete, Randall was the starting quarterback in the beginning of his junior year before moving to receiver; Randall regained the starting quarterback position again as a senior where he started the entire season; First-Team All-Region 5-5A.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA); National Honor Roll; Member of the baseball team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of the Madison Church of Christ, Peer Tutor and Youth Group Leader.

OTHER HONORS: National Honors Society, *Who's Who Among American*

High School Students; Nashville Civitan Club's Award.

COACH CAMPBELL'S COMMENT: "Randall is very intelligent with great leadership abilities. He served as team captain. Randall is a future leader in our community."

INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL -- STEPHEN AUSTEN GREGERSON

PARENTS: TERRI & DUDLEY VENABLE; STEPHEN R. GREGERSON

COACH: JASON EUBANKS

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.98

FOOTBALL: After moving to TN from CA in 2006, Austen started two seasons on the offensive line, was a Region 6-5A Honorable Mention selection and a member of the 5A State Runner-Up team.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of DECA; Took AP courses during the last two years.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Austen has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and many Rotary Club activities. Austen has participated in local food drives for local food pantries; and is a member of Life Spring Community Church (CA).

COACH EUBANKS' COMMENTS: "Austen is a bright, mature young man. Austen tore a ligament in his knee the spring before his senior year. He chose to play on it to help his team. Sacrifice!"

LaVERGNE HIGH SCHOOL -- JOSEPH RYAN WILLIAMS

PARENTS: CYNTHIA & STEPHEN WILLIAMS

COACH: WILL HESTER

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.72

FOOTBALL: Spent his sophomore and junior seasons at free safety before moving to quarterback in his senior year where he was an All-Region selection.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of National Honor Society; Martial Arts Club; History Club; Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA); Three-year starter at shortstop on the baseball team where he was a 2007 All-District selection and named the Team MVP.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and is a volunteer for "Read Across America" Program.

OTHER HONORS: Chosen for (American Legion) Boys State at Tennessee Tech in June 2007.

COACH HESTER'S COMMENTS: "One of the smartest and most hard-nosed players I have ever coached."

LEBANON H.S. -- DANTON D-ORAN BENDRAIUS LATTIMORE

PARENT: HEATHER LEE PORTER LATTIMORE

COACH: BOBBY BROWN

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.17

FOOTBALL: Four-year team member at defensive tackle and was a two-time All-Region 4-5A selection.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of track & field team all four years; Was on the wrestling team for one year; Student Government; Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Career Tech Head Chef; Homecoming Float Committee; French Tutor.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Food ministry at the Potters-House Church; Food Bank volunteer; Neighborhood Watch; Read Me Day at Castle Heights Elem., Bryars Dowdy Elem., and Sam Houston Elem.

OTHER HONORS: 2006 heavyweight powerlifting champion at Mid-State Powerlifting Challenge; 2007 Heavyweight powerlifting champion at Blue Devil Powerlifting Challenge; *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; Tennessee Scholar; Two-time spirit of LHS winner; Qualified for State Track & Field Meet.

COACH BROWN'S COMMENTS: "He is a very hard worker and a leader on our team. He would lead his individual linemen in drills every day and always worked to be his best all the time."

MAPLEWOOD H.S. -- LESTER LEE BLANTON JR.

PARENTS: NEKKO LE JONES & LESTER LEE BLANTON SR.

COACH: RALPH THOMPSON

ACADEMIC: GPA – 2.8

FOOTBALL: Four-year letterman at offensive guard/defensive tackle and long snapper; Three-year starter; 2007 All-Region 5-4A; All-Metro Honorable Mention Named most improved player on the football team.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Student Council member as a freshman; Member of the baseball team (freshman and junior); Member of the wrestling team (freshman).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Mentors young men at church; Assists little-leaguers with summer drills.

OTHER HONORS: Homecoming King two out of three years; Member of P. Ma Omega.

COACH THOMPSON'S COMMENT: "Lester is a fine young man who has worked very hard in the classroom and on the field to mold himself into a model person who will succeed in any endeavor he chooses to pursue."

McGAVOCK HIGH SCHOOL -- MATTHEW ALLEN HINSON

PARENT: GARY HINSON

COACH: ARCENTAE BROOME

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.02

FOOTBALL: Spent time at both offensive guard and middle linebacker; Was a four-year starter on offense and in his senior year, led the team with 104 tackles at linebacker. Named to the Coca-Cola All-City Team as an offensive lineman in 2007; Served as one of the team's senior football captains.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Involved in student leadership where he mentors at Napier Elem.; Wrestles for MHS and has been a member of the baseball team for three years; Service learning assistant in the South office.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Assisted other church members (Center Chapel Church of Christ) with the remodeling of homes in the community; Volunteers at McKendree Village Nursing Home.

COACH BROOME'S COMMENTS: "Matt Hinson is very dedicated to this school and the football program. He has become not only a good athlete but a scholar athlete as well. Despite the year we had this season, Matt never gave up and always kept a positive attitude both on and off the field and in the classroom."

MIDDLE TN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL -- LUKE LEE LOUIS HALL

PARENTS: NONA & LANNY HALL

COACH: EDDIE W. BASSHAM

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.6

FOOTBALL: Played defensive end, offensive guard and tight end and was named an All-Region 5A selection in 2007; Captain of the football team.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of the Beta Club; Fine Arts; Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA); Three-year member of the soccer team; Also a member of the trap shooting and tennis teams.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Smyrna Church of Christ Youth Group; China Mission Trip 2007-2008; Life Group Leader.

OTHER HONORS: Most-improved football; Outstanding determination football; Most-improved soccer.

COACH BASSHAM'S COMMENT: "Luke works hard, plays hard and is a good Christian young man."

MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY -- CHRISTIAN CLINTON WADDEY

PARENTS: ANN & JACK WADDEY

COACH: DANIEL MCGUGIN

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.01

FOOTBALL: Running back who helped the club go undefeated in 2007 en route to a State Championship; Finished career with 1,957 career rushing yards with 1,000+ of them coming in 2007; C.C. McClune 2007 Football Award for Love of the Game, Dedication and Loyalty; First-team All-State selection in 2006; 2006 Super Seven Coaches' Football All-State team; Honorable Mention selection in 2006.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of track & field and wrestling teams where he has received numerous honors and awards; National Merit Commended Scholar; AP Scholar; Member of school's 2007 AAPT physics bowl team; Three-time gold medalist in National Latin Exam (2004-2006); Elected senior representative for Student Council; Peer tutoring; Member of school's performing chorus; Cum Laude; Junior Honor Society.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Food preparer and server at school sponsored soup kitchen; Volunteered at school sponsored Special Olympics; Member, Bishop's Altar Servers for the Catholic Diocese of Nashville.

COACH MCGUGIN'S COMMENT: "Christian is one of the most enjoyable young men I have coached. He is tough, disciplined and selfless. His leadership and character are the reasons we were able to be so successful this year. Christian is an All-State football player, state champion pole vaulter, National Merit Scholar and leader in his church. He is what our school is all about."

MT. JULIET HIGH SCHOOL -- MATTHEW RYNE DUNCAN

PARENTS: DONNA & MICHAEL DUNCAN

COACH: ROGER PERRY

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.5

FOOTBALL: Four-year player as both defensive and offensive back; Started the last two years and was part of a secondary that compiled 36 interceptions; Named All-Region 6-4A. Special Teams player of the year and most improved player as a senior; Honorable Mention selection as a junior.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Competed in track & field and took honors classes while at Mt. Juliet.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member in church leading songs and speaking; Lads to Leaders; Scheduled to go on mission trip to Mexico to help build church; Provides worship service at nursing homes.

COACH PERRY'S COMMENT: "I have known Matt and his family for over 17 years. Matt has worked very hard in school and in our football program to become the young man that he is. Matt's leadership qualities and character exceed the average student-athlete."

NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN -- ZACHARY ALEXANDER BLEDSOE

PARENTS: ANDREA & VAN BLEDSOE

COACH: CHARLIE LANSDELL

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.5

FOOTBALL: Four-year starter, playing quarterback, tailback, wide receiver, cornerback, safety, kick returner and punt returner. All-Region 5-1A (sophomore, junior and senior); Team Captain (junior and senior); Offensive MVP (sophomore); Team MVP (junior).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: President National Honor Society; President Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA); Student Government Association Rep (sophomore, junior and senior); Member of Art and Chess clubs; Also participated in basketball and baseball.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: FCA Fundraising Champion; VBS volunteer at Harpeth Height Baptist Church; Hurricane relief volunteer; volunteer work for West Meade Rehabilitation Center; Bellevue Exchange Club player of the month; Most athletic senior year; All-District basketball (junior); All-District baseball (junior).

COACH LANSDELL'S COMMENTS: "Zach is very highly regarded by the NCS faculty and student body. His spiritual dedication, excellence in academics and leadership role on our football team is what makes him a true 'difference maker.' Zach was our cornerstone."

OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL -- ADAM BARRETT ELROD

PARENT: LINDA & DARRY ELROD

COACH: THOMAS MCDANIEL

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.7

FOOTBALL: Varsity football all four years; Four-year offensive line starter; three-year offensive line starter; 2006, 2007 All-Region selection.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: American Legion Boys State 2007; Beta Club; Beta Epsilon; Mu Alpha Theta; National Honor Society; National Art Honor Society.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of the Lascassas Church of Christ; Habitat for Humanity; Puppet Ministries; Inner City Ministries.

COACH MCDANIEL'S COMMENT: "Adam Elrod is one of the most mature young men I've ever met. His leadership capabilities demanded respect from his coaches, teammates and peers. I highly believe he is deserving of this award."

JOHN OVERTON HIGH SCHOOL -- KEITH MATTHEW HERNDON

PARENT: NICOLE HERNDON

COACH: TERRY ANDERSON

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.4

FOOTBALL: Two-year starter on the offensive and defensive line (center, defensive line); Also was the team's long snapper; 2007 All-Region selection; Team Captain.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of the school orchestra for four years; Member of the "O" club; Bobcat Award recipient for school leadership; Overton Red Cross club; Member of the basketball team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Volunteer for the walk-through Bethlehem for Woodmont Church; Volunteer, junior pro basketball for six years; Walking to benefit American Heart Foundation; Donated blood to the American Red Cross.

OTHER HONORS: All Honors and AP classes; All-Metro Honors in school orchestra; Received coaches award for team attitude.

COACH ANDERSON'S COMMENT: "Keith Herndon is an outstanding football player, a model citizen, a gentleman around school and a pleasure to coach. He realizes the value and importance of a good education and his desire to be successful is evident in everything he attempts. He is a true team player and will be missed by the Overton football program."

FRED J. PAGE HIGH SCHOOL -- KEITH DENIS MOORE

PARENTS: JANINE & THOMAS MOORE

COACH: JACK DANIELS

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.5

FOOTBALL: Four-year player at defensive end and left guard; Received the Coach's Award.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Senior representative for student council; VP Mu Alpha Theta; National Honors Society; Member of soccer team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Member of St. Phillips Catholic Church; Fed homeless regularly at Nashville Rescue Mission; Organized book drive; Organized scholarship funding for needy students.

OTHER HONORS: Harvard Book Prize Winner; Honors Physics Award; Ritchie Pruitt Award for Mathematical Excellence.

COACH DANIELS' COMMENT: "Great leader on and off the field. Keith always worked to be the best he could be."

PEARL COHN HIGH SCHOOL -- DEAUNTE MASON

PARENTS: VICKIE MASON & ART TUCKER

COACH: TONY BRUNETTI

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.2

FOOTBALL: Four-year player at quarterback, as a senior, named Quarterback of the Year, All-City MVP, All-Metro, All-Region MVP, First-team All-State, Mr. Football 3A; Also was the team's punter and place-kicker.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) school chapter President; "I Have a Future" program; Member of of the basketball, baseball and track & field teams; Member of the 4x200 meter relay track team that won a State Championship his junior year.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: In Full Motion; Helped pass out food and toys for Bethel Church.

OTHER HONORS: Nick Coutras Award nominee; Recognized for his accomplishments at the General Senate Session by Brenda Gilmore; Committed to the University of Kentucky on a full athletic scholarship.

COACH BRUNETTI'S COMMENT: "DeAunte is an outstanding leader on and off the football field. The team and those around him mean more to him than any personal awards or achievements. He is a class act."

POPE JOHN PAUL II H.S. -- STEPHEN RYNE CATIGNANI

PARENTS: DENISE & JOSEPH CATIGNANI

COACH: JEFF BROTHERS

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.89

FOOTBALL: Four-year player at quarterback and free safety; Three-year starter; Second-team All-County as a junior; Senior Captain; 104.5 Scholar Athlete of the Week; Senior Team Award.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: National Art Honor Society; National Honor Society; Societas Equiton Leadership Society; Four-year player on the basketball and baseball teams.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Member of St. Joseph Parish; Has given over 200 hours of community service through high school career.

OTHER HONORS: Won Best of Show in school art competition; Two-year captain of basketball team; Will have completed eight AP classes by graduation.

COACH BROTHERS' COMMENT: "There is no finer ambassador for our school and our community than Stephen. He is among the finest individuals I have ever known. His work ethic and subsequent success are benchmarks for everyone who follows him."

PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL -- JACOB GARDNER

PARENT: ROBERT GARDNER

COACH: MIKE BEVER

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.6

FOOTBALL: Three-year player on the football team; Named a 2007 Scholar athlete.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active in Church Youth group.

COACH BEVER'S COMMENT: "Jacob graded out at 80% in seven out of 10 games in his senior season."

RAVENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL -- LUKE STANSFIELD

PARENTS: ROSEMARIE & BYRON STANSFIELD

COACH: BRIAN RECTOR

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.3

FOOTBALL: Four-year player on the team's offensive and defensive line; Three years as a letterman and two years as a starter. Played on the defensive line as a sophomore; Played at left guard as a junior before moving to left tackle as a senior to address team needs. Committed to Western Kentucky on a full athletic scholarship.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Four-year player on the school's basketball team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active in youth group at church.

COACH RECTOR'S COMMENTS: "Luke has been a force of leadership for us at Ravenwood for four years and is very deserving of this recognition. His attitude and effort have always been top notch as well as his dedication to the classroom. He is plain and simply, one of the finest young men I have ever coached."

RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL -- DAVID STAFFORD SUMRALL

PARENTS: ANDREA & SAMUEL SUMRALL

COACH: RON AYDELOTT

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.9

FOOTBALL: Lettered sophomore, junior and senior seasons spending time at tight end, defensive end and offensive tackle. Started at OT every district game as a senior and five games at defensive end; Named to TN Army's Pre-Season All-Academic team; Second-team All-Region selection; Received the RHS Football Academic Achievement Award.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: 2007 American Legion Boys State member; National Honor Society; Honors and college prep classes; Honor Roll all four years; Principal's List (freshman); Beta Club; Theater Club; Played

“Schroeder” in school Charlie Brown Musical; Student tutor.
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of Believer’s Chapel Church; On executive board of Youth Christ Ministries and “Campus Life”; Volunteer, “Project Serve”.
OTHER HONORS: TN Boys State Delegate (elected Sheriff); Son of the American Revolution Award; Offer, Nomination and Appointment to the US Naval Academy; First place in Sculpture/Pottery Art Contest for Rutherford County Schools.
COACH AYDELOTT’S COMMENT: “David is an outstanding individual. He is a player that is always where he is supposed to be and doing what he is supposed to be doing. David is an extremely hard-working player that willed himself to become a Division-I signee.”

SIEGEL HIGH SCHOOL -- JORDAN TYLER CASSADINE
PARENTS: GINA COLLIER & KEVIN CASSADINE
COACH: DAVID WATSON
ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.78
FOOTBALL: Four-year player at wide receiver and defensive back.
SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Beta Club; National Honor Society; Mu Alpha Theta.
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of Hickory Grove Church; Active in the male choir.
OTHER HONORS: *Who’s Who Among American High School Students.*
COACH WATSON’S COMMENT: “Jordan is an outstanding student, athlete and person. He has demonstrated an exemplary attitude and work ethic at Siegel H.S. He was a three-year starter and leader in our program.”

SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL -- JOSHUA DAY
PARENT: DAVID DAY
COACH: PHILIP SHADOWENS
ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.47
FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman at linebacker for two-time State Championship team; Rutherford County Defensive MVP (junior); All-State selection; Blue Cross Bowl Defensive MVP.
SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Interact Club.
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Member of Calvary Apostolic Church.
OTHER HONORS: Will be attending Carson Newman College to continue his football career.
COACH SHADOWENS’ COMMENT: “Josh is the hardest working young man we have ever had. Josh ruptured tendons in his toe this year but continued to be at every practice to help our team.”

STATION CAMP HIGH SCHOOL -- CHRISTOPHER KIBLER
PARENTS: MR. & MRS. KENNETH KIBLER
COACH: SHAWN HOLLINSWORTH
ACADEMIC: GPA –3.85
FOOTBALL: Three-year starter on the defensive line while also contributing to special teams.
SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of the hockey and lacrosse teams; Beta Club.
OTHER HONORS: Latin Outstanding Achievement Award; JROTC Leadership Award.
COACH HOLLINSWORTH’S COMMENT: “Chris is an outstanding young man who has an unbelievable work ethic. His character is second to none.”

STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL -- STEVIE SHELTON
PARENTS: EMMA & STEVE SHELTON, SR.
COACH: JASON SMITH
ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.4
FOOTBALL: Four-year letterman at running back and defensive back; Two-year All-Region selection; All-Metro selection. Committed to Tennessee State University on a full athletic scholarship.
SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Basketball and Track participant; Basketball All-Tournament selection; Member of Student Council; “Play it Smart” Program; STARS.
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Participated in Tennessee Titans Coat Drive; Active member of Mt. Galilee Baptist Church.
COACH SMITH’S COMMENT: “Steve is one of the most athletic student-athletes I have coached in eight years. He is one of the smartest students in our program.”

TROUSDALE HIGH SCHOOL -- KENNETH BLAKE MERRYMAN
PARENTS: DEBORAH & MARK MERRYMAN
COACH: CLINT SATTERFIELD
ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.0
FOOTBALL: Four-year player at defensive back and wide receiver; Team

won State Championship as a sophomore; Two-year starter at defensive back junior and senior year; U.S. Army Pre-Season Academic All-State selection as a senior.
SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Vice President of school chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) as a junior and senior; Beta Club; Spanish Club (freshman, sophomore); School Ambassador; Also participated with the track & field and baseball teams.
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Church choir, sound technician; Youth group; Juvenile Drug Coalition.
OTHER HONORS: American Legion Boys State; People to Student Ambassador.
COACH SATTERFIELD’S COMMENT: “Blake is one of the most focused, determined and persistent players I have ever coached. He may not have the size and speed of others but he definitely has heightened his other talents to develop himself into a valuable member of our team.”

WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL -- JOHN LANHAM KNEISEL
PARENTS: ANN & JOHN KNEISEL
COACH: GAVIN WEBSTER
ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.52
FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman who played wide receiver, running back, defensive back, punter, kick returner and punt returner; Team Captain; All-State, All-Region, Fastest Back Award; Offensive Player of the Year.
SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Vice President of school SGA; FBLA; Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA); Spanish Club; Honor Roll.
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active Entertainment; Wilson County Fair Youth Board.
OTHER HONORS: Most Popular (senior); Mr. WHS (senior); Principal’s List.
COACH WEBSTER’S COMMENT: “It has been a pleasure coaching John the past three years. His passion for the game, work ethic and leadership qualities were a big part of our team’s success this year. I wish John good luck and he will be greatly missed.”

WESTMORELAND H.S. -- STEVEN MICHAEL NEWHOUSER
PARENTS: DONNA SMITH & JAMES NEWHOUSER
COACH: JACKIE KELLEY
ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.07
FOOTBALL: Three-year starter at offensive and defensive tackle; All-Region (junior and senior); Team award for 2007 Offensive Player of the Year; Graded out 90% each week on offensive line.
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of the Strong Tower Church; Youth ministry group member.
COACH KELLEY’S COMMENT: “Steven has been a very consistent contributor to our football program for the past four years. As a result of his example, he became a very positive leader on our football team. Steven was a pleasure to coach.”

WHITE HOUSE HIGH SCHOOL -- ADAM L. WISS
PARENTS: SHERRY HOPKINS & BARRY WISS
COACH: JEFF PORTER
ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.22
FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman at fullback and linebacker; All-Region linebacker; Team MVP; Team Captain; Player of the Year; 5th All-Time school career tackles holder (253).
SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Top 10% of senior class.
COACH PORTER’S COMMENT: “Adam has started three years at linebacker. Adam is a very intelligent football player who understands and respects the value of preparation. He will be a huge success in life. It is an honor to have the opportunity to coach players such as Adam.”

WHITES CREEK HIGH SCHOOL -- TYLER LAMONT ALLEN
PARENTS: TANJA & DISNEY ALLEN
COACH: ANTHONY T. LAW
ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.58
FOOTBALL: Four-year player at wide receiver; Hume Award Nominee.
SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: National Honor Society; National Honor Roll; Four-year player on both the basketball and track & field teams.
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Participated in Big Brother program; Packed food for home-ridden church members; Read to elementary children.
COACH LAW’S COMMENT: “Tyler is a fine young man. His parents have done an outstanding job. He has been the epitome of the student-athlete. He has a will and heart for serving others. It has been an honor to have had the opportunity to serve such a humble young person. He will do well in all endeavors.”

HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGIATE SCHOLAR ATHLETE WINNERS

WILSON CENTRAL H.S. -- MICHAEL JOSHUA SHANNON

PARENTS: CLARINDA & CHARLES SHANNON

COACH: TRAYE ARIC

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.3

FOOTBALL: Four-year player at running back, quarterback, linebacker, kick returner and punt returner; 2007 All-Region 4-5A team.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of the school choir and the basketball team.

OTHER HONORS: All-State Choir selection; National Honor Choir.

COACH ARIC'S COMMENT: "I coached Michael for three years and I was very proud and honored to get to know such a delightful young man. His hard work, dedication and perseverance were very apparent. He made himself into a fine football player."

AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIV. -- MARK BRADFORD CUNNINGHAM

PARENTS: JAN & RON CUNNINGHAM

COACH: RICK CHRISTOPHEL

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.18

FOOTBALL: Four-year player at quarterback; 2,600 yards and 18 touchdowns (two-year starter) missed six games as a senior due to injury.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Athletic Academic Honors.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of Grace Baptist Church.

COACH CHRISTOPHEL'S COMMENT: "Mark was a great leader on and off the field. Unfortunately, he injured his arm and missed half of his senior season but he continued to lead and ended up throwing the winning TD pass vs. Southeast Missouri."

CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY -- JOSHUA PATRICK BEASLEY

PARENT: LARRY ROBERT BEASLEY

COACH: DEWAYNE ALEXANDER

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.7

FOOTBALL: Three-year starter at offensive line and center (30 consecutive games); First-team Academic All-Conference (2005, 2006, 2007); First-team All-Mid-South; 2007 Team Captain.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Founding member of student chapter of MAA (Math Society) where he was a two-year president; Mr. Cumberland; Leadership Council member; Dean's List (eight semesters).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Held a charity concert for the Darfur crisis and his band played in the event.

OTHER HONORS: National Honor's Society; *Who's Who Among American Students*.

COACH ALEXANDER'S COMMENTS: "Josh Beasley epitomizes what every coach is looking for in a student-athlete. He is a leader in the classroom, on the field, and in the locker room. Josh demonstrated his leadership ability by organizing math tutoring sessions for his teammates the past two years."

MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST. UNIVERSITY -- CLINTON CORDER

PARENTS: CATHY & JAMES CORDER

COACH: RICK STOCKSTILL

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.67

FOOTBALL: Tight end 2003-2007; Two-year starter; 2007 played 402 snaps; 2006 played 493 snaps; 2007 Most Dependable Tight End Award; 2007 Most Improved Strength Training Award for Tight Ends.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: 2007 Senior Academic Award; Named to Draddy Trophy list (National Academic "Heisman" Award); Graduated in Fall 2006 with a Business Administration degree; Currently pursuing MBA; Earned a spot on the Sunbelt Conference Academic Honor Roll in 2003-2004, 2004-2005 and 2005-2006; Made Sunbelt Conference Commissioner's List in 2006-2007; Student Athletic Advisory Council President.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Special Olympics; Habitat for Humanity.

COACH STOCKSTILL'S COMMENTS: "Clint has been our starting tight end the last two years and has exemplified what the true meaning of a student-athlete should represent. He was a very good and dependable football player for MTSU."

SEWANEE-THE UNIV. OF THE SOUTH -- BLAKE ROBERTSON MEARS

PARENTS: MR. AND MRS. BRIAN EUGENE MEARS

COACH: ROBERT BLACK

ACADEMIC: GPA – 2.5

FOOTBALL: Four-year letterman at running back; Three-time All-SCAC selection; Named Conference Player of the Week twice; Led team in all-purpose yards, rushing and receiving in 2007; Team Captain.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Participated in Player's Council where he spoke to prospective students; Order of Gownsmen- Academic Honor Society.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Reads to children at local elementary school; Habitat for Humanity; Volunteered at summer football camp for ele-

mentary students.

COACH BLACK'S COMMENTS: "Blake is a fine young man and a real leader. He is a tremendous team leader who played the last three games of the season with a ruptured ACL and he still averaged 107 all-purpose yards per game."

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY -- BRANDON JASON WILLIAMS

PARENTS: BEATRICE & LT. COL. JAMES WILLIAMS

COACH: JAMES WEBSTER

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.0 undergrad; 4.0 graduate studies

FOOTBALL: Four-year letterman at fullback; Scholar Buller Award 2006-2007; Received various academic achievements 2003-2007; Nashville City Civitan Club Football Sportsmanship Award in 2007; Team and Position Captain in 2007.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Student Athlete Advisory Committee; Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA); SEC Campaign Committee Member; Member of Nashville Alumni Association; Athletic Compliance Graduate Assistant; Member of the TSU golf team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Member of Friendship Baptist Church; Metro Parks Mentor/Tutor; Boys & Girls Mentor/Tutor; St. Luke Community Center Mentor/Tutor.

COACH POLITE'S (Running Backs) COMMENT: "Brandon played various roles for our football team including fullback and special teams and exhibited senior leadership both by example and vocally. Brandon has always completed anything asked of him in a timely manner with a professional attitude and a smile. Brandon has been a pleasure to coach."

TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY -- JOHN MILTON JACKSON, III

PARENT: JOAN CLARICE JACKSON

COACH: WATSON BROWN

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.26

FOOTBALL: Four-year letterman on the defensive line; 2005 All-OVC Conference; 2005 Tech Pride Award; 2007 All-OVC Conference; 2007 Team Captain; 2007 Sports Network All-American Honorable Mention.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Student Athletic Advisory Committee (Treasurer) 2005-2007; Dean's List 2004-2007; Athletic Director's Honor Roll 2004-2007; 2007 Tennessee Tech Academic Award Recipient; 2007 Academic All-American.

COACH BROWN'S COMMENT: "It has been a pleasure coaching John during his last year at Tennessee Tech University. I only had one year with John, but found him to be an outstanding young man. He was one of our 2007 captains, chosen by his teammates for his leadership. I wish I had him another year!"

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY -- MARCUS L. BUGGS

PARENTS: CAROLYN & LEON BUGGS

COACH: BOBBY JOHNSON

ACADEMIC: GPA – 2.86

FOOTBALL: Two-year starter at linebacker playing in 45 career games; One of the top team leaders as a senior; Topped the Commodores in tackles for loss as a junior and senior; Named team's Defensive Player of Week after effort vs. Alabama.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of Football Leadership Council (facilitates dialogue between the head coach and players); Two-time SEC Honor Roll recipient.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Participated in Christmas party for underprivileged kids, hosted by the Student Athlete Advisory Council; Participated in Vanderbilt Dance-A-Thon to raise money for the Children's Hospital.

COACH BRUCE FOWLER'S (Defensive Coordinator) COMMENTS: "In over 25 years of coaching football and working with young men, I have worked with many outstanding individuals. Marcus Buggs stands at the top. He has all of the attributes you look for in a student-athlete. He was outstanding on the field as well as off the field. He excels in all areas of leadership because of the example he sets with his actions and work ethic. Marcus influences those around him to do better. Above all, Marcus is a man of outstanding character that anchors all that he does."

MISSION STATEMENT: “Our mission is to promote and develop the power of amateur football in developing the qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, competitive zeal and the drive for academic excellence in America’s young people.”

NATIONALLY: With 121 chapters in 47 states with over 12,000 members nationwide, The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, a not-for-profit educational organization, runs programs designed to use the power of amateur football in developing scholarship, citizenship and athletic achievement in America’s young people. NFF programs include the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., Play It Smart, The NFF Center for Youth Development Through Sport at Springfield College (Mass.), the NFL-NFF Coaching Academy, and scholarships of nearly \$1 million for College and High School Scholar-Athletes this year will raise the all-time cumulative total of scholarship funds distributed nationally by the NFF to approximately \$20 million!

OUR LOCAL MIDDLE TENNESSEE CHAPTER: One of the most respected chapters in the National Football Foundation, the Middle Tennessee Chapter was founded in 1961 by Fred Russell, Harold “Cotton” Clark and current NFF South Region Coordinator and former NFL referee, Art Demmas. The chapter holds many outstanding events during the year that support the mission of the NFF.

Tonight’s annual awards dinner honors 53 high school seniors and seven collegiate seniors for their outstanding academic and athletic achievement. These young men are true role models in their schools and communities. These high school seniors will receive approximately \$27,000 for partial scholarships toward college tuition.

These grants would not be possible without the generous financial support of the family of this chapter’s late President, Charles W. Hawkins, III and others who had the vision of providing these scholarships to honorees from every high school at this banquet and the Middle Tennessee Chapter is proud to present the “Charles W. Hawkins, III Scholarships” to these deserving young men.

Two other programs that the Middle Tennessee chapter support are Play It Smart and the NFL/NFF Coaching Academy. Stratford High in East Nashville currently has an academic coach who works with the football team to focus on academic achievement and community involvement. An NFL/NFF Coaching Academy has been held each June at Baptist Sports Park. Titans Head Coach Jeff Fisher and his staff conduct the daylong event and record crowds attend to learn from members of the Titans coaching staff.

OUR WEBSITE: Please visit www.nffnashville.com for additional information regarding the Middle Tennessee Chapter. All of the printed information contained in tonight’s program may be found on this site as well as the link to the National Football Foundation’s website.