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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, President DeWayne Alexander; Reno Benson; Andy Bickerstaff; Scott Brunette; Anthony Darby; Art Demmas; James "Boots" Donnelly; Wes Elrod; Jim Harwell; Bob Hyde; Joe Kelley; Brad Lampley; Wallene Leek; John Major; David Malone; Walter Overton; Wayne Parker; Richard Philpot; Jerry Pigue; George Plaster; John Popham; Brian Reese; Larry Taft; Ray C. Thomas; Kevin Tucker; Brenard K. Wilson.	
Special Presentations	Robert M. Sullins, Art Demmas and Wes Elrod	
Presenting “Charles W. Hawkins III High School Scholar-Athletes”	Wes Elrod, Jerry Pique	
Presenting “Steve McNair Iron Will Scholarships”	Keith Bulluck, Tennessee Titans	
Remarks	Keith Bulluck, Tennessee Titans	
Presenting “University Scholar-Athletes”	DeWayne Alexander and Brian Reese	
Presenting “Joe L. Worden Courage Award”	Flo Worden and John Major 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 “Bonnie Sloan Courage Award”	Anthony Darby and Bob Hyde Bonnie Sloan is the inaugural winner of this award which bears his name. This award is presented to a professional athlete, coach or staff member who overcame obstacles and fought back to succeed.	
Presenting NFL Retired Players Association “Inspiration Award”	George Plaster and Brenard K. Wilson 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 and Wallene Leek The Jim Barrom Spirit Award is presented to a Metropolitan Nashville Public School 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 “Jim Barrom Motivation Award”	Judith Barrom, Wallene Leek and Ray Thomas The Jim Barrom Motivation Award is presented to a Metropolitan Nashville Public School student who exemplifies the highest qualities of sportsmanship.	
Presenting “Harold ‘Cotton’ Clark Spirit Award”	Reno Benson and Scott Brunette 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”	Robert M. Sullins <i>Accepting</i>	Tom Ritter
Presenting “Roy Kramer Contribution to Football Award”	DeWayne Alexander and Kevin Tucker The Roy Kramer Contribution to Football Award is presented to a local individual 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. <i>Accepting</i>	Watson Brown
Presenting “Fred Russell Distinguished American Award”	Art Demmas 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. <i>Accepting</i>	Judge Frank Drowota
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Presenting “C.R. Bickerstaff/Coach Bill Pace University Scholar-Athlete Award”	Sarah Lou Bickerstaff and Andy Bickerstaff 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 and David Malone 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*	1987 - Dennis C. Bottorff	1998 - Joe Kelley
1970 - P. V. Overall* Alfred Sharp*	1977 - Horace G. Hill, Jr.* Ralph Owen*	1988 - John Rich	1999 - John Seigenthaler
1971 - Charles W. Geny* Robert Lawrence, Jr.*	1978 - Capt. Wm. P. Lawrence, USN* Dr. Bill Sherman	1989 - Dr. Thomas F. Frist, Jr.	2000 - Dr. Bill Wise
1972 - Vernon Sharp* Boyce Smith, Sr.*	1979 - Guilford Dudley, Jr.*	1990 - Gen. William G. Moore, Jr.	2001 - Lee Greenwood
1973 - Charles M. Murphy* 1974 - Dr. Amos Christie* Charles W. Hawkins, Sr.*	1980 - Dr. F. Tremaine Billings* James F. Neal	1991 - Dr. Greer Ricketson*	2002 - Coach Edward S. Temple
1975 - Joe E. Torrence* James A. Webb*	1981 - Arthur Rebrovick*	1992 - William M. "Bill" Johnson	2003 - Captain Greg Johnson
1976 - Frances E. Carter*	1982 - Kenneth L. Roberts	1993 - E. W. "Bud" Wendell	2004 - Charles W. Hawkins, III*
	1983 - Mayor Richard Fulton	1994 - Governor Winfield C. Dunn Governor Ned Ray McWherter	2005 - Martha Rivers Ingram
	1984 - Nelson C. Andrews	1995 - U.S. Senator William H. "Bill" Frist, M.D. U.S. Senator Fred Dalton Thompson	2006 - Lt. Colonel Jeff Holmes
	1985 - Joe M. Rodgers*	1996 - John Richard Hall	2007 - Governor Phil Bredesen
	1986 - Frank C. Gorrell*	1997 - Drew Rederick Maddux	2008 - Father Charles Strobel Sgt. Kevin Downs
			*Deceased

Past Winners: "Roy Kramer Contribution to Football Award"

1972 - Dr. A. B. Lipscomb*	Bill Pace*	1992 - Coach Louis Catignani*	2002 - Dr. Edward Adelman
1973 - R. L. (Pete) Naylor*	1984 - Tommy Owen*	1993 - Elmore "Scoop" Hudgins*	2003 - Coach Jerry Pigue
1974 - Madison Sarratt*	Nick Coutras*	1994 - John R. Bibb*	2004 - Coach Wes Elrod Coach Jimmy Gentry
1976 - William D. Baird*	1985 - Dr. Arliss Roaden	1995 - William J. "Bill" Wade, Jr.	2005 - Jack Redgren Coach Calvin Short
1977 - David Scobey*	1986 - Robert H. Cummings	1996 - Coach John Majors Herb Rich*	2006 - Coach Joe Davis Coach Jerry Pearson
1978 - David Aaron*	1987 - Joseph W. Gilliam, Sr.	1997 - Walter Ray Nipper, Jr.* Dr. C. R. Bickerstaff*	2007 - Coach Jim Cartwright* Coach Gerald Johnson
1979 - Emmett Strickland*	1988 - Carlton Flatt Ed Watson*	1998 - Coach Herschel Moore	2008 - Coach Bill Brimm Coach Ralph Brown
1980 - John F. Green*	1989 - James "Boots" Donnelly	1999 - Coach George MacIntyre	
1981 - Roy F. Kramer	1990 - Dennis Harrison	2000 - Coach Woody Widenhofer	
1982 - Art G. Demmas Donald C. Orr	1991 - George Volkert* Joe L. Worden*	2001 - Coach William "Bill" Dupes	
1983 - Dr. Rob Roy Purdy*			*Deceased

Past Winners: "Admiral William P. Lawrence Award"

1968 - Butch Stinson, Cohn	1977 - Terry Corn, Overton	Jonathan Ryan Quinn, McGavock	1999 - Guy Robert Dinwiddie, Hendersonville Christopher James Robert Patton, D.C.A.
1969 - Barrett Sutton, M.B.A.	1978 - Chris Kennedy, Overton	1993 - Billy Wayne Gatlin II, Antioch Robert Saunders Neblett, F.R.A. Hugh Robert Gaston, M.B.A. Jess Clinton Jennings, Overton Raybum Manning Hall, Jr., Stratford	2000 - Andrew Robert Patterson, D.C.A.
1970 - Howard Gentry, Jr., Pearl David Campbell, Maplewood Randy Miles, East Tommy Haynes, North	1979 - Damon Anagnos, M.B.A.	1994 - Benjamin Cullen McIntosh, D.C.A.	2001 - Mikael Allen Jacobs, Brentwood Matthew Vaughn Loveless, Nashville Christian
1971 - Brant Lipscomb, M.B.A. Mike Winchester, Madison Jay Bonds, TPS John Shaub, Lipscomb	1980 - Jeff Powell, Whites Creek	1995 - Jerrell Allen "Bo" Link, Hillsboro Justin Harrison Lowe, Goodpasture Andrew David Stewart, David Lipscomb	2002 - Christopher Scott Coleman, Nashville Christian
1972 - Tate Rich, M.B.A. Lonnie Sadler, Madison Ernie Lehning, Dupont Mike Arrington, Joelton	1981 - Mike Beckham, Overton	1996 - Will Bartholomew, M.B.A. Ryan Gary McSwain, D.C.A. Mathew Allen Moore, Goodpasture	2003 - Clifton Ryan Bone, Antioch
1973 - David Shaub, Lipscomb	1982 - Kenny Witherspoon, Stratford Johnny Doris, F.R.A.	1997 - Thomas Ely Hutchinson, F.R.A. Nathan Thomas Daniel, Overton	2004 - Burton Folk Elrod, Lipscomb Brenard Wilson, II, Hunters Lane
1974 - James Threalkill, East	1983 - Keith Victory, Overton	1998 - Travis Dalton Bellenfant, D.C.A. Jonathan David Shaub, David Lipscomb James Andrew Stewart, Hendersonville	2005 - Mark Braden Brinkley, Lipscomb
1975 - Jack Chandler, Overton	1984 - Ronald Robinson, Stratford		2006 - Matthew Wyatt Elrod, Lipscomb
1976 - Tony Glover, Antioch	1985 - Reuben Allen Bueno, Jr., MBA		2007 - Christian Clinton Waddey, MBA
	1986 - William S. Evans, Overton		2008 - Brian John Hartzell, 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.		

Past Winners: "Joe L. Worden Courage Award"

1999 - Kenneth James Moore, Jr., B.G.A.	2002 - Dallas Anthony Buell, Glenciff	2005 - Alexander Kyle Trent, Hillsboro	2008 - Reginald Dewayne Ford, MBA
2000 - Bo Dunkle, Cumberland University	2003 - William Kristofer Ruderer, Hillwood	2006 - Michael Brett Craig, Siegel	
2001 - David Holcombe, B.G.A.	2004 - Kyle Christopher Skiera, Brentwood	2007 - Stephen A. Gregerson, Indepen.	

Past Winners: "Art Demmas Outstanding Official"

1999 - William T. Smith	2002 - Vic Francescon	2005 - Ray "Hoss" Fuller	2008 - Junior Ward
2000 - Wayne Clendenen	2003 - Walter Overton	2006 - Billy Still	
2001 - Judge Casey Moreland	2004 - Jeff Irwin	2007 - Steve Swift	

"Inspiration Award" provided by Nashville Chapter NFL Retired Players Association

2000 - Erwin David Latimer, C.P.A.	2003 - William Joseph Bell, Franklin	2005 - William W. Billington, III, M.B.A.	2007 - James Justin Parris, CPA
2001 - Daniel Allan Childs, Smyrna	2004 - Brandon Chase Fisher, C.P.A. Charles Christopher Wooden, D.C.A.	2006 - Dorman Duane Vaughn, III, Davidson Academy	2008 - Michael Darnell Douglas, Hill- wood
2002 - John Christian Yarbrough, Hunters Lane			

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
East Literature 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
Glencliff 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 Christian Academy
Mt. Juliet High 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 Co. High School
Watertown High School
Westmoreland High School
White House High School
Whites Creek High School
Wilson Central High School

Scholar-Athlete

Carvis Marquez Russell
Benjamin Harwell Butler
James Earl Howell
David Alexander Lee
Quentin Cody Nelson
Cameron James Croy
Colton Rex Parker
Trenton Michael Fisher
Andrew Scott Bledsoe
Derek Elijah Vaughn
Austin David Black
William Nicoles Duke
Nicholas Sean Garrett
Edward Anthony Reeve
Weston Bain Gentry
James Daniel Raynes
Harrison Michael Daigle
Robert William Elrod
James Hunter Jackson
Joseph Parker Teeter
Cody James Matthews
Donnie Jerome Williams Jr.
Glenn Franklin Nabors III
Austin Timothy Clem
Robert Gregory Young
Maxwell Nnamdi Ugboaja
Richard A'Lee Thomas
Lee Alexander Heckman
James Cordell Frierson Jr.
Phillip Wood Vance
James Robert Stone
Juwana Rashad Turner
Nathan Robert Coats
John Fitz Lassing
Phillip Andrew Harnage
Reed Donovan Gurchiek
Joell Phillip Keeling
John Bennett Egger
Jack Dennison Robertson
Andre Ta'Jonah Hyde
Michael Thomas Nelson
Dillon Corey Kirkham
Benjamin Byron Stansfield
Cody Joshua West
Yijie Larry Cheng
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COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR-ATHLETE WINNERS

Austin Peay State University
Cumberland University
Middle Tenn. State University
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Tennessee State University
Tennessee Tech University
Vanderbilt University

Matthew Tyler Trent
Anthony Pernel Allen
Mark Warner Fisher
Rascoe Staples Dean
Brandon Orlando Bather
Taylor Jarvis Askew
Ronald Patrick Benoist

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Cumberland University
Middle Tennessee State University
Tennessee Titans/K. S. "Bud" Adams Jr.
Tennessee State University
Tennessee Tech University
Vanderbilt University

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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; Coca-Cola; K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. / Tennessee Titans; Bill Erwin of Perma Pipe; National Football Foundation Coaches' Academy; Mark North; Mary Hill.

CHARLES W. HAWKINS III HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE WINNERS

ANTIOCH HIGH SCHOOL -- CARVIS MARQUEZ RUSSELL

PARENTS: SCOTT RODRIQUEZ, CONSTANCE RODRIQUEZ & ROMERUS GREER

COACH: MIKE WOODWARD

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.275

FOOTBALL: Two-year letterman who played wide receiver and safety. As a senior, received the school's Taylor Bradford Award which is given to the team's top scholar-athlete and the William Hume Award nominee which is given to the player who demonstrates the highest value to the team.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of the school's track & field team for two seasons, as a sophomore, junior and senior was active in the school's leadership class.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: As a senior, community activities included working with Big Brother-Big Sisters and Feed the Children.

COACH WOODWARD'S COMMENTS: "Carvis is a very hardworking, unselfish young man. He proved to be a great role model for our younger players by his actions on and off the field. These characteristics helped to make Carvis one of our best receivers and will help him be very successful in future endeavors."

BATTLE GROUND ACADEMY -- BENJAMIN HARWELL BUTLER

PARENTS: JAMES HUGHES BUTLER JR. & CAROLINE STOCKTON BUTLER

COACH: TIM JOHNSON

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.76

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman who spent time at multiple positions including kicker, punter, tight end, linebacker and on the defensive line. As a senior, received the school's Harrison Achievement Award and was named the Special Teams MVP.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: As a senior, was a peer leader, student council officer and the Honor Council President. Held active membership in Mu Alpha Theta (sophomore, junior) and the National Honor Society (sophomore, junior, senior). Was a four-year letterman as a member of the school's soccer team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: TN Senior Olympics (sophomore, junior, senior) Mountain Tennessee Outreach Program (sophomore, junior, senior), Heritage Foundation (sophomore), Franklin Tomorrow Youth Leadership Foundation (junior), BGA Math Tutor (senior). Active member in church.

ADDITIONAL HONORS: DAR Good Citizen Recipient for BGA, Boys State Alternate.

COACH JOHNSON'S COMMENTS: "Ben was asked to play a variety of positions for our football team. Each time we challenged him to step into a new position he just smiled and went to work. He truly leads by example. Ben epitomizes what you hope a student-athlete is all about. He is an excellent player but beyond that, he is an exceptional student, has unquestioned integrity and serves others at every opportunity."

BEECH HIGH SCHOOL -- JAMES EARL HOWELL

PARENTS: JIMMY HOWELL & LANE HOWELL

COACH: ANTHONY CRABTREE

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.6

FOOTBALL: Offensive tackle who was a three-year letterman and was named a team captain as a senior and the Most Valuable Lineman. Was an All-District Selection (junior and senior), All-Region Selection (junior, senior) All-State Selection (senior) and State 5A Champion (senior).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Class officer as a junior, member of the Junior Classical League (junior, senior), Foreign Language Club (sophomore), Future Business Leaders of America (junior), Student Council (junior) and Letters for the Better (senior).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member in church and participated in Santa's Workshop (senior).

ADDITIONAL HONORS: First-place finish in Future Business Leaders of America speaking competition.

COACH CRABTREE'S COMMENTS: "James is a fine young man with great character. He is a great leader on and off the field. He displays all of the characteristics that we wish all students at Beech High School possessed."

BLACKMAN HIGH SCHOOL - DAVID ALEXANDER LEE

PARENTS: CHARLES MARVIN LEE & SUSAN ELIZABETH LEE

COACH: PHILIP SHADOWENS

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.5

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain who saw time at left tackle, left guard, defensive tackle and linebacker. Received the Football Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award (freshman, junior), Blaze Award which is given to the Team MVP (senior). All-District Selection (senior), All-Region Selection (junior) and All-Area Selection (junior and senior).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Participated with the cheerleading squad for one season.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member in his church and assisted with mission trips to St. Louis and South Carolina while also helping with tornado clean-up in the Blackman community.

COACH SHADOWENS' COMMENTS: "David is a wonderful example for other kids. He won our Blaze Award which identifies him as 'our most all-around outstanding young man.' David is the type of young man every parent would want their child to be like."

BRENTWOOD ACADEMY -- QUENTIN CODY NELSON

PARENTS: PAUL DOUGLAS NELSON & KIM NELSON

COACH: RALPH POTTER

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.67

FOOTBALL: Quarterback who was a three-year letterman and senior team captain. All-Region Selection as a senior, member of the team's Leadership Council and team was State runner-up as sophomore and junior.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Honor Roll (sophomore, junior), Young Life (junior, senior), National Honor Society (senior), Headmaster's List (senior). Three-year letterman in basketball and two-year letterman in baseball.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Volunteered at local nursing homes (sophomore, junior) Thrift Smart (junior), Both Hands (senior) and tutored at New Hope Academy (senior).

COACH POTTER'S COMMENTS: "Cody is a great leader. He is capable of calling his own plays, has a good arm and ability but worked to make himself a good player. He will be successful in anything he does."

BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL -- CAMERON JAMES CROY

PARENTS: JIM A. CROY & CAMILLE CROY

COACH: RON CRAWFORD

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.14

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain who played linebacker and fullback. Named All-District (senior) and All-Region (junior). District-11, Defensive Player of the Year. Awarded the school's Bruin Award for work on and off the field and Strength Award for improvement in the weight room.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of the school's National Honor Society as a senior. Four-year letterman in wrestling where he was a two-time state champion and two-time national All-American.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Participated in church mission trip (sophomore), youth club wrestling volunteer coach (junior and senior), Habitat for Humanity (senior).

ADDITIONAL HONORS: *The Tennessean* Wrestler of the Year, featured in *Sports Illustrated's* "Faces in the Crowd", committed to wrestle at Harvard University.

COACH CRAWFORD'S COMMENTS: "Cameron is a fierce competitor who always played and practiced with great enthusiasm and effort. Our players looked to Cameron's leadership and he elevated his teammates' play. He is a true winner who is an outstanding young man at everything he attempts."

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL -- COLTON REX PARKER

PARENTS: ALBERT MARK PARKER & ANN ELIZABETH PARKER

COACH: MARK MATYKIEWICZ

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.82

FOOTBALL: Linebacker, offensive lineman and longsnapper who was a three-year letterman and senior team captain. Received the school's Coaches Appreciation Award.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Challenge Day Leader (senior), National Honors Society (sophomore, junior), Cougar Link Leader (junior, senior).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Participated in his church's Christmas Exchange Program (junior, senior).

COACH MATYKIEWICZ'S COMMENTS: "Colton exemplified what a student-athlete should be: hard-working, intelligent and competitive."

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY -- TRENTON MICHAEL FISHER

PARENTS: JEFF FISHER & JULI FISHER

COACH: JAY MATHEWS

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.0

FOOTBALL: Safety and wide receiver who was a four-year letterman, and as a senior, named team captain and the team's Defensive MVP. All-District selection (junior, senior), All-Region selection (junior, senior) and All-State selection (senior). Member of the school's track team as a junior.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Class President (junior), active with Student Government Association (junior), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (senior).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Mercy Ministries (sophomore, junior, senior), Charity Softball (sophomore, junior, senior), CPA Service Day (senior), Grace Center (senior).

COACH MATHEW'S COMMENTS: "Trent Fisher is a four-year starter who has demonstrated excellence in every workout, practice and game. He is a leader by word and example. He is the hardest worker in the weight room, classroom, filmroom and on the field. His character and competitiveness is amongst the elite."

DAVID LIPSCOMB HIGH SCHOOL -- ANDREW SCOTT BLEDSOE

PARENTS: CRAIG BLEDSOE & SANDY BLEDSOE

COACH: GLENN F. MCCADAMS

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.93

FOOTBALL: Halfback, safety and kick returner was a three-year letterman, senior team captain and 3A State Champion (sophomore).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Spanish Club (sophomore), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior), National Honor Society (junior, senior). Three-year letterman in track & field.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Involved in church activities, volunteered time at YES Christmas store (sophomore, junior, senior), Second Harvest Food Bank (sophomore), nursing homes (senior), and feeding the homeless (senior). Participated in mission trip to Dominican Republic (junior).

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Currently lending time to coach a second-grade boys basketball team.

COACH MCCADAMS' COMMENTS: "Scott is socially well-rounded, strong academically and has outstanding athletic ability. More importantly, he is of the highest character."

CHARLES W. HAWKINS III HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE WINNERS

DAVIDSON ACADEMY -- DEREK ELIJAH VAUGHN

PARENTS: DORMAN DUANE VAUGHN JR & GINA K. VAUGHN

COACH: PAUL WADE

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.76

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman at left tackle and nose guard, two-time state champion, accomplishing the feat as a freshman, and junior. Senior team captain. DII-A Titans Mr. Football Finalist (senior), selected to TN East/West All-Star Game as a senior.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Class Secretary (junior), Math Honor Society/Mu Alpha Theta (sophomore, junior, senior-VP) Junior Classical League (sophomore, junior, senior), Math Team (junior, senior), National Society of HS Scholars (senior), WWE Club (senior). Member of track & field team all four years.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Room in the Inn (sophomore, junior, senior), G-Fuge (sophomore, junior, senior), Abuse Awareness Campaign (senior). **ADDITIONAL HONORS:** Leading role in 2009 school play “Little Shop of Horrors.”

COACH WADE’S COMMENTS: “Derek exemplifies the true student-athlete. His intelligence along with his physical strength made Derek a very successful football player. He is one of the top five offensive linemen I have coached over the last 18 years. Derek will do well wherever God leads him. Davidson Academy will miss him.”

DONELSON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY -- AUSTIN DAVID BLACK

PARENTS: SCOTT BLACK & ANGELA BLACK

COACH: DENNIS A. GOODWIN

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.4

FOOTBALL: Tailback and defensive end who was a three-year letter-winner and All-Region selection as a senior.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior). Four-year letterman on the school’s tennis team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Volunteer with Community Cares (sophomore, junior, senior) and Feed the Children (sophomore, junior, senior).

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Received school’s Computer Award and Bible Award. Has taken honors and dual-enrollment classes, earning college credit.

COACH GOODWIN’S COMMENTS: “Austin is an extremely hard worker. He is a tireless worker in the weight room and on the practice field. He leads by example, always giving 110%. He played through injury and sickness this year as he led the team in rushing while also starting at defensive end.”

EAGLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL -- WILLIAM NICOLAS DUKE

PARENTS: NICOLAS ALBERT DUKE & ROSANNE GARRETT

COACH: STEVE CARSON

FOOTBALL: Two-year letterman, senior team captain and All-District selection (senior) who played quarterback and cornerback. Named 2009 team MVP.

COACH CARSON’S COMMENTS: “Will is an extremely dedicated player in both football and in the classroom as he understands the importance of education. Great role model.”

EAST LITERATURE MAGNET -- NICHOLAS SEAN GARRETT

PARENTS: RODERICK CARTWRIGHT & ELISHA DAWN GARRETT

COACH: JAMES SPEARS

ACADEMIC: GPA – 2.5

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman at guard, linebacker and on the defensive line who was a senior team captain and All-District Selection (sophomore, senior). 2009 All-City Selection on offense, 2009 All-District Offensive Lineman MVP.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior). Four-year letterman on the wrestling and baseball teams.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Volunteered at Baker’s Chapel Church and Jess Neely Athletics as a sophomore, junior and senior.

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Honor Roll, three-time State Wrestling Qualifier (champion in 2009, runner-up 2007, 2008). Baseball All-District Selection as a junior. Member of Team Tennessee at Dixie Youth World Series.

COACH SPEARS’ COMMENTS: “Nick is not only an excellent player but a leader and role model for other players. He played well on both sides of the football. Nick is the epitome of the student-athlete and makes coaching enjoyable and worthwhile. Nick will represent East Literature Magnet School very well.”

ENSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL -- EDWARD ANTHONY REEVE

PARENTS: STUART REEVE & LINDA REEVE

COACH: RICKY BOWERS

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.5

FOOTBALL: Two-year starter at center and senior team captain who also spent time on the defensive line. 2009 TSSAA All-Region Team Selection.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Head of the Integrity House at Ensworth High School. Has taken four AP classes and one Honors class at Ensworth. Two-year letterman on the school’s lacrosse team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Eagle Scout (Troop 87), Patrol Leader in Boy Scout for two years, installed benches and laid groundwork for a sensory garden for the blind sponsored by The Lions Club of Franklin, logged over 200 hours volunteering at the Christmas Tree Lot on Davidson Rd.

ADDITIONAL HONORS: 2009 Nick Coutras Award Nominee, 2009 Robert Inman Award recipient

ASST. COACH CAUDILL’S COMMENTS: “He is one of the most outstanding young men I have coached in my 25 year coaching career. He is a model citizen, has been very involved and shown great leadership in our service program at Ensworth. His technique, knowledge of the game and leadership are second to none. It has been one of my greatest joys to teach and coach him.”

EZELL-HARDING CHRISTIAN SCHOOL -- WESTON BAIN GENTRY

PARENTS: PAUL BAIN GENTRY & KIMBERLY JANE GENTRY

COACH: JACKSON HOWELL

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.0

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and three-year team captain who played on the offensive line and at linebacker. Tennessee Division II East/Middle Region Top Tackler, Week 2 Defensive Player of the Week, Week 8 Special Teams Player of the Week.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Student Body Treasurer (senior), Beta Club (sophomore, junior senior), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (senior). Four-year letterman on the school’s baseball team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of his church assisting as a Bible school teacher, youth song leader and worship leader (sophomore, junior, senior), White Christmas Clothing Drive (sophomore, junior, senior), yard clean-up for elderly (junior), volunteered at orphan home (junior), Red Cross Blood Drive (senior), Churches of Christ Disaster (senior), assisted in Hurricane Katrina Relief Mission Trip.

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Voted state representative at TN American Legion Boy’s State Delegate, 2009 Ezell-Harding baseball team “Eagle Award” recipient for outstanding team leadership.

COACH HOWELL’S COMMENTS: “Weston is one of the finest young men I have had the privilege of coaching. His leadership and work ethic will allow him to become anything he desires to become. He was one of our captains this year and he was also the leading tackler. He not only excels on the field, but also in the classroom. Weston ranked #2 in his class. Weston also plays an integral role in our service projects and chapel services here at school and with his church.”

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL -- JAMES DANIEL RAYNES

PARENTS: JERRY RAYNES & ANN RAYNES

COACH: CHRIS HUGHES

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.5

FOOTBALL: Quarterback and cornerback who was a three-year letterman, senior team captain, All -District (senior) and All-Region Selection (senior).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of church’s youth group.

COACH HUGHES’ COMMENTS: “Daniel is a natural leader and hard worker both on and off the field. He was my coach on the field during games. He is very competitive and will be a success in life in whatever he chooses to do.”

FATHER RYAN HIGH SCHOOL -- HARRISON MICHAEL DAIGLE

PARENTS: PAUL DAIGLE & MICHELLE DAIGLE

COACH: BRUCE LUSSIER

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.37

FOOTBALL: Two-year letterman and senior team captain who started two seasons on the offensive line. Selected as the D-II All-Mid East Region Scholar-Athlete and was awarded the Father Ryan 12th Man Academic Scholarship.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Caritas Committee (freshman), Student Ambassador (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior), Purple Masque Players Theatre (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior). Four-year letterman on the school’s swim team and two-year letterman on the track & field team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active with the Bravo Creative Arts Center as a lighting technician, active with St. Phillips Church.

ADDITIONAL HONORS: National Honor Society, Rev. James A. Black Memorial Scholarship, Principal’s List, Academic Honor Roll, Thespian Honor Society.

COACH LUSSIER’S COMMENTS: “As a member of the Father Ryan football team, Harrison excelled in all areas as a result of his focus and desire to be the very best that he could be. Harrison 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 -- ROBERT WILLIAM ELROD

PARENTS: ROBERT FRANCIS ELROD JR. & MARYA VERNON ELROD

COACH: CRAIG CLAYTON

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.42

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman who started at tight end. All-District Selection (senior) and awarded the team’s Academic Award which is given to the player with the highest GPA on the team (senior).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: President of the National Honor Society as a senior. Two-year letterman on the school’s basketball team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active with his church, Nashville Rescue Mission (junior) and Against the Grain Ministries where he was a mentor (junior).

ASSISTANT COACH CURTIS’ COMMENTS: “Robert has proven to be a serious, dedicated and high-achieving student-athlete. He is well-liked and works exceptionally well with his teachers, coaches and classmates. He is perhaps the student-athlete possessing the greatest combination of talent, faith and personal character that I have ever coached.”

FRANKLIN ROAD ACADEMY -- JAMES HUNTER JACKSON

PARENTS: JIM JACKSON & MELANIE PATTON JACKSON

COACH: DAVID PACK

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.0

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain who spent time at tight end, guard, defensive end and linebacker. Received the team’s Most Improved Award (sophomore).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Class President (sophomore), Class Vice President (junior) and Student Body President (senior). member of the National

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Honor Society (sophomore, junior, senior), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior), Spanish Club (sophomore, junior, senior) and was a Student Ambassador (junior, senior). Three-year letterman on the school's soccer team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active with the Bellevue Presbyterian Church Youth Group (sophomore, junior, senior) and the Special Olympics (junior, senior).

COACH PACK'S COMMENTS: "Hunter Jackson is best known for his care for people. His faith, family, friends and teammates are all priorities in his life with faith being first. His care for our team was reflected in his year-round commitment, consistent high effort and unselfish adaptability."

FRIENDSHIP CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – JOSEPH PARKER TEETER

PARENTS: ERIC ROSS TEETER & DEANNA JANE TEETER

COACH: JOHN MCNEAL

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.6

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior captain who played wide receiver, tight end, safety, linebacker and also the team's punter. All-District Selection (junior, senior), All-Region Selection (junior, senior). Received the Most Valuable Wide Receiver Award as a junior and was a Pre-Season All-State punter selection as a senior.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior), Key Club (sophomore, junior), Spanish Club (junior), Youth Leadership (junior). Three-year letterman on the school's basketball team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active with his church youth group and assisted with the recent tornado clean-up.

COACH MCNEAL'S COMMENTS: "Over the four years of playing sports for Friendship, Parker has exemplified what it means to be a student-athlete. He is a true role model on and off the field. There is no better representative of our school, his church and our community than Parker."

GALLATIN HIGH SCHOOL – CODY JAMES MATTHEWS

PARENTS: LEONARD C. MATTHEWS JR. & CHANDRA F. MATTHEWS

COACH: ROBERT LASSITER

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.0

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain who saw time at quarterback, defensive back and linebacker. Three-time All-Region selection (sophomore, junior, senior).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Student Council Representative (junior, senior). Held active membership with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior), Art Honor Society (junior, senior) and the National Honor Society (senior).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of his church and was a Vena Stewart mentor as a senior.

COACH LASSITER'S COMMENTS: "Cody is a fine young man who is very humble and sincere. He is an outstanding person, student, football player and one of the best quarterbacks I have ever coached. He is a very special person."

GLENCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL – DONNIE JEROME WILLIAMS JR.

PARENTS: DONNIE WILLIAMS SR. & LINDA WILLIAMS

COACH: SCOTT MURRAY

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.75

FOOTBALL: Defensive end and guard who was a senior team captain and three-year letterman. Was a 2009 All-Region Honorable Mention selection and a 2009 Hume Award Nominee.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior), Beta Club (sophomore) and on the school's yearbook staff where he was the section leader as a senior.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active with his church's community outreach program (sophomore, junior, senior), Big Brother-Little Brother (junior), Peer Tutor (senior) and Special Olympics (senior).

COACH MURRAY'S COMMENTS: "Donnie was a leader on a team who helped turn the corner in building a program here at Glencliff. His work ethic in the classroom and on the field are not replaceable. He will be greatly missed."

GOODPASTURE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – GLENN FRANKLIN NABORS III

PARENTS: GLENN FRANKLIN NABORS JR. & SHARON N. NABORS

COACH: DAVID MARTIN

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.24

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain at linebacker and place kicker where he was an All-District 9-3A selection as a senior and voted the District 9-3A place kicker of the year.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of the National Honor Society (sophomore, junior, senior) where he was the Vice President as a senior. Three-year letterman on the school's soccer team where he was an All-District selection as a junior.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: As a sophomore, junior and senior, assisted with the Goodpasture school-wide blood drive, Goodpasture food drive, tutored needy middle school students, regular nursing home visitor, volunteer YMCA referee and assisted with an Eagle Scout project (senior).

COACH MARTIN'S COMMENTS: "Glenn is a pleasure to coach. He is highly spiritual, a young man of impeccable character and an outstanding player as a two-year starter at linebacker and three-year starter at kicker. Glenn worked diligently each day to prepare himself for success on and off the field."

HENDERSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – AUSTIN TIMOTHY CLEM

PARENTS: TIMOTHY O'NEIL CLEM & BETTINA EUBANKS CLEM

COACH: BRUCE HATFIELD

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.09

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain who played guard and linebacker. Selected first-team All-County (junior), All-District (senior) and All-Region (senior).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Active with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior) and Future Famers of America (junior, senior).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Took part in church clean-ups (sophomore, junior, senior), tornado clean-ups (sophomore), park clean-ups (junior, senior) and Night at the Inn (senior).

COACH HATFIELD'S COMMENTS: "Austin has consistently been a great example of a student-athlete throughout his career. We are very proud as a coaching staff of his accomplishments in the classroom and on the field."

HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL – ROBERT GREGORY YOUNG

PARENTS: ROBERT YOUNG SR. & MARLEAN YOUNG

COACH: DENNIS MORENO

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.3

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and two-year team captain at quarterback. Selected first-team All-Region Quarterback (sophomore, junior), All-District (senior). 5-4A State Champions as a junior.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior) where he was the President as a senior. As a senior, mentored incoming freshman students.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of his church, gave FCA testimonies (junior, senior) and selected to give spiritual message on school morning announcements.

COACH MORENO'S COMMENTS: "Greg was an outstanding competitor as well as being one of the best spiritual leaders I have ever been around. His practice habits were second to none. Greg is liked and respected by his teachers and coaches for his high level of character and his joyful personality."

HILLWOOD HIGH SCHOOL – MAXWELL NNAMDI UGBOAJA

PARENTS: KANAYO UGBOAJA & ERIN UGBOAJA

ATHLETIC BUSINESS MANAGER: ROBERT BROWN

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.83

FOOTBALL: Two-year letterman and two-year team captain who spent time at tight end, wide receiver and defensive end. Named All-City on defense as a senior.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: French Club (sophomore, junior), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior), Forensics Club (all four years), Health Occupations Students of America (senior) and National Honor Society (junior, senior). Four-year letterman in basketball and two-year letterman in track & field.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Volunteered with Alive Hospice, Thrifts-mart and Hands On Nashville.

ADDITIONAL HONORS: William Hume Award nominee.

ROBERT BROWN'S COMMENTS: "Max came to the U.S. from Nigeria when he was 14. He left his mother and father in order to seek athletic, educational and career opportunities in the States. His older brother provided guardianship here so Max could pursue his goals. Throughout his high school career, Max has proven a sincere desire to be excellent in every avenue of life."

HUNTERS LANE HIGH SCHOOL – RICHARD A'LEE THOMAS

PARENT: DUANNA LYNN CATO

COACH: RICHARD CAMPBELL

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.3

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman who played offensive tackle, defensive tackle and defensive end.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active with the 100 Black Men Organization (sophomore, junior, senior).

COACH CAMPBELL'S COMMENT: "During his four-year career, Rico Thomas improved more than any young man I have ever coached. He worked his way up from the scout team to backup to starting every game on a district championship team. Rico loves football and plays with total effort, unselfishness, and sportsmanship. I have no doubt that Rico will be a successful man and leader in our great nation. I am proud to coach a young man with such character."

INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL – LEE ALEXANDER HECKMAN

PARENTS: DONALD LEE HECKMAN JR. & VERA CHRISTINE HECKMAN

COACH: JASON EUBANKS

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.4

FOOTBALL: Quarterback and safety who was a three-year letterman and two-year team captain who was named All-District (sophomore, junior), and All-Region (senior).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Senior Class Treasurer.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active with Special Olympics (sophomore, junior) and Indy Friends (junior).

COACH EUBANKS' COMMENTS: "Alex is one of the most gifted athletes I have ever coached. His ability to perform at a high level both on and off the field deserves much respect. He inherited the starting quarterback role as a sophomore, led our team to the state finals and has never looked back. I wish him well, but know without a doubt, he will do exceptionally well."

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LAVERGNE HIGH SCHOOL -- JAMES CORDELL FRIERSON JR.

PARENTS: JAMES CORDELL FRIERSON SR. & VIVIAN YVETTE FRIERSON

COACH: TOREY PATTERSON

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.0

FOOTBALL: Two-year letterman and senior team captain who played linebacker, running back and wide receiver.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Held active membership with the Cultural Diversity Club as a junior. Participated with school's basketball and track & field teams.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active with his church youth group and with Music Ministry.

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Received Certificate of Academic Recognition as part of the Congressional Leadership Conference.

COACH PATTERSON'S COMMENTS: "James is an excellent young man who is a role model for other young men. James has high morals and high academic standards. He is a hard worker and will be a productive citizen."

LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL -- PHILLIP WOOD VANCE

PARENTS: JOSEPH L. VANCE JR. & JUDY VANCE

COACH: BOBBY BROWN

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.25

FOOTBALL: Two-year letterman and senior team captain at wide receiver, cornerback and free safety. Was named an All-District selection as a senior.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of the National Honor Society (senior), Student Government Association (sophomore) and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior). Four-year member of basketball team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member and volunteer at his church, Honduras Mission Trip (junior) and Boy Scouts of America (sophomore).

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Eagle Scout Award, American Legion Boys State, Best All-Around Senior Superlative.

COACH BROWN'S COMMENTS: "Phillip Vance has a tremendous work ethic and has shown a great deal of character and leadership. He has faced a lot of adversity and has always worked through it with a smile on his face. Phillip will be a great success in the future and will be a great contributor to our community."

MAPLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL -- JAMES ROBERT STONE

GUARDIANS: MARY DROMGOOLE & NANCY DROMGOOLE

COACH: RALPH THOMPSON

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.8

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain who played offensive and defensive tackle. All-Region selection as a sophomore. All-Region, All-Metro and All-Mid State selection as a junior. As a senior, Pre-Season All-American, All-State selection, District 10AA MVP, All-Metro MVP, Under Armor All-American, U.S. Army All-American, *The Tennessean* Dream Team MVP, *The Tennessean* All-Mid State MVP.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Student Leadership Council (sophomore, junior, senior), AVID (junior) and Class Treasurer (senior). Active member of the Forensics Club (sophomore, junior), Landscaping Club (junior), and B.O.L.D (Brothers of Leadership and Distinction) as a senior. Two-year letterman on both the school's basketball and track & field teams.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Church community outreach programs, Hands On Nashville (sophomore, junior), In Full Motion volunteer with student and community affairs (junior, senior).

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Hume Award winner and Class 2A Titans Mr. Football Award winner.

COACH THOMPSON'S COMMENT: "James has been a remarkable influence on everyone he has encountered. I have never been associated with a more special person. His attention to detail, poise, drive and character are unmatched. James will undoubtedly encounter much success in his future endeavors."

MCGAVOCK HIGH SCHOOL -- JUWAN RASHAD TURNER

PARENTS: PARNELL TURNER & CONNIE TURNER

COACH: ARCENTAE BROOME

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.7

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior captain playing guard, left tackle and defensive end. All-District and All-Region selection as a senior. Awarded the McIron Award for dedication and consistency in the weight room as a junior.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Student Council representative (senior) and active with the Athlete Club (sophomore) and Sports & Film Club (sophomore).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Volunteered at a local football camp (sophomore) and also prepared care packages for AIDS patients (junior).

COACH BROOME'S COMMENTS: "Juwon is a very special individual for a couple of reasons and to coach him, no matter what sport you're talking about, his presence is priceless. He is a model student-athlete, honor student and one of the best football players at his position in our district."

MIDDLE TN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL -- NATHAN ROBERT COATS

PARENTS: THOMAS ALLEN COATS & JUDY WILLINGHAM COATS

COACH: DAVID PEDEN

ACADEMIC: GPA – 2.9

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and permanent senior team captain who saw time at fullback, tailback, linebacker and kicker. All-Region selection and Region Defensive Player of the Year as a senior. Named MTCS MVP (senior), named to the *Daily News Journal* All-Area second-team (senior).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Held active membership with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior), Fine Arts Club (sophomore), Chorus Club (sophomore) and the Alpha Omega Club (senior). Three-year letterman on the tennis team and received the Outstanding Performance Award as a junior, lettered one year on the school's track & field team where he was named the *Daily News Journal* MVP as a sophomore.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Throughout his time at MTCS, was an active volunteer with church youth group, Challenged Athletes Competing Equally Program, Stone River Greenway clean-up, Special Olympics, tornado clean-up, Greenhouse Ministries and volunteered with a local elementary youth football camp.

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Voted Most Athletic (senior).

COACH PEDEN'S COMMENTS: "Nathan was the heart and soul of our team. He was relentless and resilient not just for the team this season but as a contributor to the building of our football program at MTCS. He was a fearless competitor on the field but will be missed as much for his leadership and care for his teammates."

MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY -- JOHN FITZ LASSING

PARENTS: JOHN CHARLES LASSING & CINDY FITZ LASSING

COACH: DANIEL MCGUGIN

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.55

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain saw time at tailback, fullback, linebacker, defensive end and punter. As a senior, was named the Team MVP, Midstate Player of the Year, and Versatile Player of the Year. Also as a senior, was an All-District, All-Region and All-State selection. State 2A Champion as a sophomore and State runner-up as a senior.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Active with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior) where he was an officer as a senior, President of Medical Careers Club (sophomore, junior, senior) and the FPC Church Youth Group.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Volunteered throughout time at MBA with the Soup Kitchen, Special Olympics, Titans Parking, Church Mission Trip and the Clinic Bowl Service Project at the Susan Gray School.

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Cum Laude, National Merit semifinalist and Presidential Scholar candidate.

COACH MCGUGIN'S COMMENTS: "Fitz fulfills our motto 'Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete' to the fullest. His near perfect score on the SAT and ACT place him in rare company. On the field, he singlehandedly out physicalled our opponents in the playoffs to lead MBA back to the State Championship game."

MT. JULIET CHRISTIAN ACADEMY -- PHILLIP ANDREW HARNAGE

PARENTS: JAMES FLOYD HARNAGE & TANGELA GAY HARNAGE

COACH: PAUL TOWNSEND

ACADEMIC: GPA – 2.7

FOOTBALL: Four-year letterman and senior team captain at linebacker and offensive tackle. Voted Most Coachable (junior), Defensive MVP (sophomore) and the school's Horizon Award (freshman) which is given to the student-athlete with the best future outlook.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Three-year letterman on the school's baseball team and one-year letterman on the basketball team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member in his church participating in mission trips and community service.

COACH TOWNSEND'S COMMENTS: "Phillip was hard-working and selfless leading the team in tackles all four years and never came off of the field."

MT. JULIET HIGH SCHOOL -- REED DONOVAN GURCHIEK

PARENTS: DAVID BRENT GURCHIEK & DONNA CHERRY GURCHIEK

COACH: ROGER PERRY

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.2

FOOTBALL: Four-year letterman and senior team captain at quarterback, tight end, linebacker and fullback. Selected All-County (sophomore), All-District (junior, senior), All-Region (junior, senior), Team Offensive MVP (junior, senior), three-time Offensive Player of the Week (junior), Pre-Season Army National Guard All-Academic Team (senior), two-time Offensive Player of the Week (senior), Region 9-3A MVP (senior), TN East/West All-Star Classic selection (senior) and TN Titans Mr. Football Award Class 3A Back finalist (senior).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Held active membership with Panther Nation (sophomore) and Youth-in-Government (senior). Four-year letterman on the school's basketball team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Throughout school was active member in his church preparing fruit baskets for elderly, participating in drives for orphanage in Ukraine and being an assistant football and basketball volunteer coach. Also spent time reading books to elementary students.

COACH PERRY'S COMMENTS: "I consider it a privilege to recommend Reed Gurchiek for this award. Reed was always focused and determined to accomplish his goals. He worked well with all of his teammates on and off the field and was respectful to all of the coaches."

OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL -- JOELL PHILLIP KEELING

PARENTS: THOMAS ALLEN SAGE & BARBARA JEAN SAGE

COACH: THOMAS MCDANIEL

ACADEMIC: GPA – 2.9

FOOTBALL: Tight end, linebacker, three-year letterman and senior team captain who was awarded the Dedication to the Weight Room Award as a junior. Won a State Championship as a junior.

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SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Held active membership with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior) and French Club (sophomore). Four-year letterman on the school's track & field team where he finished 12th in State as a senior. Lettered one year in rugby.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active with his church youth group where he was a youth minister to 6th-8th graders and volunteered with Young Life (sophomore, junior, senior).

COACH MCDANIEL'S COMMENTS: "Joell is an example of what hard work and determination can accomplish. For two years, he led our team on the field and in the community. His leadership and play were instrumental in our State Championship in 2008 and one of the reasons we were able to win 24 games in two years."

JOHN OVERTON HIGH SCHOOL -- JOHN BENNETT EGGER

PARENTS: FRED EGGER & MELISSA EGGER

COACH: TERRY ANDERSON

ACADEMIC: GPA - 4.0

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain at offensive tackle and center. All-District (senior) and All-Region (junior, senior) selection. Received the Overton Coaches Award (junior, senior) and the Overton Football Bobcat Award (junior).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Active with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior), Wilderness Trek (sophomore), Young Life (sophomore, junior, senior), Saint Thomas Science Scholar (sophomore), American Legion Boys State (junior), Life Skills peer tutor (senior), "O" Club (sophomore, junior, senior), Bobcat Reading Club (senior) and the National Honors Society (senior).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nashville Work Camp (freshman, sophomore), Gulfport, MS clean-up (sophomore), Inner City Bus Ministry (freshman, sophomore, junior), Room in the Inn (sophomore, junior), Junior church camp counselor (sophomore, junior), church VBS assistant (freshman, sophomore), Youth Encouragement Services (freshman, sophomore, junior).

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Principal's List, ranked third in senior class.

COACH ANDERSON'S COMMENTS: "John is a young man of great character and is a great positive example to everyone who sees how he does things. He plays hard and smart and I have never heard one negative thing come out of John's mouth. John will be missed by all of us at Overton High School."

FRED J. PAGE HIGH SCHOOL -- JACK DENNISON ROBERTSON

PARENTS: BILL ROBERTSON & SUSAN DAY

COACH: JACK DANIELS

ACADEMIC: GPA - 4.2

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain who saw time on the offensive line, defensive tackle and long snapper. All-District and All-Region selection. Received the team's Patriot Award which is given annually to a senior who best demonstrates what Patriot Football is all about.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Class representative (sophomore, senior) and was named the Class President as a junior. Active with the Student Council (sophomore, junior, senior), Skills USA (junior, senior), Mu Alpha Theta (senior), National Honors Society (senior) and DECA (senior). Three-year letterman on the school's wrestling team and captain as a junior. Lettered one year on the school's rugby team. American Legion Boy's State Delegate.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nashville Rescue Mission (sophomore), Room in the Inn (junior, senior), mission trip to Biloxi, MS (junior), counselor at youth football camp (senior).

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Physical Science Honors Award.

COACH DANIELS' COMMENTS: "Jack's commitment to excellence is second to none. His work ethic to be the best he could be on and off the field speaks highly of his parents. He is very humble, supportive of his teammates, a team first player and deserving of any honor he may receive."

PEARL COHN HIGH SCHOOL -- ANDRE TA'JONAH HYDE

PARENT: LIZZIE CHAMBERLAIN

COACH: TONY BRUNETTI

ACADEMIC: GPA - 3.0

FOOTBALL: Senior letterman and team captain who spent time on the offensive line, defensive line and at linebacker. All-District (sophomore, junior) and All-Region (sophomore, junior) selection.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of the "I Have a Future" program (sophomore), SYNERGY (sophomore), National Honor Society (senior) and Literary Society (senior). Lettered on the school's basketball and baseball teams.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active with the Leadership Academy (all four years), 100 Kings (sophomore, senior), Second Harvest Food Bank (senior), Haiti Relief (senior), Senator Harper's Annual Egg Hunt (all four years), Boys & Girls Club (sophomore) and NAACP (junior).

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Named Mr. Pearl Cohn as a senior.

COACH BRUNETTI'S COMMENTS: "Andre is by far one of Pearl-Cohn's best examples of what a student-athlete should be. His athletic ability is equally rivaled by his mind. Not only has he shown his mental aptitude in mastering various defenses, he brings that same approach to the classroom which should bode well for him long after his football career."

POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL -- MICHAEL THOMAS NELSON

PARENTS: THOMAS NELSON & JULIE NELSON

COACH: JEFF BROTHERS

ACADEMIC: GPA - 3.71

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain who played guard and defensive end. All-Region selection as a senior. Received the team's John 5:13 Senior Award for service and sacrifice to the team; it's the only award given annually in the John Paul II program.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of the National Art Honor Society (junior, senior) and the school's Mock Trial Club (junior). Two-year letterman on the school's track & field team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Completed over 120 hours of community service through different service projects during his last three years at Pope John Paul II.

COACH BROTHERS' COMMENTS: "Michael is the epitome of an over-achiever. His unconditional commitment to our program involved several position changes. Ultimately, as an undersized offensive lineman, Michael was voted team captain and was an All-Region player. He is one of the most self-motivated people I know."

PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL -- DILLON COREY KIRKHAM

PARENTS: RANDY TILLMAN KIRKHAM & BRENDA GAIL KIRKHAM

COACH: GARY SANDERS

ACADEMIC: GPA - 3.09

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain, who played wide receiver and safety. Special Teams Award (sophomore), All-District selection (senior), Offensive MVP (senior), Glen Glover Scholarship Award (senior), *Portland Leader* Player of the Year (senior).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Panther Nation as a sophomore, junior and senior. Two-year letterman in track & field and lettered as a freshman on the basketball team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active volunteer with his church and with the Christian Care Center (sophomore).

COACH SANDERS' COMMENTS: "Dillon is a natural born leader. He exemplifies the true meaning of the Panther Pride by his actions and not words. Everyone on the football team looks up to him and looks to him for leadership and guidance. His achievements did not go unnoticed!"

RAVENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL -- BENJAMIN BYRON STANSFIELD

PARENTS: BYRON BURCH STANSFIELD & ROSEMARIE STANSFIELD

COACH: TOM SHUMAN

ACADEMIC: GPA - 3.68

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain at offensive tackle who was an All-District selection as a senior.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: As a senior, was active with the Freshman Mentoring Program and a member of the National Society for High School Scholars. Member of the Rugby Club as a senior. Lettered on the school's basketball team (freshman, sophomore).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Small group leader at his church and an active volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and Project C.U.R.E.

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Received the John Maher Builders Scholar-Athlete Award (senior), nominated for the Nick Coutras Award and Nashville Sports Council Foundation Scholarship.

COACH SHUMAN'S COMMENTS: "Ben's personality epitomizes what we want our youth to be. He is a leader in words and deeds. He is a family member, a community leader and a role model. I would be proud to have a son like him."

RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL -- CODY JOSHUA WEST

PARENTS: DUANE WEST & LAURA WEST

COACH: RON AYDELOTT

ACADEMIC: GPA - 3.5

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain who played quarterback and strong safety. As a senior, was named All-District, All-Region, All-State, Team MVP, District MVP, East/West All-Star participant and Nick Coutras Award finalist.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior) and the BETA Club (junior, senior). Member of the school's basketball (freshman, sophomore) and baseball team (senior).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of his church. Takes pride in school by picking up trash in the school cafeteria after the lunch period, tornado clean-up and visiting the elderly.

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Has been offered football scholarships to both Army and Navy.

COACH AYDELOTT'S COMMENTS: "Cody is a rare blend of work ethic, athletic ability and competitor. He is one of the most unselfish players I have coached. He always put TEAM first. He played through pain and injury and his teammates love him because he cares about others."

SIEGEL HIGH SCHOOL -- YIJIE LARRY CHENG

PARENTS: JINLONG CHENG & KEHONG CHENG

COACH: GREG WYANT

ACADEMIC: GPA - 3.71

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain who played wide receiver. As a junior, received the team's Dedication to the Weight Room Award and was a STAR Award finalist.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of the Spanish Club (sophomore, junior, senior), BETA Club (junior, senior), National Honor Society (junior, senior) and Key Club (senior). Lettered one year on the school's wrestling team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of his church's youth group, China Mission Trip (sophomore) and Murfreesboro Tornado clean-up (junior).

COACH WYANT'S COMMENTS: "Larry has an impeccable work ethic and is dedicated to Siegel High School. He will be a valuable citizen of our community in the future."

CHARLES W. HAWKINS III HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE WINNERS

SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL – DAKOTA GREGORY BROWN

PARENTS: GREG BROWN & VIVIAN BROWN

COACH: MATT WILLIAMS

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.4

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman who played fullback and strong safety. As a senior, received the team's Special Teams MVP Award, was a Murphy Fair Tennessee Army National Guard preseason selection and was selected to the All-Academic Team. Won the State 5A Championship as a sophomore.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: As a junior and senior, was a member of the "S" Club and Drama Club. Two-year letterman on the track & field team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of his church and volunteered with Keystone Boys and Girls Club of Smyrna (sophomore, junior, senior).

COACH WILLIAMS' COMMENTS: "Dakota is a very hard worker both on the field and in the classroom. Because he was a fullback he did a lot of the dirty work but he never complained and always came to practice and games ready to give his best effort. Young men like Dakota make coaching a very rewarding profession."

STATION CAMP HIGH SCHOOL – JAMES LOREN ADAMS

PARENTS: TERRY PORCH & JAMIE PORCH

COACH: SHAWN C. HOLLINSWORTH

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.5

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain who played on the offensive and defensive line. Was named the offensive line's MVP as a senior.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Active with the Future Farmers of America (sophomore). Lettered as a junior on the school's track & field team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active with his church youth group.

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Received the JROTC Leadership Award.

COACH HOLLINSWORTH'S COMMENTS: "James is prime example of a young man overcoming the odds. Without having strong family support ever since he was freshman he could have easily quit, however, he stood strong and focused with quit not in his vocabulary. With the help of his adopted family, James succeeded in the classroom and on the field."

STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL – ERIC THOMAS BRASSELL JR.

PARENTS: ERIC BRASSELL AND RITA BENEFIELD

COACH: JASON SMITH

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.2

FOOTBALL: Two-year letterman and senior team captain who played linebacker, defensive line and tight end. As a senior was named First-Team All-District, All-Region and was a finalist for the Hume Award.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Held membership as a sophomore, junior and senior with the Hockey Club and Auto Mechanics Club.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active with his church youth group.

COACH SMITH'S COMMENTS: "Eric became every coaches' favorite player. He answered every question with a yes or no sir and played every position we asked to the best of his ability. Our only regret about Eric is that we did not have him all four years. His work ethic was contagious and he was well-respected by his peers."

TROUSDALE CO. HS – ALEXANDER MCDOWELL GREGORY

PARENTS: KENNETH ALAN GREGORY & TERESA DARLENE GREGORY

COACH: KEVIN CREAMY

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.86

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain at tight end, guard and linebacker. Was named All-Region (junior, senior). As a senior was named the region's Defensive Player of the Year and was named to the Tennessee Football Coaches Association All-State Team.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (sophomore, junior, senior) and BETA Club (junior, senior). Three-year letterman on the school's basketball team where he was named All-Region (freshman) and All-District (sophomore, junior).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active with his church youth group.

COACH CREAMY'S COMMENTS: "The epitome of the student-athlete, Alex has demonstrated great character, courage and dependability both on and off the field."

WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL – DALTON JUDSON PHILLIPS

PARENTS: TROY PHILLIPS & KATHY PHILLIPS

COACH: GAVIN WEBSTER

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.46

FOOTBALL: Four-year letterman and two-year team captain who played quarterback, free safety and punter. Selected All-District (senior), All-Region (sophomore, junior) and All-State (senior). Received the team's Most Valuable Back Award (junior) and Rookie of the Year Award (freshman).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Future Business Leaders of America (sophomore, junior, senior), Fellowship of Christian Athletes President (sophomore, junior, senior), Spanish Club (sophomore, junior, senior), DECA (senior), HOSA (senior), Sgt-at-Arms (sophomore, senior) and Drama Club (senior). Four-year letterman on the school's basketball team and one-year letterman on the baseball team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of his church, Youth Leadership Wilson (junior) and took a mission trip to Mexico (junior).

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Wendy's High School Heisman winner.

COACH WEBSTER'S COMMENTS: "Coaches are always looking for

players to step up when the game is on the line and Dalton was definitely one of those. He has been a leader on and off the field for the last three years and his work ethic and dependability could never be questioned. He is an exceptional young man and athlete and will be greatly missed."

WESTMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL – MICHAEL SCOTT JOHNSON

PARENTS: MICHAEL WAYNE JOHNSON & BRENDA KAY HUNTSMAN

COACH: BRONSON BRADLEY

ACADEMIC: GPA – 2.7

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain, played running back, quarterback and punt/kick returner. Selected All-District (junior, senior) and All-Region (senior). Received the school's Specialty Award (sophomore, senior), Offensive MVP Award (senior) and Team MVP Award (senior).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Student Council (sophomore), Future Farmers of America (junior, senior) and the Drama Club (senior). Three-year letterman on the school's baseball team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member of his church and assisted with a tornado clean-up as a sophomore.

COACH BRADLEY'S COMMENTS: "Michael is an outstanding young man who leads by example. I have been proud of his leadership in tough situations such as going through a coaching change."

WHITE HOUSE HIGH SCHOOL – SAMUEL JACOB LIGHT

PARENTS: STANLEY JOE LIGHT & LAURA GAIL LIGHT

COACH: JEFF PORTER

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.33

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain who played defensive end, fullback and quarterback. Named All-District (junior, senior), All-Region (senior) and All-County (junior, senior). As a senior, named Co-Defensive Lineman of the Year and received the region's Defensive Lineman of the Year award.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Member of Future Farmers of America (sophomore, junior) and Future Business Leaders of America (senior). Four-year letterman on the school's baseball team and three-year letterman on the basketball team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active with his church and Adopt-A-Highway (sophomore, junior, senior).

COACH PORTER'S COMMENTS: "Aussie has already signed a baseball scholarship and coming into his freshman year, it was obvious that baseball was his feature sport. However, because he was unselfish he chose to play football for four years and basketball for three years. I will always appreciate his desire to serve his school."

WHITES CREEK HIGH SCHOOL – BRADFORD EUGENE HEROD

PARENTS: HAROLD KIRK HEROD SR. & VICKY LYNN HEROD

COACH: ANTHONY T. LAW

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.3

FOOTBALL: Senior letterman at the wide receiver position.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: As a senior, was active with the National Honor Society.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active in his church, and volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank (senior).

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Named a Hume Award Candidate for Whites Creek High School.

COACH LAW'S COMMENTS: "Brad is a true student-athlete. He is highly-respected by his classmates, faculty and staff. He will do well in any chosen endeavor."

WILSON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL – WILLIAM ANTHONY CLARK

PARENTS: RICKEY CLARK & JACKIE CLARK

COACH: TRAYE ARIC

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.8

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman who played on the offensive and defensive line.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Active with the Student Council (sophomore, junior, senior) and BETA Club (senior).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Volunteered with other Rutherford County athletes in cleanup after fall 2008 tornado (junior) and assisted coaches with a youth sports camp (senior).

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Served as youth usher for five years at church, worked in greeter's ministry for five years, nominated three times for Junior National Young Leaders Conference.

COACH ARIC'S COMMENTS: "Anthony is an outstanding young man with many exemplary qualities. He has high moral and ethical standards and in the years I have been his coach, he was never given a task that he did not complete to the best of his ability. Anthony is a young man who has worked hard and is due all the blessings and good fortune life has to offer."

CHARLES W. HAWKINS III COLLEGIATE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE WINNERS

AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY -- MATTHEW TYLER TRENT

PARENTS: JAMES F. TRENT & TINA E. TRENT

COACH: RICK CHRISTOPHEL

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.43

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain who played offensive tackle.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active with Plant the Campus Red (all four years), Salvation Army (junior), church and volunteering with the high school wrestling team (junior).

COACH CHRISTOPHEL'S COMMENTS: "Tyler is an excellent example of what a student-athlete embodies. He came to Austin Peay as a walk-on and started three years and earned a scholarship. I wish that he could be around for another three years, not only as a player, but as a leader."

CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY -- ANTHONY PERNELL ALLEN

PARENT: QUEEN ALLEN

COACH: DEWAYNE ALEXANDER

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.2

FOOTBALL: Four-year letterman and team captain (junior, senior) at defensive back. Two-time Academic All-Conference selection, 2009 Mid South All-Conference selection. Started 32 consecutive football games.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: President of Black Students Association (junior, senior), President of Criminal Justice Club (sophomore, junior, senior), Pre-Law Society (sophomore, junior, senior), ODK, Leadership Society (junior, senior), Student-Activity Board (senior), SGA (senior) and Men of Tomorrow Mentor Program (senior).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: HIV Awareness Day (freshman), Belle Glade pride (sophomore), Bridging the Gap (junior), Empower Me Day Camp (senior).

COACH ALEXANDER'S COMMENTS: "Anthony Allen epitomizes perseverance and hard work. He has had to overcome numerous personal obstacles to obtain success on and off the field. Anthony is truly a role model for young people who may feel the mountain may be too high to climb."

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE -- MARK WARNER FISHER

PARENT: TERRY & ROSEMARY FISHER

COACH: RICK STOCKSTILL

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.3

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and junior team captain at offensive tackle. All-Conference selection as a junior. Named to first-team Phil Steele Team, Most Improved Lineman (sophomore) and Strongest Lineman (freshman, sophomore, junior).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Student-Athlete Advisory Board (freshman, sophomore, junior), Sigma Alpha Lambda (sophomore, junior), National Honor Society (sophomore) and Pre-Scripts (Medical Council) as a junior.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Passed out Christmas cards at nursing homes (freshman), volunteered at the Bellwood Elementary Fair (sophomore), school can food drive (sophomore), mentoring high school students (junior).

COACH STOCKSTILL'S COMMENTS: "Mark is the epitome of a true student-athlete through his demonstrated leadership and commitment to athletics, academics and enriching his community. He has worked tirelessly to achieve his success on the field while at the same time balancing his athletic commitments with a rigorous academic regimen in which he has excelled in preparation for medical school."

SEWANEEN UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH -- RASCOE STAPLES DEAN

PARENTS: KARL F. DEAN & ANNE DAVIS

COACH: ROBERT BLACK

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.5

FOOTBALL: Four-year letterman at tight end. Three-year starter, Top Offensive Lineman Award (senior), All-SCAC selection (senior), SCAC All-Sportsmanship Team (senior).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: KA Fraternity (freshman, sophomore, junior), Order D Gownsmen (freshman, sophomore), varsity baseball (freshman), Alumni Leadership Committee (junior).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Read to Sewanee Elementary students (all four years), Backfield in Motion (all four years) and the YMCA Bridge Program (all four years).

COACH BLACK'S COMMENTS: "Rascoe represents all that I value about the game of football in terms of work ethic and team commitment. We will miss him greatly as a team and I will personally miss his being on the field with us every day."

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY -- BRANDON ORLANDO BATHER

PARENTS: GARFIELD BATHER & ANDREA JARMON

COACH: RODERICK REED

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.23

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman at free safety and strong safety.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Active with TSU Radio (freshman, sophomore) where he was named the production manager as a sophomore, active with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc (junior, senior).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Habitat for Humanity (freshman, sophomore), tutor at John Early Middle School (junior), Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway (senior), Christmas Giveaway (senior) and Pre Alumni Council (senior).

COACH REED'S COMMENTS: "Brandon is an excellent student-athlete who richly deserves this honor. In his four years here at Tennessee State University, he has shown exceptional leadership on and off the field. He is a true example of a team player. He accepts his role on the team, which has not always allowed him to be a starter, but attacks it with great enthusiasm every day which has made him become one of our leaders on the team."

TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY -- TAYLOR JARVIS ASKEW

PARENTS: JERRY W. ASKEW & ROBYN J. ASKEW

COACH: WATSON BROWN

ACADEMIC: GPA – 4.0

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and starter on the offensive line at tackle, guard and center. Voted by team to the SAAC, chosen by strength coach as one of the team leaders for quality of "Industriousness." ESPN Co-SIDA Academic All-District selection (sophomore, junior, senior), Academic All-American Co-SIDA (senior), OVC Medal of Honor (sophomore, junior, senior), nominated for the OVC Scholar Athlete of the Year Award (senior).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: SAAC Committee Representative (sophomore, junior, senior), member of Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Active member and volunteer at his church.

ADDITIONAL HONORS: Seven time Dean's, Commissioner's and Athletic Director's Honor Roll selection, nominated to the Mortar Board (senior), named to Tennessee Tech University Who's Who list (senior).

COACH BROWN'S COMMENTS: "Taylor is a great leader and example on our team of young players. His work ethic on and off the field is the best. I only wish I had several more 'Taylors' on the team. We are going to miss him as he graduates and continues his education at a law school."

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY -- RONALD PATRICK BENOIST

PARENTS: GLENN BENOIST & TANYA BENOIST

COACH: BOBBY JOHNSON

ACADEMIC: GPA – 3.43

FOOTBALL: Three-year letterman and senior team captain at linebacker. All-SEC selection (junior), Dr. Henry B. Tyler Award for Academic Achievement (senior), received Vanderbilt Captain's Award (junior), SEC Academic Honor Roll (all four years), named to Vanderbilt Dean's List four times, Co-Sida District Four Academic All-American selection.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Participated in Dance Marathon for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital (all four years) and Annual Christmas Party for disadvantaged youth (all four years)

COACH FOWLER'S COMMENTS: "Patrick is the epitome of the term scholar-athlete. He was able to establish and maintain a consistent balance between his scholastic and athletic priorities. Patrick never settles for mediocrity in any area of his life. He excelled at Vanderbilt University in an extremely competitive academic environment. As a football player, Patrick established himself as one of the top linebackers in the SEC. He accomplished all these things in a first class and humble manner."

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 120 chapters in 47 states and 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., The NFF Center for Youth Development Through Sport at Springfield College (Mass.), the NFL-NFF Coaching Academy. 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 more than \$21 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.

Tonight’s annual awards dinner honors 54 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 \$27,500 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, who had the vision of providing these scholarships to honorees from every high school at this banquet. The Middle Tennessee Chapter is proud to present the “Charles W. Hawkins, III Scholarships” to these deserving young men.

Titans linebacker Keith Bulluck will also honor nine local high school student-athletes with the “Steve McNair Iron Will Scholarships.” Bulluck will present a \$1,000 scholarship to these nine young men in honor of his former teammate, #9 Steve McNair.

Another program that the Middle Tennessee chapter supports is the NFL/NFF Coaching Academy. An NFL/NFF Coaching Academy has been held each June at Baptist Sports Park, the team’s year-round practice facility. Titans Head Coach Jeff Fisher and his staff conduct the day-long 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.

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