



2025 ANNUAL REPORT
A CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE
IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS



LETTER FROM THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“Tell Your Story!” We all have one. There are so many incredible stories that are playing out each day in the 900 + member schools that make up the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association.

It is with great pride that we present to you the annual report of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA). As we continue to celebrate the centennial anniversary of our organization, established in April 1925, this report offers a retrospective glance at the school year 2024-2025. As you will see in the pages to come, there is much to celebrate and even more to aspire to as we look toward a future built on the solid foundation laid by our predecessors.

We hope that you will find this report both encouraging and informative as we continue to navigate the ever-changing landscape of education and education-based athletics. This report will delve into a myriad of achievements and noteworthy milestones reached by our students, coaches, and administrators at our member schools, painting a broad picture of the school communities we are privileged to support.

As we mark 100 years of excellence in 2025, let us celebrate the champions of 24-25, honor the legacy of those who came before us, while embracing the responsibility to nurture and elevate the future generations of student-athletes. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to those who work in the trenches, helping make students the best version of themselves through the platform of education-based athletics.

Mark Reeves

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TENNESSEE SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



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The Golden Girls Dance Team from Hendersonville High School competing in the 2024 TSSAA Cheerleading and Dance State Competition.

100-YEAR CELEBRATION

April 11th, 2025 marked a century of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association. This milestone reflects 100 years of competition, community, and commitment to student-athletes across our state. Since 1925, TSSAA has served as the framework that unites Tennessee's schools, supporting fair play, educational athletics, and opportunities that shape young people for a lifetime.

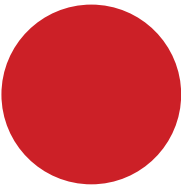
To commemorate this historic anniversary, TSSAA introduced a new centennial logo that celebrates both our heritage and the unique identity of the state we serve. The design incorporates key elements of Tennessee's landscape and symbolism: the iconic tristar is embedded in the two "S" characters, paying homage to the three Grand Divisions of Tennessee; the "A" characters subtly mirror the distinct eastern border of the state; and the sweeping motion of the mark reflects the forward momentum of our mission and the unmistakable outline of Tennessee itself. The palette, deep red and navy, draw to the Tennessee state flag, reinforcing our connection to the communities and traditions that define us.

As we celebrate 100 years, we honor the schools, coaches, officials, families, and student-athletes who built TSSAA into what it is today. This anniversary is not only a reflection of our history but a commitment to the work ahead: continuing to strengthen educational athletics, expanding opportunities, and supporting the next generation of student-athletes across Tennessee.



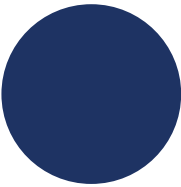
CENTENNIAL LOGO

Used in different placements during the 2025 year to signify the 100-year accomplishment



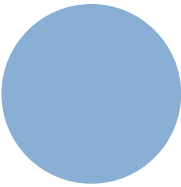
PRIMARY LOGO

Used to brand championships and in prominent placements on all project collateral and environmental signage.



SECONDARY LOGO

Used as an alternative to championships for different purposes such as Student Advisory Committee, Title IX, A.F. Bridges, etc.



Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association

FACT SHEET

The TSSAA exists to serve, not to rule.

Without associations like us, interscholastic sports would be inequitable, inconsistent, unsafe and disorganized.

Year Founded
1925

Member Schools
986

Sports
17

Participants
154,566

State associations like the TSSAA were formed to govern high school sports by developing rules for fair play, establishing systems of support such as eligibility, health, and safety standards for students participating in these programs.

Services We Provide

- Support Student Academic Achievement
- Offer Student Leadership Opportunities
- Offer Coaches Education Programs
- Conduct 135 State Tournaments
- Provide Structure for Regular-Season Competition and Post-Season Tournament format for schools
- Develop Coaches, Officials & Administrators Recognition Programs
- Promote Student Safety & Minimize Risk
- Establish Consistent Playing Rules in Concert with the NFHS
- Lead Sportsmanship Initiatives

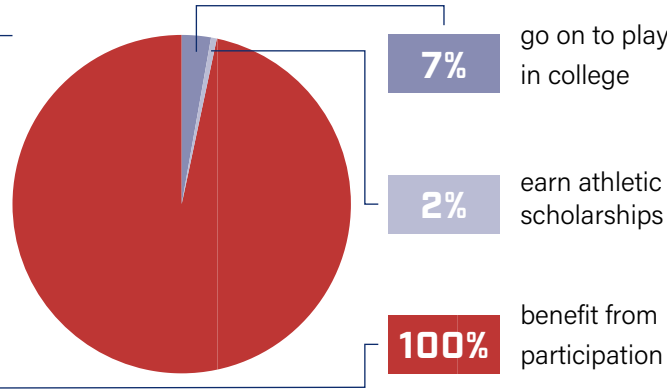
... and so much more!

The Purpose of High School Sports

High involvement in education-based athletics leads to ...

- Higher GPAs
- Fewer school absences
- Higher graduation rates
- Fewer discipline problems
- Greater career aspirations
- Lower risk of drug use

Of the 8 million+ student-athletes nationwide ...



Visit tssaa.org to learn more



Sources: NCAA, NFHS, Women's Sports Foundation

Division I and Division II volleyball players competing for state championship titles!





The 2024 Golf State Championship took place at Sevierville Golf Club in Sevierville, Tennessee.

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The TSSAA announced the formation of its first ever Student Advisory Committee. The committee is composed of 20 student-athletes from member schools across the state and will meet for the first time in early May of this year.

There are six members from each grand division (East, Middle, West) and one unified pair. The committee members represent 12 TSSAA sanctioned sports, including three unified sports.

The committee will represent student-athletes and the TSSAA, ensuring their perspectives are heard in governance and addressing key issues such as rules, regulations, and special initiatives. Their mission is to advocate for students, enhance sportsmanship, and foster a safe, ethical, and competitive environment both on and off the field.

“We are excited to have a group that will have a recognized voice for the nearly 150,000 student-athletes that participate in TSSAA sanctioned sports,” stated Mark Reeves, TSSAA Executive Director. “Ultimately, the organization’s purpose is to

serve student-athletes by providing opportunities that will enable them to become the best version of themselves.”

Discussion to form the committee began upon the retirement of Stephen Bargatze in 2022. Stephen was the coordinator of the Student Services Program, “The Right Team.” This TSSAA program dealt with student leadership development, alcohol, tobacco and drug prevention education, and sportsmanship and citizenship education. Bargatze’s retirement left a vacancy that needed to be filled.

After the addition of two new employees, Lamar Lee and Lexie Crawford, the ability to pursue the establishment of a Student Advisory Committee became more of a reality. Lexie and Lamar were eager to take part in forming the committee and will continue to play a significant role moving forward.

Guidelines for the committee were presented to the Board of Control for approval and schools were informed about the launching of the committee at

the beginning of the 2025 year.

The committee members will participate in multiple meetings throughout the upcoming school year. The committee members will give input regarding TSSAA rules and regulations and actively participate in TSSAA campaigns (Officials Appreciation, Mental Health, Bullying, Sports Medicine Appreciation, and Drinking & Driving.) They will be charged with promoting a positive image of student participation in interscholastic competition. They will also be given the opportunity to volunteer at state championship events throughout the school year.

The 20 committee members were selected from nearly 200 applications that were received by the TSSAA. All applicants were required to have a 3.0 GPA or higher and be a rising junior or senior. Other criteria include demonstrating leadership within their school, strong character and commitment to sportsmanship and integrity, and two recommendation letters from their Principal, Athletic Director, teacher, or coach.

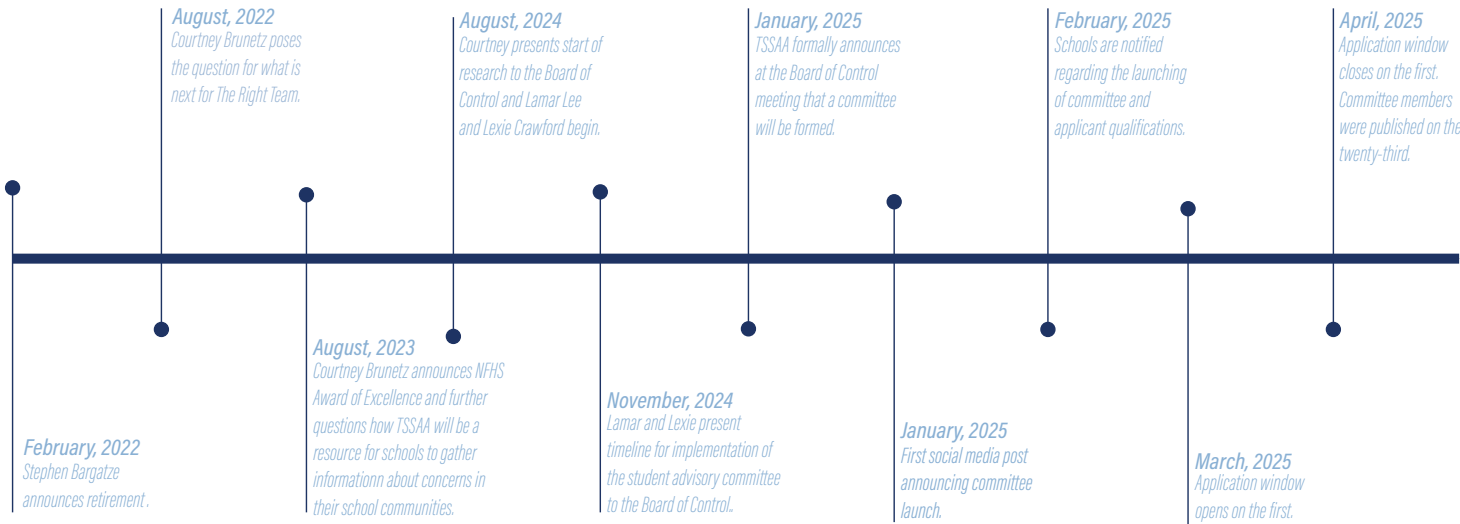


2025-2026 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Emmalee Lentile
2. Ethan Stickles
3. Henry Cannon
4. Myla Thompson
5. Hope Tusa
6. Mariah Valentine
7. Kimora Fields
8. Jenna Gonzales
9. Maud Fiorello
10. Grayson Gregory
11. Reese Russell
12. Austin Glass
13. Bryson Azarigian
14. Hezzie Lee
15. Avelyn Welch
16. Faith Ivy
17. Brindley Duncan
18. Brady Swallows
19. Daniel Varnell
20. Brandon Brooks

1. Harding Academy
2. Houston High School
3. Memphis University School
4. Middle College High School
5. Henry County High School
6. Lake County High School
7. Bradley Central High School
8. Bearden High School
9. Girls Preparatory School
10. Knoxville Webb School
11. Anderson County High School
12. Volunteer High School
13. Montgomery Central High School
14. Christ Presbyterian Academy
15. Merrol Hyde Magnet School
16. Goodpasture Christian School
17. Tullahoma High School
18. Warren County High School
19. Nolensville High School
20. Nolensville High School

TIMELINE



“We strive to advocate for the best interests of all students and student-athletes by bringing their concerns to the TSSAA and creating initiatives for future improvement. Our mission is to enhance sportsmanship and integrity by cultivating an ethical, safe, and competitive environment both on and off the field.”



McCallie versus Montgomery Bell Academy in the 2025 Division II Class AA Boys Soccer State Championship where MBA took a 3-2 victory.



Merrol Hyde won the 2024 Division I Class A Girls Soccer State Championship in 4-1 victory over Westview.

A.F. BRIDGES

As part of the “Just Do What’s Right!” program, TSSAA recognizes member schools that have made the effort to remind their athletic family that there is a particular code of conduct, a particular level of expected behavior, and a way to act that is proper if one wishes to be a part of an athletic contest, regardless of how they participate.

“Just Do What’s Right!” focuses on the foundation of what we hope all participants will do. Just do what you are supposed to do in representing yourself, your family, your school and community.

Those schools that received no reported unsportsmanlike conduct incidents during the 2023-2024 season received a certificate highlighting the “Just Do What’s Right!” logo and this effort. We are specifically recognizing proper sportsmanship at athletic contests, but we all understand that the athletic contests are a small part of our education program.

Divisional Awards
Local officials associations were asked to nominate schools that they serviced that displayed this overall positive effort to teach, expect, and demand a positive atmosphere of sportsmanship at their particular contests. Member schools were also asked to nominate individuals or schools for special recognition for going the extra mile to do what’s right.

From these nominees and the schools that received no reported unsportsmanlike conduct during the previous school year, 27 schools were selected to receive the A.F. Bridges Award at the divisional level. Nine schools in each grand division were recognized for a total of 27 schools overall. These schools were presented with “Just Do What’s Right!” recognition banners at one of the TSSAA Regional Meetings. The TSSAA Board of Control earmarked \$40,500 to recognize these outstanding A.F. Bridges Divisional Finalists. Each school received \$1,500 for their athletic program.

State Award of Excellence
Of the 27 recipients, 3 schools received Tennessee’s top award for overall outstanding effort in their division. These schools were presented the A.F. Bridges State Award of Excellence. This is the highest award that can be bestowed upon a school to honor its overall efforts to promote citizenship and sportsmanship at school, and at athletic contests.

Athletic District Awards
The A.F. Bridges Awards program includes awards for School System Administrator of the Year, Principal of the Year, Athletic Director of the Year, Female Coach of the Year, Male Coach of the Year, Official of the Year, and Contributor of the Year. Recognition was made in the above mentioned categories in each of the nine athletic districts in our state. Nominations were made by a Citizenship/Sportsmanship Committee in each athletic district and the final selection was made by a State Selection Committee. The awards are named the A.F. Bridges Award in honor of the TSSAA’s first executive secretary.

WEST TENNESSEE

- BRADFORD HIGH SCHOOL
- CARROLL ACADEMY
- CROSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
- FAIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL
- FREDERICK DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL
- MCAIRY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
- MEMPHIS CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
- SOUTH FULTON HIGH SCHOOL
- WEST CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

- EAGLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
- EAST NASHVILLE MAGNET SCHOOL
- FRANK HUGHES HIGH SCHOOL
- GORDONSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
- INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL
- MT. JULIET HIGH SCHOOL
- NATCHEZ TRACE YOUTH ACADEMY
- ST. CECILIA ACADEMY
- STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL

EAST TENNESSEE

- CHATTANOOGA SCHOOL FOR THE LIBERAL ARTS
- GREENEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
- HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL
- MCMINN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
- SEQUATCHIE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
- TELLICO PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL
- THE KING’S ACADEMY
- WALKER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
- WASHBURN HIGH SCHOOL



Heritage High School Assistant Principal, Robbie Bennett, accepting their State Award of Excellence trophy.



Dr. Jimmy Sullivan receiving the School System Administrator of the Year award for Rutherford County schools.

A.F. BRIDGES

2023-2024 AWARD WINNERS

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 1

SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

DR. CHRIS HAMPTON- KINGSFORD CITY SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

TIM CAMPBELL- DANIEL BOONE HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

FORREST HOLT- ELIZABETHTON HIGH SCHOOL

FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR

MESAN HARMON- SCIENCE HILL HIGH SCHOOL

MALE COACH OF THE YEAR

RON BOWLIN- MORRISTOWN WEST HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

JOHN BAILEY- BASKETBALL

CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR

CHARLES HOUSERDGER- SEYMOUR HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 4

SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

DR. JAMES SULLIVAN- RUTHERFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

TIM PEDIGO- EAGLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

ELI WOOD- GREEN HILL HIGH SCHOOL

FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR

MARY RUTH JONES- PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

MALE COACH OF THE YEAR

ADAM CAINE- UPPERMAN HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

BOBBY ROLINS- FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL

CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR

BRENT RYAN- ATHLETIC TRAINER- WHITE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 7

SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

JUDY BROWN- HEAD OF TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

LEX SOTE- CLICATOR COUNTY RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

KELLY SPIVEY- MCKENZIE HIGH SCHOOL

FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR

LEE POPKIN- CHESTER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

MALE COACH OF THE YEAR

JOEL AYERS- UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF JACKSON

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

KENNY BEARD- BASKETBALL

CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR

ZACK JONES- WBBITNEWS

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 2

SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

BECKY STONE- DIRECTOR OF ALCOA SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

DRAYTON HAWKINS- OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

ERIC HENRY- SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL

FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR

NICOLE LIGHT- CARTER HIGH SCHOOL

MALE COACH OF THE YEAR

JOHNNY MORGAN- MCMINN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

EDDIE TURPIN- BASEBALL

CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR

DAVE WYNNER- KNOXVILLE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 5

SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

CONNIE JO SHULTON- HEAD OF NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

CHRISTY RUSTON- MONTGOMERY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

ANDY JOINER- TENNESSEE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR

KELSEY CARTWRIGHT- LIBERTY CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

MALE COACH OF THE YEAR

ELIE BRUNETTI- PEARL COHN HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

MARK JENNINS- FOOTBALL

CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR

MIKE SMITH- PRESIDENT RID GRANDE FENCE

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 8

SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

KIM WIMLEY- OYERSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

LEE LAWRENCE- GLASCOCK HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

GEORGE YARBRO- HUMBOLDT HIGH SCHOOL

FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR

TERESA MOORE- HALLS HIGH SCHOOL

MALE COACH OF THE YEAR

TIMOTHY STRATHORN- OYERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

KEITH WISH- BASKETBALL

CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR

MICHAEL ODOM- MIRROR EXCHANGE

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 3

SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

DR. JUSTIN ROBERTSON- HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

ADAM STONE- POLK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

MATTHEW PORLESLO- BOYD BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL

FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR

KELSEY NURLEY-MOORE- SODDY DASTY HIGH SCHOOL

MALE COACH OF THE YEAR

GARY PATRICK- BAYLOR SCHOOL

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

MIKE CRAFT- WRESTLING

CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR

STEVE HARTLINE- MIX 104.1/ESPN CHATTANOOGA

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 6

SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

DR. RICKY INMAN- DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS WAYNE COUNTY

PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

ERIC HUGHES- MALPLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

JEREMY BOYO- CHEATHAM COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR

KRISTEN YOUNG- BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

MALE COACH OF THE YEAR

CHAD LOVE- FRANK HUGHES HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

DR. STAN VESPIE- BASKETBALL

CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR

KYLE MILLER- TRADITIONS FIRST BANK

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 9

SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

CATHERINE CHORR- ASSISTANT HEAD OF HUTCHISON SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

CAROLYN HOLLAND- WHITE STATION HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

NATALIE STEPHENS- WHITEHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR

ALISA SEYMOUR- COLLETVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

MALE COACH OF THE YEAR

JAMES THOMAS- HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

TYRONE THOMPSON- BASKETBALL

CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR

CAMPBELL'S CLINIC

Winter championship action unfolds as
wrestlers push the pace, fight for control,
and leave everything on the mat in the TSSAA
Wrestling State Championships.



MR. FOOTBALL

The Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Awards are presented to the top football players in nine classifications of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association. The top kicker in the state is recognized with a Mr. Football Award, regardless of classification. Five semifinalists are announced in the release for each classification and the Kicker of the Year category. There are six classifications in Division I and three in Division II. This is the 40th year that the Mr. Football Awards have been presented to Tennessee's best high school football players. A Mr. Football trophy is presented to the winners of each category. A Mr. Football plaque is presented to the other two finalists in each category. The remaining semi-finalists each receive a certificate. A committee of statewide sports writers selected winners based on performance in the 2024 regular season. Academics and character were also taken into consideration. High school head coaches and members of the media nominated the finalists.



2024 Mr. Football Award Winners



Division I, Class 2A Mr. Football Winner
Jaydon Peete, Milan High School



Division II, Class A Mr. Football Winner
Jared Curtis, Nashville Christian School

MR. FOOTBALL

2024 AWARD WINNERS

Division I, Class 1A

Nate Adams, Clay County High School
Bennett O'Neal McDougal, Whitwell High School
*Tate Surber, McKenzie High School

Division I, Class 2A

Andrew Johnson, Fairley High School
*Jaydon Peete, Milan High School
Kason William Young, East Robertson High School

Division I, Class 3A

Eli Graf, Alcoa High School
Graham Simpson, Westview High School
*Skylan Smith, Covington High School

Division I, Class 4A

Waylon LaRue, Anderson County High School
Carson Quillen, Greeneville High School
*Tyler Thompson, Marshall County High School

Division I, Class 5A

Brendan Anes, Page High School
*Eric Hazzard, Page High School
Kelvin Perkins, Southwind High School

Division I, Class 6A

Samuel Iroh, Collierville High School
*Donovan Starr, Ravenwood High School
Craig Tutt, Oakland High School

Division II, Class A

*Jared Curtis, Nashville Christian School
Nix Fullen, Tipton-Rosemark Academy
Jay'len Mosley, Jackson Christian School

Division II, Class AA

Hutson Chance, Christ Presbyterian Academy
Kaedyn Marable, Battle Ground Academy
*Noah Spencer, University School of Jackson

Division II, Class AAA

*David Gabriel Georges, Baylor School
George MacIntyre, Brentwood Academy
Ethan Utley, Ensworth High School

Kicker of the Year

Elliott Arnold, McCallie School
*Phillippe LaForge, Baylor School
Ethan Lane, Boyd Buchanan School

*Indicator of winner in each division



MR. AND MISS BASKETBALL

The 2025 Mr. and Miss Basketball Awards honored the top girls and boys players in each of the six TSSAA classifications on March 18 at Middle Tennessee State University’s Tucker Theater. A statewide committee of sportswriters selected the winners based on their regular season performance, with academics and character also playing a key role. Coaches and media members nominated the finalists.

This marked the 40th year of the awards, which have celebrated Tennessee’s best high school basketball players since 1985. A total of 36 finalists were recognized for their excellence both on and off the court, continuing a tradition that highlights athletic achievement, integrity, and academic success.



2025 Mr. and Miss Basketball Award Winners



Division II, Class AA Miss Basketball Winner
Meeyah Green, Webb School of Knoxville



Division I, Class 3A Mr. Basketball Winner
Ty Cobb, Upperman High School

MISS BASKETBALL

2025 AWARD WINNERS

- Division II. Class A**
Haylen Ayers, University School of Jackson
- Division II, Class AA**
Meeyah Green, Webb School of Knoxville
- Division I, Class 1A**
Blair Baugus, Wayne County High School
- Division I, Class 2A**
Karina Bystry, McMinn Central High School
- Division I, Class 3A**
Jaidynn Askins, Jackson South Side High School
- Division I, Class 4A**
Kimora Fields, Bradley Central High School

MR. BASKETBALL

2025 AWARD WINNERS

- Division II. Class A**
Jayden Jones, Goodpasture Christian School
- Division II, Class AA**
Fred Smith Jr., Briarcrest Christian School
- Division I, Class 1A**
Auden Slaughter, Santa Fe High School
- Division I, Class 2A**
Ty Glasper, Gatlinburg-Pittman High School
- Division I, Class 3A**
Ty Cobb, Upperman High School
- Division I, Class 4A**
Taquez Butler, Whitehaven High School



2025 TSSAA Bowling State
Championship held at Smyrna Bowling
Alley in Smyrna, TN.

HALL OF FAME



2025 Hall of Fame Inductees

Eight new members were inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame at the annual luncheon at the Student Union Building on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro on Monday, April 7, 2025.

Two administrators, three coaches, two officials, and one contributor were inducted at the annual gathering of those selected since the process began in 1982.

The members of the Class of 2025 are: Bill Bingham, administrator from Bristol; Clint Jackson, administrator from Memphis; Jinx Cockerham, coach from Nashville; Donald Dodgen, coach from Knoxville; Pat Simpson, coach from Nashville; Jim Fox, official from Knoxville; Thomas Frierson, official from Columbia; and Chip Walters, contributor from Murfreesboro.

These honorees represent decades of leadership, mentorship, and service, whether from the sidelines, behind the whistle, in administrative offices, or behind the microphone. Their induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame stands as a testament to their dedication and the enduring influence they have had on student-athletes and school communities across Tennessee.



Bill Bingham, Administrator

Bill Bingham's remarkable 39-year career as an educator, coach, and athletic administrator left a lasting impact on student-athletes across three states. Most of his legacy was built at Tennessee High School, where he served as a science teacher, coach, and eventually Athletic Director from 1973 to 1995, guiding the school to multiple state and national championships. Under his leadership, Tennessee High's athletic programs thrived, including the addition of several new sports and a winning football tradition. Mr. Bingham's contributions extended beyond the sidelines through his service on the TSSAA Board of Control and leadership of the Arby's Basketball Tournament. His excellence was recognized with honors such as the 1990 Athletic Director of the Year and the 2013 TSSAA Distinguished Service Award.



Jinx Cockerham, Coach

Jinx's legendary 46-year career at Father Ryan HWhigh School left an indelible mark on high school athletics, particularly in volleyball and girls' basketball. As Head Volleyball Coach for 40 seasons and Head Girls' Basketball Coach for 33 years, she led both programs to sustained excellence, including five TSSAA volleyball state championships and multiple deep tournament runs in basketball. A pioneer for girls' sports, Jinx played a vital role in establishing volleyball as a TSSAA-sanctioned sport, opening doors for countless female athletes across Tennessee. Her achievements have been recognized with numerous honors, including the NFHS Coach of the Year, the Fred Russell Lifetime Achievement Award, and inductions into both the Father Ryan and MNPS Halls of Fame. More than her accolades, Jinx is remembered for the mentorship, leadership, and lasting impact she had on generations of student-athletes.



Jim Fox, Official

Jim Fox's remarkable 40-year career as a TSSAA official is a shining example of dedication, excellence, and integrity in high school sports. Beginning in 1981, he earned a reputation as one of Tennessee's most respected officials, working 11 state championships across baseball, basketball, and football. In 1993, he achieved the rare trifecta of officiating state tournaments in all three sports within the same year—a testament to his versatility and elite skill. Beyond high school athletics, Mr. Fox officiated collegiate basketball for 28 years across NAIA, JUCO, and Division III levels, further solidifying his reputation in the officiating community. His outstanding service has been honored through multiple awards, including the TSSAA Distinguished Service Award and induction into the Knoxville Football Officiating Association Hall of Fame.



Chip Walters, Contributor

For more than 45 years, Chip Walters has been a prominent and influential voice in Middle Tennessee sports broadcasting, leaving a lasting impact on communities and athletics across the region. Now in his 33rd season with Middle Tennessee State University and 16th year as the "Voice of the Blue Raiders," Walters has become synonymous with MTSU athletics, having called countless football and basketball games since joining the broadcast team in 1991. His contributions extend beyond the university, with a long-standing relationship with TSSAA as a play-by-play announcer, public address voice, and emcee for major state events including the Blue Cross Bowl and the Mr. and Miss Basketball awards. Walters' career began in high school sports broadcasting while still a student, and his dedication to local athletics has remained unwavering throughout his decades-long career. His voice, passion, and presence have not only defined Middle Tennessee sports media but have also elevated the experience for student-athletes, families, and fans statewide.



Clint Jackson, Administrator

A dedicated educator, coach, and administrator, Mr. Jackson has made a profound impact on education and athletics in Memphis throughout his distinguished career. A Hamilton High graduate, he earned his degree with honors from LeMoyné-Owen College, followed by advanced studies at Memphis State, Trevecca Nazarene, and Harvard University, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to leadership and learning. His administrative roles included principalships at multiple schools, most notably Fairley High, where he helped transform the school's performance and culture, earning statewide recognition. Mr. Jackson also contributed to high school athletics as a basketball official and member of the TSSAA Legislative Council, later serving as Director of Athletics at LeMoyné-Owen College until 2021. Even in retirement, he continues to support education through consulting, leaving a legacy of service and excellence.



Donald Dodgen, Coach

Coach Dodgen's 38-year career in coaching and athletic administration is a powerful reflection of his commitment to excellence and mentorship in Tennessee high school athletics. A former standout at Tennessee Wesleyan, his impact extended far beyond the court, earning him hall of fame honors as both a player and coach. His coaching journey included successful stints at McMinn County, Gatlinburg-Pittman, and Farragut High School, where he compiled an outstanding 655 career wins in basketball and led teams to state, region, and district titles. As Athletic Director at Farragut since 2010, he has guided the school to 13 state championships, fostering a strong culture of athletic achievement. Coach Dodgen's legacy is defined not just by wins, but by the lasting influence he has had on students, athletes, and the communities he has served.



Thomas Frierson, Official

With a distinguished 50-year career, Thomas Frierson has become one of the most respected and dedicated officials in Tennessee high school sports. His versatility is unmatched, having officiated baseball, basketball, football, softball, and volleyball, while continuing to serve today in softball, football, and volleyball. As a TSSAA Basketball Supervisor and Assigning Officer, he manages over 1,000 games each season and leads critical training programs to develop and mentor officials across the state. His excellence has been recognized with multiple TSSAA A. F. Bridges "Official of the Year" awards and numerous state tournament assignments, including four appearances in the TSSAA Basketball State Finals. Through decades of service and leadership in multiple officiating associations, Mr. Frierson has left an enduring legacy as a pillar of professionalism, mentorship, and integrity in high school officiating.



Pat Simpson, Coach

A legendary figure in Tennessee high school athletics, Coach Pat Simpson has built an enduring legacy as a champion wrestler, revered coach, and dedicated mentor. A Father Ryan alumnus and collegiate standout at MTSU, he made history by becoming the school's first NCAA Regional Champion and national championship competitor. Since returning to Father Ryan in 1979, he has led the wrestling program to an astounding 22 state championships and coached 63 individual state champions, establishing the school as a wrestling powerhouse. His impact extended to softball as well, guiding the team to its first state title in 1995 during his 11-year tenure as head coach. Honored by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and twice named National Prep Coach of the Year, Coach Simpson's career reflects a lifetime of service, achievement, and unwavering commitment to student-athletes.

Knoxville Catholic tennis player competing in the 2025 Division II Class AA Girls Tennis State Championship.



Hume-Fogg celebrating their win in the 2025 Division I Class AA Boys Tennis State Championship.

CHAMPIONS



TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS- FALL SPORTS

SPORT

GIRLS GOLF
GIRLS GOLF
GIRLS GOLF
GIRLS GOLF
BOYS GOLF
BOYS GOLF
BOYS GOLF
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
GIRLS SOCCER
GIRLS SOCCER
GIRLS SOCCER
GIRLS SOCCER
FOOTBALL
FOOTBALL
FOOTBALL
FOOTBALL
FOOTBALL
FOOTBALL
FOOTBALL
FOOTBALL

DIVISION I, CLASS A
DIVISION I, CLASS AA
DIVISION II, CLASS A
DIVISION II, CLASS AA
DIVISION I, CLASS A
DIVISION I, CLASS AA
DIVISION II, CLASS A
DIVISION II, CLASS AA
DIVISION I, CLASS A-AA
DIVISION I, CLASS AAA
DIVISION II, CLASS A
DIVISION II, CLASS AA
DIVISION I, CLASS A
DIVISION I, CLASS AA
DIVISION I, CLASS AAA
DIVISION II, CLASS A
DIVISION II, CLASS AA
DIVISION I, CLASS A
DIVISION I, CLASS AA
DIVISION, CLASS AAA
DIVISION II, CLASS A
DIVISION II, CLASS AA
DIVISION I, CLASS 1A
DIVISION I, CLASS 2A
DIVISION I, CLASS 3A
DIVISION I, CLASS 4A
DIVISION I, CLASS 5A
DIVISION I, CLASS 6A
DIVISION II, CLASS A
DIVISION II, CLASS AA
DIVISION II, CLASS AAA

CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL
MURFREESBORO CENTRAL MAGNET
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF KNOXVILLE
ST.MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
STEWART COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
JACKSON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
BRENTWOOD ACADEMY
SIGNAL MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL
BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
COLUMBIA ACADEMY
WEBB SCHOOL OF KNOXVILLE
MURFREESBORO CENTRAL MAGNET
HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY
DAVIDSON ACADEMY
KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC
LORETTO HIGH SCHOOL
VALOR COLLEGE PREP
NOLENSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
NORTHPOINT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
LIPSCOMB ACADEMY
MERROL HYDE MAGNET SCHOOL
FRANLIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL
EVANGELICAL CHISTIAN SCHOOL
BAYLOR SCHOOL
MASE
MARION COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
ALCOA HIGH SCHOOL
MACON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
SEVIER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL
NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY
THE MCCALLIE SCHOOL

TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS- WINTER SPORTS

SPORT

BOYS BASKETBALL	DIVISION I, CLASS 1A
BOYS BASKETBALL	DIVISION I, CLASS 2A
BOYS BASKETBALL	DIVISION I, CLASS 3A
BOYS BASKETBALL	DIVISION I, CLASS 4A
BOYS BASKETBALL	DIVISION II, CLASS A
BOYS BASKETBALL	DIVISION II, CLASS AA
GIRLS BASKETBALL	DIVISION I, CLASS 1A
GIRLS BASKETBALL	DIVISION I, CLASS 2A
GIRLS BASKETBALL	DIVISION I, CLASS 3A
GIRLS BASKETBALL	DIVISION I, CLASS 4A
GIRLS BASKETBALL	DIVISION II, CLASS A
GIRLS BASKETBALL	DIVISION II, CLASS AA
BOWLING	DIVISION I
BOWLING	DIVISION II
GIRLS BOWLING	DIVISION I
GIRLS BOWLING	DIVISION II
WRESTLING	DIVISION I, CLASS A
WRESTLING	DIVISION I, CLASS AA
WRESTLING	DIVISION II
DUAL WRESTLING	DIVISION I, CLASS A
DUAL WRESTLING	DIVISION I, CLASS AA
DUAL WRESTLING	DIVISION II, CLASS A-AA
DUAL WRESTLING	DIVISION II, CLASS AAA
GIRLS WRESTLING	ALL DIVISIONS
GIRLS DUAL WRESTLING	ALL DIVISIONS

TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS- SPRING SPORTS

SPORT

BASEBALL	DIVISION I, CLASS 1A
BASEBALL	DIVISION I, CLASS 2A
BASEBALL	DIVISION I, CLASS 3A
BASEBALL	DIVISION I, CLASS 4A
BASEBALL	DIVISION II, CLASS A
BASEBALL	DIVISION II, CLASS AA
SOFTBALL	DIVISION I, CLASS 1A
SOFTBALL	DIVISION I, CLASS 2A
SOFTBALL	DIVISION I, CLASS 3A
SOFTBALL	DIVISION I, CLASS 4A
SOFTBALL	DIVISION II, CLASS A

CHATTANOOGA PREPARATORY SCHOOL
LORETTO HIGH SCHOOL
UPPERMAN HIGH SCHOOL
HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
KNOXVILLE WEBB SCHOOL
GREENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
WESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL
BRADLEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
WEBB SCHOOL
WEBB SCHOOL OF KNOXVILLE
CREEK WOOD HIGH SCHOOL
COLUMBIA ACADEMY
HARDIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
ST.AGNES ACADEMY
SODDY DAISY HIGH SCHOOL
CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL
BAYLOR SCHOOL
SODDY DAISY HIGH SCHOOL
CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL
LAKEWAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
BAYLOR SCHOOL
WEST CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

EAGLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
LAKELAND PREPARATORY SCHOOL
GREENEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL
COLUMBIA ACADEMY
LIPSCOMB ACADEMY
EAGLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
LIBERTY CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL
WALKER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
DONESLON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS- SPRING SPORTS

SOFTBALL

SOCCER	DIVISION II, CLASS AA
SOCCER	DIVISION I, CLASS A
SOCCER	DIVISION I, CLASS AA
SOCCER	DIVISION I, CLASS AAA
SOCCER	DIVISION II, CLASS A
SOCCER	DIVISION II, CLASS AA
BOYS TENNIS	DIVISION I, CLASS A
BOYS TENNIS	DIVISION I, CLASS AA
BOYS TENNIS	DIVISION II, CLASS A
BOYS TENNIS	DIVISION II, CLASS AA
GIRLS TENNIS	DIVISION I, CLASS A
GIRLS TENNIS	DIVISION I, CLASS AA
GIRLS TENNIS	DIVISION II, CLASS A
GIRLS TENNIS	DIVISION II, CLASS AA
BOYS LACROSSE	DIVISION I, CLASS A
BOYS LACROSSE	DIVISION I, CLASS A
BOYS LACROSSE	DIVISION II, CLASS A
BOYS LACROSSE	DIVISION II, CLASS AA
GIRLS LACROSSE	DIVISION I, CLASS A
GIRLS LACROSSE	DIVISION I, CLASS AA
GIRLS LACROSSE	DIVISION II, CLASS A
GIRLS LACROSSE	DIVISION II, CLASS AA
BOYS TRACK & FIELD	DIVISION I, CLASS A
BOYS TRACK & FIELD	DIVISION I, CLASS AA
BOYS TRACK & FIELD	DIVISION I, CLASS AAA
BOYS TRACK & FIELD	DIVISION II, CLASS A
BOYS TRACK & FIELD	DIVISION II, CLASS AA
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD	DIVISION I, CLASS A
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD	DIVISION I, CLASS AA
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD	DIVISION I, CLASS AAA
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD	DIVISION II, CLASS A
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD	DIVISION II, CLASS AA
GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL	ALL DIVISIONS

TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS- ACTIVITIES

CHEERLEADING	GAME DAY (SUPER VARSITY)
CHEERLEADING	GAME DAY (LARGE VARSITY)
CHEERLEADING	GAME DAY (MEDIUM VARSITY)
CHEERLEADING	GAME DAY (SMALL VARSITY)
CHEERLEADING	LARGE VARSITY

CHATTANOOGA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
INDEPENDENCE ACADEMY
STATION CAMP HIGH SCHOOL
HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY
KNOXVILLE GRACE
MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY
MERROL HYDE MAGNET SCHOOL
HUME-FOGG ACADEMIC MAGNET
LAUSANNE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY
BAYLOR SCHOOL
SUMMERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
LAUSANNE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY
BAYLOR SCHOOL
HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL
NOLANSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY
MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY
PAGE HIGH SCHOOL
BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
HARPETH HALL
UNION CITY HIGH SCHOOL
GREENEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL
BATTLE GROUND ACADEMY
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL
LIBERTY CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
SIGNAL MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL
COLLIERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
HARDING ACADEMY
WEBB SCHOOL OF KNOXVILLE
RAVENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

LIBERTY CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
BRIARCREST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
HENDERSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
LAUSANNE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL
WBRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS- ACTIVITIES

CHEERLEADING	SMALL VARSITY	RAVENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
CHEERLEADING	LARGE VARSITY CO-ED	STEWARTS CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
CHEERLEADING	SMALL VARSITY CO-ED	STEWARTS CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
CHEERLEADING	NON-TUMBLING	SIEGEL HIGH SCHOOL
SPIRIT PROGRAM		HENDERSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
DANCE	GAME DAY (LARGE VARSITY)	BEARDEN HIGH SCHOOL
DANCE	GAME DAY (SMALL VARSITY)	WARREN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
DANCE	HIP HOP (LARGE VARSITY)	OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
DANCE	HIP HOP (SMALL VARSITY)	STATION CAMP HIGH SCHOOL
DANCE	JAZZ (LARGE VARSITY)	RAVENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
DANCE	JAZZ (SMALL VARSITY)	FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL
DANCE	POM (LARGE VARSITY)	BEARDEN HIGH SCHOOL
DANCE	POM (SMALL VARSITY)	FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL
DANCE	KICK (VARSITY)	DYERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY	CLASS A	MURFREESBORO CENTRAL MAGNET
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY	CLASS AA	WOODLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY	CLASS A	ROGERSVILLE CITY SCHOOL
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY	CLASS AA	WOODLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL
VOLLEYBALL	CLASS A	NORTHVIEW-NEWBERN MIDDLE SCHOOL
VOLLEYBALL	CLASS AA	BRENTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL
DUAL WRESTLING	CLASS A	FAIRVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
DUAL WRESTLING	CLASS AA	CLEVELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL
BOYS BASKETBALL	CLASS A	UNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL
BOYS BASKETBALL	CLASS AA	VINE MIDDLE MAGNET SCHOOL
BOYS BASKETBALL	CLASS AAA	ELMORE PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL
GIRLS BASKETBALL	CLASS A	ROGERSVILLE CITY SCHOOL
GIRLS BASKETBALL	CLASS AA	NORTH CUMBERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GIRLS BASKETBALL	CLASS AAA	WEST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
BASEBALL	CLASS A	HIGHLAND RIM SCHOOL-FAYETTEVILLE
BASEBALL	CLASS AA	PAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
SOFTBALL	CLASS A	CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL
SOFTBALL	CLASS AA	WEST WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
BOYS TRACK & FIELD	CLASS A	MEMPHIS BUSINESS ACADEMY
BOYS TRACK & FIELD	CLASS AA	WHITE STATION MIDDLE SCHOOL
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD	CLASS A	ROGERSVILLE CITY SCHOOL
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD	CLASS AA	WEST COLLIERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
CHEERLEADING	GAME DAY (LARGE)	GRASSLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL
CHEERLEADING	GAME DAY (SMALL)	THOMPSON'S STATION MIDDLE SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS

CHEERLEADING	LARGE	BRENTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL
CHEERLEADING	SMALL	STATION CAMP MIDDLE SCHOOL
CHEERLEADING	NONE-TUMBLING	ROCKVALE MIDDLE SCHOOL
DANCE	GAME DAY	WEST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
DANCE	HIP HOP	ARLINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
DANCE	JAZZ	FARRAGUT MIDDLE SCHOOL
DANCE	POM	FARRAGUT MIDDLE SCHOOL
SPIRIT PROGRAM		ELLIS MIDDLE SCHOOL



Both the baseball and softball state championships hosted during Spring Fling were held in Murfreesboro, TN.



UNIFIED SPORTS

TSSAA is proud to continue its partnership with Special Olympics Tennessee to offer Unified Sports—an initiative that brings students with and without intellectual disabilities together on the same teams to train, compete, and grow. Unified Sports has quickly become one of the most meaningful programs within our association, reflecting both our mission and our commitment to ensuring that every student-athlete has a place to belong.

This partnership provides opportunities for students who may have previously been overlooked in traditional athletics. Through Unified Sports, these athletes experience the thrill of competition, the joy of teamwork, and the pride that comes from representing their schools at a high level. The positive impact reaches far beyond the playing field: students gain confidence, build lasting friendships, and develop leadership skills that carry into every area of life.

Unified Sports also strengthens school communities as a whole. By bringing together students with different backgrounds and abilities, the program fosters empathy, respect, and a culture of inclusion. Schools report increased student engagement, improved social connection, and a noticeable shift in school climate as teammates and classmates rally around their Unified teams.

UNIFIED SPORTS STATE CHAMPIONS

FLAG FOOTBALL
BOWLING
TRACK AND FIELD

HARDIN VALLEY
KENWOOD
BARTLETT



Ravenwood High School celebrating their win in the first-ever TSSAA Girls Flag Football State Invitational. Girls Flag Football was sanctioned as an “emerging sport” in 2024 with an invitational championship held in May of 2025.



CORPORATE PARTNERS

Corporate partners play a vital role in advancing the mission of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association. Through their generous support, TSSAA is able to provide opportunities that enrich the educational and athletic experiences of student-athletes across the state. These partnerships help sustain programs, championships, and initiatives that promote sportsmanship, health, safety, and the lifelong values gained through participation in high school athletics. By investing in TSSAA, our partners share in the commitment to developing young people not only as athletes, but as leaders and contributors to their communities.

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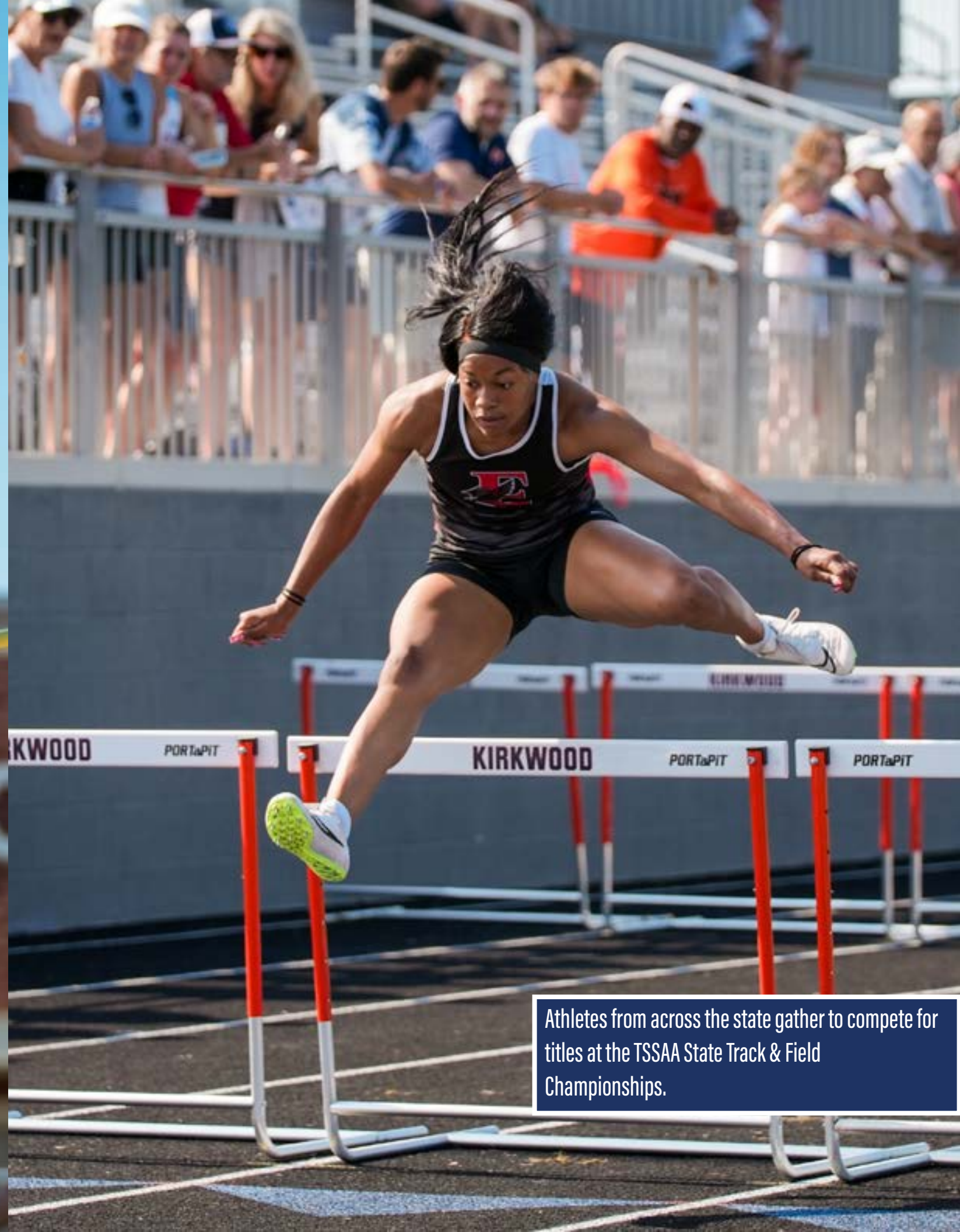
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US COAST GUARD
US MARINES
ZAXBY'S
AAA
MAIN EVENT





Athletes from across the state gather to compete for titles at the TSSAA State Track & Field Championships.

STEWARDS OF OUR MISSION



The finish line is just one moment — our stewards of the mission ensure every moment along the way reflects integrity, equity, and educational purpose. Through the leadership of the Board of Control, Legislative Council, and Executive Staff, TSSAA upholds the values that guide interscholastic athletics and ensure that every student-athlete’s journey is shaped by fairness, opportunity, and lasting impact.

BOARD OF CONTROL

The Board of Control is the executive authority of TSSAA. It is the body which enforces TSSAA regulations, conducts state meetings, authorizes expenditures of TSSAA and registers officials. As with the Legislative Council, the board is composed of twelve school administrators, four from each Grand Division of the state, each serving three-year terms.

DISTRICT, SEAT	BOARD MEMBER	SCHOOL	TERM ENDS
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 1	MIKE REED	MORRISTOWN-HAMBLEN HIGH SCHOOL WEST	DEC 2025
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 2	JODY WRIGHT	FULTON HIGH SCHOOL	DEC 2026
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 3	PATRICK SPANGLER	BRADLEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOOL	DEC 2027
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 4	GRANT SWALLOWS*	WARREN COUNTY SCHOOLS	DEC 2027
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 5	STEPHEN SHEAFFER	JAMES LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL	DEC 2026
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 6	BRYAN TRUE**	LORETTO HIGH SCHOOL	DEC 2025
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 7	DEXTER WILLIAMS	TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	DEC 2025
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 8	GREG SCOTT	MILAN HIGH SCHOOL	DEC 2026
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 9	JON STENCEL	GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL	DEC 2027
INDEPENDENT- EAST	MARK PRICE	BAYLOR SCHOOL	DEC 2025
INDEPENDENT- MIDDLE	DENNIS GOODWIN	DONELSON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	DEC 2026
INDEPENDENT- WEST	SCOTT VOGEL	EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	DEC 2027

* PRESIDENT, ** VICE PRESIDENT

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Legislative authority to make changes to the Constitution and Bylaws is vested in a council of twelve administrators. Council members are school administrators elected — four from each Grand Division of the state — for three-year terms. The Council ascertains the sentiment of the membership toward such changes through annual regional meetings in each Grand Division of the state where proposals are discussed by school principals.

DISTRICT, SEAT	COUNCIL MEMBER	SCHOOL	TERM ENDS
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 1	KEITH TURNER**	SCIENCE HILL HIGH SCHOOL	DEC 2027
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 2	JOE GADDIS	OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL	DEC 2025
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 3	ANGELA CASS	SODDY-DAISY HIGH SCHOOL	DEC 2026
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 4	GREG WYANT	SIEGEL HIGH SCHOOL	DEC 2026
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 5	DAVID WOODS	PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL	DEC 2027
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 6	LES TROTTER	WAVERLY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	DEC 2025
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 7	JONATHAN KEE	HUNTINGDON SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	DEC 2027
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 8	DAN BLACK*	BRADFORD SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	DEC 2026
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 9	BO GRIFFIN	MILLINGTON MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS	DEC 2025
INDEPENDENT- EAST	KENNY SHOLL	THE McCALLIE SCHOOL	DEC 2026
INDEPENDENT- MIDDLE	ROBERT SAIN	MIDDLE TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	DEC 2027
INDEPENDENT- WEST	CATHERINE CHUBB	HUTCHISON SCHOOL	DEC 2025

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2024 became the first year for both the High School and Middle School TSSAA Cheer and Dance State Championships to be held at Knoxville Convention Center in Knoxville, Tennessee



EXECUTIVE STAFF

The Board of Control employs an executive officer and sufficient administrative and clerical help to execute the policies established by the schools and the Board of Control. At present there are 17 full-time and one part-time support employees.

NAME	TITLE	SPORTS ADMINISTERED
MARK REEVES	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
JOE BLAIR	ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	GIRLS SOCCER, WRESTLING, BOYS LACROSSE
EMILY CROWELL	ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	SOFTBALL, GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL, MIDDLE SCHOOL
MATTHEW GILLESPIE	ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	GOLF, BOWLING
RICHARD MCWHIRTER	ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	FOOTBALL, CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK AND FIELD, MIDDLE SCHOOL
E.J. WOOD	ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	BASEBALL, BASKETBALL
COURTNEY BRUNETZ	DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND STUDENT SERVICES	TENNIS
BRENDA DWYER	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	
LAUREN JONES	DIRECTOR OF ELIGIBILITY AND MANAGER OF EXECUTIVE AFFAIRS	CHEERLEADING, DANCE
BRADLEY LAMBERT	DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY	
KIM ALLEY	EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR	
HEATHER CARTER	EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR	GIRLS LACROSSE
SHONNIE SPEICHER	EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR	VOLLEYBALL
LEXIE CRAWFORD	COORDINATOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION AND DIGITAL CONTENT	
PAUL GRIFFITH	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	
LAMAR LEE	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	
HALIE TUNKS	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	
COLBY COULTER	UNIFIED SPORTS COORDINATOR	ALL UNIFIED SPORTS

GENE MENEES

After 34 years of service to TSSAA, Assistant Executive Director Gene Menees will retire effective August 31, 2025. Since joining the staff in 1991, Menees has overseen baseball and basketball, officiating, and sportsmanship initiatives across the state. A former professional baseball player and collegiate basketball official, his leadership and character have left a lasting impact on student-athletes, officials, and schools throughout Tennessee. TSSAA extends its deepest gratitude to Gene for his extraordinary dedication and legacy of service.



Nolensville High School student section during the Division I Volleyball State Championship. Nolensville claimed victory over Brentwood High School, earning the Class AAA champion title.

COACH OF THE YEAR



2024-2025 AWARD WINNERS

NAME	SPORT	SCHOOL
KYLE SHOULDERS	FOOTBALL	MACON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
CHRIS SAUNDERS	BOYS GOLF	BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
CHRIS HENDON	BOYS CROSS COUNTRY	DAVIDSON ACADEMY
JAIME WEEMS	BOYS BOWLING	CHUCKEY-DOAK HIGH SCHOOL
RODNEY THWEATT	BOYS BASKETBALL	HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL
PETE MILLER	WRESTLING	SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL
CHRIS GODWIN	BASEBALL	LAKELAND PREPARATORY SCHOOL
OMAR HOBEIKA	SOCCER	INDEPENDENCE ACADEMY
MORGAN PARKER	BOYS TENNIS	HUME-FOGG ACADEMIC MAGNET
JAN PIPPIN	BOYS TRACK AND FIELD	MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY
RUSSELL MCWHIRTER	BOYS LACROSSE	MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY
JEROME ROMAIN	GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD	WEBB SCHOOL OF KNOXVILLE
RICK HOWARD	GIRLS BASKETBALL	HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL
KIM ROBINSON	VOLLEYBALL	NORTHPOINT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
CAROL MITCHELL	SOFTBALL	GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL
DAVID WOLFF	GIRLS SOCCER	HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL
BROCK BUDESHEIM	GIRLS WRESTLING	WEST CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
SCOTT WIETECH	GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY	LIBERTY CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
NED CASWELL	GIRLS TENNIS	BAYLOR SCHOOL
JEREMY BANKSTON	GIRLS GOLF	CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL
MATT BURKHEAD	GIRLS BOWLING	ST. AGNES ACADEMY
MEGAN CLARK	GIRLS LACROSSE	HARPETH HALL SCHOOL
RICKY RODRIGUEZ	GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL	RAVENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
TRISTEN WAITE	UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL	HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY
STEPHEN BAKER	UNIFIED BOWLING	DOBYNS-BENNETT HIGH SCHOOL
JAJA NEBO	UNIFIED TRACK AND FIELD	BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL

This year, TSSAA recognized 26 outstanding coaches from across the state for their exceptional leadership, dedication, and impact on student-athletes. Among the honorees were 23 coaches from traditional sports and three Unified Sports coaches, whose work exemplifies the spirit of inclusion and opportunity in high school athletics. Notable milestones included Ravenwood’s Ricky Rodriguez becoming the first-ever recipient of the Girls’ Flag Football Coach of the Year award. Russell McWhirter and Megan Clark were also honored as the inaugural Boys and Girls Lacrosse Coaches of the Year, respectively, marking a continued expansion of competitive opportunities for Tennessee high school athletes.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Each year, TSSAA honors individuals who have made a significant impact on high school athletics in Tennessee. These awards recognize outstanding service, leadership, and dedication across multiple areas of education-based sports. The 2024–2025 honorees include administrators Paul Kamikawa of Rockwood and Michelle York of St. George’s. Coaches Shelley Collier of Lenoir City (girls’ basketball) and Ricky Woods of Harpeth (wrestling) were recognized for their successful careers and influence on student-athletes. Officials Ron McKinney (tennis) and Floyd Flippin (football) were honored for their years of commitment and professionalism. Contributors Benny Jennings and Dawn Davenport were selected for their support and advocacy of high school athletics. Mike Brown received this year’s Middle School Distinguished Service Award for his leadership and dedication to young student-athletes. These individuals embody the values of TSSAA and continue to strengthen the foundation of interscholastic sports in our state.

ADMINISTRATORS

Paul Kamikawa, Rockwood

What began as a year of substitute teaching launched a remarkable 40-plus-year career in education and coaching for Paul Kamikawa at Rockwood High School. A Rockwood graduate himself, Kamikawa returned to the school after earning his degrees from Tennessee Tech and never left. Over the decades, he has taught a wide range of subjects and coached multiple sports, most notably serving as head basketball coach with more than 580 wins. Known for his dedication to students both in the classroom and on the court, Kamikawa continues to make an impact, driven by a genuine love for working with young people. TSSAA is proud to honor Paul Kamikawa with the Distinguished Service Award for his lifelong commitment to Rockwood High School and the community it serves.

Michelle York, St. George's

Michelle York’s lifelong passion for athletics began in childhood, competing alongside her older brothers in everything from basketball to track. Her competitive drive led her to a collegiate volleyball career and eventually into a calling of service through coaching and athletic administration. Now the athletics director at St. George’s Independent School in Memphis, York has dedicated her career to impacting young lives through sports. Her early experiences—including transferring from Mississippi State to Ole Miss and sitting out due to SEC rules—shaped her perspective and deepened her commitment to teaching, mentoring, and leadership. A founding member of the Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association and an active TIAAA board member, York continues to be a leader in high school athletics. TSSAA is proud to recognize Michelle York with the Distinguished Service Award for her lasting contributions to student-athletes and her unwavering pursuit of excellence.

COACHES

Shelley Collier, Girls Basketball, Lenoir City

Shelley Collier’s decades-long coaching career has left a lasting legacy both on and off the court. From leading teams to multiple state championships to showing up for a former player’s 3-year-old twins’ basketball game, her dedication to student-athletes spans generations. A former Lady Vols captain who helped Tennessee win its first national championship in 1987, Collier went on to coach at four Tennessee high schools, most notably Webb School, where all four of her daughters played for her. She is known not just for her wins and championships, but for the lifelong relationships she builds with her players. TSSAA is proud to honor Shelley Collier with the Distinguished Service Award for her exceptional impact on high school athletics and her unwavering commitment to developing strong, confident young women.

Ricky Woods, Wrestling, Harpeth

Ricky Woods never planned to be a coach—but one phone call in the early 1990s changed everything. Asked to help out a middle school wrestling team, the former Hillwood High School wrestler stepped in temporarily, only to discover a lifelong passion. Nearly 35 years later, Woods remains a fixture at Harpeth High School as head wrestling coach and athletic director. Known for his boundless energy and deep commitment to his athletes, Woods has built his wrestling program into more than just a team—it’s a year-round community center for young people. He’s coached countless first-generation wrestlers, many of whom have returned as assistants, gone on to collegiate athletics, or entered military service. TSSAA proudly honors Ricky Woods with the Distinguished Service Award for his unwavering dedication to student-athletes and his lasting impact on Tennessee high school sports.



Ron McKinney, Tennis

Ron McKinney’s journey into officiating began with an unexpected solo assignment at a high school tennis district tournament—and it quickly turned into a decades-long passion. A former high school baseball and basketball player, McKinney transitioned into officiating after a tennis friend encouraged him to help with high school matches. Since that first tournament in Shelbyville, he has officiated for over 20 years, including 11 TSSAA Spring Fling State Championships and seven years as a head referee. Known for his dedication and love of the sport, McKinney continues to officiate collegiate matches and remains a respected figure in Tennessee high school tennis. TSSAA proudly honors Ron McKinney with the Distinguished Service Award for his many years of service and commitment to student-athletes.



Floyd Flippin, Football

Floyd Flippin’s journey as a high school sports official began at age 44 and has since spanned over two decades of dedication to football and basketball across Tennessee. A Milan native and former player, Flippin has officiated more than 550 contests, including multiple state championships, while balancing his career as a practicing attorney. Known for his passion, preparation, and camaraderie with fellow officials, he still studies film and rulebooks regularly and enjoys every game as much as the athletes. Whether behind the whistle or behind the wheel of his well-traveled van filled with officiating stories, Flippin remains a respected figure in the TSSAA community. TSSAA proudly honors Floyd Flippin with the Distinguished Service Award for his years of faithful service and commitment to high school athletics.



Dawn Davenport

Dawn Davenport’s voice has become a familiar and trusted presence on sidelines across SEC Country and in TSSAA state championship broadcasts. A former high school and collegiate volleyball player, Davenport brings passion, authenticity, and deep respect for student-athletes to every role she takes on—whether it’s reporting for the SEC Network or calling Tennessee high school football, basketball, or volleyball championships. Her love for high school sports is rooted in her own experience as a multi-sport athlete and her belief in the power of athletics to shape young people. TSSAA proudly honors Dawn Davenport with the Distinguished Service Award for her continued dedication to telling the stories of Tennessee’s student-athletes and celebrating the spirit of high school sports.



Bennie Jennings

Bennie Jennings, a longtime supporter of Tennessee high school athletics, has spent his life in service—first as a standout athlete, then as a law enforcement officer, and always as a passionate community advocate. A retired Tennessee Highway Patrol Lieutenant, Jennings continues to serve his hometown as the incoming Chief of Police in Fayetteville. He has spent years helping oversee security at TSSAA State Championship events and remains a regular presence on the sidelines of Friday night football games. A former state champion athlete himself, Jennings credits sports with teaching lifelong values of unity and commitment—principles he continues to pass down to his children and community. TSSAA is proud to recognize Bennie Jennings with the Distinguished Service Award for his ongoing dedication to Tennessee student-athletes.



Mike Brown

Mike Brown has spent decades serving students in Sumner County—as a teacher, coach, principal, and athletic director. Known throughout Middle Tennessee, Brown built strong relationships with the young people he taught and coached, many of which have lasted a lifetime. From leading Hendersonville’s basketball team to the state tournament to shaping middle school athletics through his work with TMSAA, Brown’s influence has been felt across generations. Even after retiring, he continued to serve as Sumner County’s first district-level athletic director, helping grow and support athletic programs countywide. TSSAA proudly honors Mike Brown with a Distinguished Service Award for his lasting impact on student-athletes and education.





During the Division I Girls Basketball State Championships, TSSAA hosted a Title IX Trailblazers ceremony, recognizing the 3 teams that hold the record for most consecutive team state championships with four - Pickett County (1977-1980), Shelbyville Central (1989-1992), and Jackson County (2000-2003).



OUTREACH



SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

TSSAA is committed to celebrating the people and programs that make high school athletics possible across Tennessee. Through dedicated campaigns and initiatives, we work to recognize and uplift those who serve student-athletes behind the scenes.

In 2024-2025, we launched our Officials Appreciation Campaign, highlighting the essential role officials play in preserving fairness, integrity, and sportsmanship across every sport. We also introduced Sports Medicine Appreciation Week, a new initiative designed to thank the athletic trainers, team doctors, and medical staff who safeguard the health and well-being of student-athletes.

These outreach efforts reflect our broader mission to engage with the high school sports community, share positive stories, and strengthen relationships with schools, families, and fans.

SPORTS MEDICINE APPRECIATION WEEK



OFFICIALS APPRECIATION WEEK

