



## *Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association*

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### **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 2, 2018  
**TO:** Selected Tennessee High School Media  
**FROM:** Matthew Gillespie, Assistant Executive Director  
**RE:** 2017-2018 A.F. Bridges Awards

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For the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, 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. The awards recognize 63 individuals from across our state that represent what's best in high school athletics. 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 and member schools in each athletic district and the final selection was made by a State Selection Committee.

Bernard Childress, Executive Director of the TSSAA stated, "Being recognized for one of these awards as a school or individual should be seen as one of the highest honors in high school athletics in our state. Those who receive the awards truly reflect what high school athletics should be about, and that's good sportsmanship and good citizenship."

\*\*\*Information concerning the A.F. Bridges Divisional Finalists follows the listing of the Athletic District Award winners.

All of these awards will be presented at the three Regional Meetings held at the following dates and sites (members of the media are welcome to attend):

Monday, November 5 – Hardin Valley Academy, 1 p.m. ET  
Wednesday, November 7 – University School of Jackson, 10:00 a.m. CT  
Thursday, November 8 – Hillwood High School, 10:00 a.m. CT

**ATHLETIC DISTRICT 1**

***School System Administrator of the Year***

Dr. Gary Lilly, Bristol Tennessee City Schools

***Principal of the Year***

Kristy Wallen, Seymour High School

***Athletic Director of the Year***

Danny Good, Daniel Boone High School

***Female Coach of the Year***

Carla Loyd Weems, David Crockett High School

***Male Coach of the Year***

Ned Smith, Hampton High School

***Official of the Year***

Brent Warner, Tri-Cities Basketball Association

***Contributor of the Year***

Joey Messick, Krispy Kreme

**ATHLETIC DISTRICT 2**

***School System Administrator of the Year***

Jason Vance, Loudon County Schools

***Principal of the Year***

Ben Downs, Anderson County High School

***Athletic Director of the Year***

Doug Armstrong, McMinn Central High School

***Female Coach of the Year***

Carmen Hochevar, Concord Christian School

***Male Coach of the Year***

Greg Ryan, Greenback High School

***Official of the Year***

Randy Chappel, TN Valley Soccer Association

***Contributor of the Year***

Mickey Brown, KOC

**ATHLETIC DISTRICT 3**

***School System Administrator of the Year***

Jennifer Terry, Bledsoe County Schools

***Principal of the Year***

Tammy Helton, East Ridge High School

***Athletic Director of the Year***

Steve Trussler, Grundy County High School

***Female Coach of the Year***

Kelly Somerville, Sequatchie County High School

***Male Coach of the Year***

Jason Fitzgerald, Meigs County High School

***Official of the Year***

Craig Phillips, Athens Football Association

***Contributor of the Year***

Daniel Black, Medical Doctor Rhea County and Sale Creek

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**ATHLETIC DISTRICT 4**

***School System Administrator of the Year***

Jerry Boyd, Putnam County Schools

***Principal of the Year***

Garth Garris, Lincoln County High School

***Athletic Director of the Year***

Greg Wyant, Siegel High School

***Female Coach of the Year***

Brooke Mayo, Stewarts Creek High School

***Male Coach of the Year***

Jeff Mitchell, The Webb School

***Official of the Year***

Jim Ward, North/Central Association

***Contributor of the Year***

Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance

**ATHLETIC DISTRICT 5**

***School System Administrator of the Year***

Chris Causey, Robertson County Schools

***Principal of the Year***

Schanda Doughty, Rossvie High School

***Athletic Director of the Year***

Shannon Cummings, Clarksville High School

***Female Coach of the Year***

Kim Snyder, White House Heritage High School

***Male Coach of the Year***

Anthony Crabtree, Beech High School

***Official of the Year***

Jay Kritch, North Middle Football Association

***Contributor of the Year***

Doug Gold, Wilson Bank and Trust

**ATHLETIC DISTRICT 6**

***School System Administrator of the Year***

Marlon Davis, Wayne County Schools

***Principal of the Year***

Kevin Keidel, Brentwood High School

***Athletic Director of the Year***

Ricky Jones, Fairview High School

***Female Coach of the Year***

Sheila Gaertner, Sycamore High School

***Male Coach of the Year***

Greg Tipps, Loretto High School

***Official of the Year***

Wayne McMeans, MTBOA

***Contributor of the Year***

WQSV, Ashland City

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**ATHLETIC DISTRICT 7**

***School System Administrator of the Year***

Steve Wilkerson, Lexington Schools

***Principal of the Year***

Courtney Burnette, Fayette Academy

***Athletic Director of the Year***

Joe Norval, Hollow Rock-Bruceton

***Female Coach of the Year***

Jennifer Channell, Hardin County High School

***Male Coach of the Year***

Brent McNeal, South Side High School

***Official of the Year***

Jack Weaver, South West Football Association

***Contributor of the Year***

Ricky Winningham, Adamsville High School

**ATHLETIC DISTRICT 8**

***School System Administrator of the Year***

Eddie Pruett, Gibson County

***Principal of the Year***

Dr. Courtney Fee, Munford High School

***Athletic Director of the Year***

Brian Crowson, Brighton High School

***Female Coach of the Year***

Katrishia Glass, Covington High School

***Male Coach of the Year***

Willie Trevathan, Greenfield High School

***Official of the Year***

Tom Moore, Milan

***Contributor of the Year***

Dr. Buffy Cook, Covington

**ATHLETIC DISTRICT 9**

***School System Administrator of the Year***

Jeff Jones, Collierville Schools

***Principal of the Year***

Chris Duncan, Arlington High School

***Athletic Director of the Year***

Letitia Hall James, Whitehaven High School

***Female Coach of the Year***

Alisa G. Seymour, Southwind High School

***Male Coach of the Year***

William Smith, Hamilton High School

***Official of the Year***

Felicia Davis, MSBOA

***Contributor of the Year***

Ron King, TSSAA State Track

## **A.F. Bridges Divisional Awards and State Award of Excellence**

The A.F. Bridges Divisional Awards are given to schools that have had no reported unsportsmanlike conduct incidents during the previous school year and have displayed an overall positive effort to teach, expect, and demand a positive atmosphere of sportsmanship at their particular contests.

The schools that received this prestigious award were nominated by local officials associations and other member schools.

Of the 27 divisional recipients, one school in each class will receive Tennessee's top award for overall outstanding effort in its division. One of the three schools in each classification will be presented the A.F. Bridges State Award of Excellence shortly after the divisional awards are handed out. 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.

The A.F. Bridges Award is given in honor of the TSSAA's first executive secretary. He served as executive secretary from 1946 until his retirement in 1972. Under his leadership, athletics in the state of Tennessee reached a level of excellence and competence that earned the respect of all people. Mr. Bridges was a person of high principles who displayed firmness and fairness, as well as the high ideals of ethics and integrity, as he and many other school people established the foundation of TSSAA across our state.

### **EAST TENNESSEE**

#### **CLASS A**

Grace Baptist Academy  
Harriman High School  
Oneida High School

#### **CLASS AA**

Grainger High School  
Meigs County High School  
Scott High School

#### **CLASS AAA**

David Crockett High School  
Seymour High School  
Soddy-Daisy High School

### **MIDDLE TENNESSEE**

#### **CLASS A**

Collinwood High School  
Culleoka High School  
Loretto High School

#### **CLASS AA**

Cannon County High School  
Cheatham County Central H.S.  
Stewart County High School

#### **CLASS AAA**

Montgomery Central High School  
Smyrna High School  
Warren County High School

### **WEST TENNESSEE**

#### **CLASS A**

Bradford High School  
Clarksburg High School  
Lake County High School

#### **CLASS AA**

Craigmont High School  
Hutchison School  
Ripley High School

#### **CLASS AAA**

Arlington High School  
Bartlett High School  
White Station High School