

BILL STEWART AWARD

The Bill Stewart Award is presented annually as a memorial to Bill Stewart of McComb, an outstanding athlete who was killed in action as a U.S. Marine Corps officer in the Korean Conflict. It is presented "... to the All-Star football player whose attitude, character, and conduct on and off the field best exemplify the life and endeavors of Bill Stewart, athlete, gentleman, and sacrificial patriot."

The Bill Stewart Award was initiated in 1955 by Arthur (Slick) Morton of Greenwood, former head coach at Mississippi State University. J. E (Squatty) Hall of Jackson served as chairman of the award committee from its beginning until his death in 1981.

FORMER WINNERS

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| 1955 ... Pete Whitehead, Winona | 1987 ... Michael Honorable, Rosedale |
| 1956 ... Cowboy Woodruff, Batesville | 1988 ... Chris Firle, South Leake |
| 1957 ... Jerry Daniels, Long Beach | 1989 ... Gary Abide, St. Joseph (Greenville) |
| 1958 ... Charles Furlow, Mendenhall | 1990 ... Marty McWilliams, Magee |
| 1959 ... Ted Miller, Gulfport | 1991 ... Derrick Cagins, East Marion |
| 1960 ... Perry Lee Dunn, Natchez | 1992 ... Dexter Thomas, Murrah |
| 1961 ... Pat Wilson, Meridian | 1993 ... Milo Collins, Forest |
| 1962 ... Mike Dennis, Murrah | 1994 ... Jacco Cooper, Pascagoula |
| 1963 ... Leslie Newton, Cooper (Vicksburg) | 1995 ... Rob Morgan, Warren Central |
| 1964 ... Duaine Moore, Morton | 1996 ... Reggie Smith, Amory |
| 1965 ... Carol Carpenter, Cornith | 1997 ... Cleo Lemon, Jr., Greenwood |
| 1966 ... Eddie Ray, St. Aloysius | 1998 ... Ross Barkley, W.P. Daniel |
| 1967 ... Archie Manning, Drew | 1999 ... Denoah Thompson, Velma Jackson |
| 1968 ... Ted Gullett, Meridian | 2000 ... Jordan Lesley, Itawamba AHS |
| Jimmy Patridge, Leflore County | 2001 ... Dewon Hart, Lumberton |
| 1969 ... George Palazzo, Gulfport | 2002 ... Brodie Jones, Wayne County |
| 1970 ... Bill Buckley, Starkville | 2003 ... Craig Agee, Taylorsville |
| 1971 ... Larry Kramer, Yazoo City | 2004 ... Isaac Bryant, Pearl |
| 1972 ... Jimmy Joiner, North Panola | 2005 ... Baylor Dampeer, Saltillo |
| 1973 ... Rob Parkes, St. Joseph (Jackson) | 2006 ... Judd Godwin, West Lauderdale |
| 1974 ... Keith Wright, Warren Central | 2007 ... Travis Walker, West Point |
| 1975 ... Charlie Singletori, Greenwood | 2008 ... Javarius Conner, Noxubee County |
| 1976 ... Larry Gomila, St. Martin | 2009 ... Donovan Hill, McComb |
| 1977 ... Breck Tyler, Starkville | 2009....LaVadius Lyles, Forest |
| 1978 ... Ricky Rozzell, Pascagoula | Dec. 2010....North: Mykail Miller, Itawamba AHS |
| 1979 ... Reggie Collier, d'Iberville | South: Treyshawn Mitchell, Forest |
| 1980 ... Joe Carter, Starkville | 2011 ... North: Demarrion Haynes, West Bolivar |
| 1981 ... Phillip Gunn, Clinton | South: Randall Boyd, Forest |
| 1982 ... Arthur" Bobo" Harris, Vicksburg | 2012 ... North: Clifton Smith, Oxford |
| 1983 ... Clarence Trotter, Greenwood | South: Antron Watts, East Marion |
| 1984 ... Ben Steele, George County | 2013 ... North: James Gilleylen, Tupelo |
| 1985 ... Wesley Walls, Pontotoc | South: Kirk McCarty, Oak Grove |
| 1986 ... Albert Williams, Wingfield | 2014 ... North: Bailey Walker, Lake Cormorant |
| | South: Jonnas Spivey, Bay Springs |