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**Nominate a South Carolina High School Football Leader for the 2026 Bridge Builder Excellence Award**

**Greenville, SC:** The South Carolina Football Hall of Fame (SCFHF) is pleased to announce that the nomination period for the [\*\*2026 Bridge Builder Excellence Award \(BBEA\)\*\*](#) is now open. This prestigious award recognizes high school football student-athletes who excel on the field, in the classroom, and within their communities.

**Award Criteria:**

- **Football Excellence: 40%**
- **Academic Excellence: Minimum 3.2 Core GPA - 30%**
- **Exemplary School, Character, Community Citizenship, Evidence through non-profit service and Leadership: 30%**

The BBEA was established in 2020 to celebrate and encourage excellence among high school football student-athletes from the 2019-2020 academic year. Over the past six award cycles, the SCFHF has received 362 nominations from 138 South Carolina high schools. Nominees for this cycle will be honored and recognized on #BBEA26Day with a special certificate ceremony and program on May 8, 2026. Three finalists and a winner will be recognized at the SCFHF's 13th Annual Enshrinement Ceremony at the Hotel Hartness on April 16, 2025. In April 2025, Irmo High School's Donovan Murph was honored as the 6<sup>th</sup> BBEA winner for his outstanding achievements as a football student athlete during the 2024-2025 academic year; he is currently a freshman wide receiver at the University of South Carolina.

Please nominate an outstanding high school football leader by completing the [\*\*2026 Bridge Builder Excellence Award Form\*\*](#) by February 16, 2026.

**About:**

The SCFHF is a 501(c)(3) "For Impact" organization whose mission is to honor South Carolina football legends and help lead South Carolina students to the Top 10 states in the country for college and career readiness by December 31, 2030. The SCFHF is on a mission, celebrating excellence and educating, encouraging, and empowering themselves and others to live in purpose to bring out the best for our South Carolina Community. Together, we can lead SC students to be

Top 10 nationally in college and career readiness by December 31, 2030. (Ranked 43<sup>rd</sup> nationally in 2019 by U.S. News & World Report). The SCFhof invites you to play your role in this worthwhile legacy. Nominate someone for the Bridge Builder Excellence Award today at [scfootballhof.org](http://scfootballhof.org). #SCTop10N2030