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The South Carolina Football Hall of Fame Announces 2026 Bridge Builder Excellence Award Nominees Honoring the State's Top Football Student-Athletes

Greenville, SC — March 19, 2026 — The South Carolina Football Hall of Fame (SCFHOF) proudly announces the 2026 Bridge Builder Excellence Award (BBEA) nominees, recognizing outstanding high school football student-athletes from across the state who exemplify excellence in the classroom, on the field, and in their communities.

The BBEA honors a current South Carolina high school football player who demonstrates exceptional football performance, academic achievement, and leadership through character and service. The award is made possible by the support of the family of William B. Sturgis, Joe Bostic, and Wyatt Law, P.A.

The Top 3 Nominees will be recognized at the **13th Annual Enshrinement Ceremony on April 16, 2026**, at **Hotel Hartness** in Greenville, South Carolina.

Award Criteria:

Nominees are evaluated using the following weighted criteria:

- **Football Excellence** – 40%
- **Academics** (minimum 3.2 core GPA) – 30%
- **Character, School & Community Citizenship, and Leadership** – 30%

Each nominee will receive a certificate of recognition and be invited to attend the **#BBEA26Day Celebration on May 8, 2026**, at the South Carolina Public Charter School District headquarters in Columbia, South Carolina.

In addition, the **Top 10 Semi-Finalists** will be invited to share their secrets to excellence and success on the **SCFHOF Sports & Leadership Podcast** with Chairman and Executive Director **David Sanford Wyatt**.

This year, the SCFHOF received an impressive **71 nominations from 50 high schools across South Carolina**, highlighting the remarkable young leaders who are making a meaningful impact in their schools and communities while excelling through the game of football.

“These nominees represent the very best of South Carolina’s future,” said SCFHOF Chairman David Sanford Wyatt. “The Bridge Builder Excellence Award is more than recognition, it is a celebration of young men who lead with character, discipline, and heart both on and off the field. Their commitment to excellence inspires us all, and we are proud to honor their achievements while helping them build a bridge to even greater success.”

A full list of the 2026 BBEA nominees is available at www.scfootballhof.org. Follow the SCFHOF on social media at [@scfootballhof](https://www.instagram.com/scfootballhof) on Instagram, Facebook, and X (formerly Twitter) for updates and announcements.

About the South Carolina Football Hall of Fame

The South Carolina Football Hall of Fame is a 501(c)(3) “For Impact” organization dedicated to honoring the state’s football leaders and using football as a platform to educate, encourage, and empower excellence. SCFHOF’s mission is to help South Carolina students rank in the **Top 10 nationally in college and career readiness by December 31, 2030**. Through recognition, leadership development, and educational initiatives, SCFHOF invites all South Carolinians to play a role in this worthwhile legacy. Learn more and give today at www.scfootballhof.org. **#SCTop10N2030**

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