

## CHSAA awards annual scholarships to Class of 2026

The Clinton High School Alumni Association (CHSAA) recently announced its 2026 scholarship winners. This year is the 26th consecutive year that CHSAA has awarded scholarships to graduating Clinton High School seniors. The association, founded in 2000, is a nonprofit whose primary objectives are to foster fraternity among CHS graduates through reunions, provide scholarships for worthy students and fund approved programs and equipment for the students and faculty of Clinton High School. For more information about CHSAA, visit [ClintonAlumni.com](http://ClintonAlumni.com).

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The 2026 "Go Arrows" Service Award winner is Owen Coker. Coker will pursue a degree in ethics, politics and economics at Yale University. While at CHS, Coker distinguished himself academically as well as represented CHS on the soccer field and tennis team. His community service roles spanned a wide range of activities, including serving on the Mississippi Department of Education Student Advisory Council, volunteering at Together for Hope and assisting with the Arrow Soccer Camp throughout his career at CHS. One of his teachers described him as "unrelentingly pushing himself to do and be better...." and that he "...sees his life as an opportunity to do something to change the world..."



The Brecken J. Anderson Scholarship, established in 2024, is awarded to a graduating senior who will be majoring in nursing. This year's recipient is Jamaya Ivory. Ivory will pursue a degree in nursing at the University of Mississippi. While at CHS, she was active in an array of student organizations, was recognized with many honors by her peers, and took advantage of numerous Honors and AP classes. Her leadership skills were evident in organizations both on-campus and off-campus. In addition to multiple service opportunities throughout her career at CHS, she notably participated in a special program at UMMC as well as founding a mental health club (BEAM). One of her references described her as "consistently showing maturity, responsibility, and has an impressive ability to lead with integrity" and that she "gracefully balances her rigorous coursework with extensive extracurricular involvement." Another reference noted that she "displays exceptional verbal communication skills and always comes in with a smile on her face."



The John S. Weatherly Scholarship, awarded this year to Josiah Riggs, was established in 2022 by Dr. Jenifer Weatherly Ingle in memory of her father, who graduated from CHS in 1970. Riggs will pursue degrees in mechanical engineering and business administration at the University of Alabama. In addition to owning a stellar academic record, he has been part of the CHS Marching Band, Jazz Band, Attaché Show Choir Pit, and First Baptist Church-Clinton Student Ministries. Numerous AP and Honors classes also represent the rigor that he has pursued at CHS. One reference described him as "a truly outstanding student in all respects" and "motivated intrinsically to take advantage of every opportunity to better himself through education." Another reference added that he is "wise beyond his years, focused and someone with an intense work ethic..."



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