Halbrook Awards Program

Recognizes colleges and universities that achieve and maintain high academic standards for student athletes, thus encouraging high graduation rates.

2025-2026
DAVID M. HALBROOK AWARD FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AMONG ATHLETES
-Traveling Trophy Recipients-

Public University Division

	(Men's)	(Women's)
1995-96	Delta State University	Mississippi University for Women
1996-97	University of Southern Mississippi	Delta State University
1997-98	Mississippi Valley State University	Mississippi University for Women
1998-99	Mississippi Valley State University	University of Mississippi
1999-00	Mississippi State University	University of Mississippi
2000-01	Jackson State University	Delta State University
2001-02	Alcorn State University	Mississippi Valley State University
2002-03	University of Mississippi	Mississippi State University
2003-04	University of Southern Mississippi	Mississippi State University
2004-05	University of Southern Mississippi	Mississippi State University
2005-06	University of Southern Mississippi	Mississippi State University
2006-07	University of Southern Mississippi	University of Southern Mississippi
2007-08	University of Southern Mississippi	Mississippi State University
2008-09	University of Southern Mississippi	University of Mississippi
2009-10	University of Southern Mississippi	University of Mississippi
2010-11	University of Southern Mississippi	University of Mississippi
2011-12	Mississippi State University	University of Mississippi
2012-13	University of Southern Mississippi	Mississippi State University
2013-14	University of Southern Mississippi	Mississippi State University
2014-15	Mississippi State University	Mississippi State University
2015-16	Mississippi State University	Mississippi State University
2016-17	Mississippi Valley State University	University of Mississippi
2017-18	Alcorn State University	University of Mississippi
2018-19	Alcorn State University	University of Southern Mississippi
2019-20	Mississippi State University (tie) University of Southern Mississippi	Alcorn State University
2020-21	Alcorn State University	Mississippi State University (tie) University of Southern Mississippi
2021-22	University of Mississippi	University of Mississippi
2022-23	Mississippi State University	University of Mississippi
2023-24	Delta State University	Alcorn State University
2024-25	University of Southern Mississippi	University of Southern Mississippi
2025-26	University of Southern Mississippi	University of Southern Mississippi

Independent College Division		**Community College Division**
	(Overall)	**(Overall)**
1995-96	Blue Mountain College	Hinds Community College
1996-97	Blue Mountain College	Hinds Community College
1997-98	Millsaps College	Mississippi Delta Community College
1998-99	Millsaps College	Copiah-Lincoln Community College
1999-00	Millsaps College	Hinds Community College
2000-01	Millsaps College	Hinds Community College
2001-02	Millsaps College	Hinds Community College
2002-03	Millsaps College	Meridian Community College
2003-04	Millsaps College	Hinds Community College
2004-05	Blue Mountain College	Hinds Community College
2005-06	Blue Mountain College	Hinds Community College
2006-07	Millsaps College	Meridian Community College
2007-08	Millsaps College	Hinds Community College
2008-09	Millsaps College	Meridian Community College
2009-10	Blue Mountain College	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
2010-11	Millsaps College	East Mississippi Community College (tie) Hinds Community College
2011-12	Millsaps College	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
2012-13	William Carey University	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
2013-14	Blue Mountain College	Hinds Community College

2014-15	Millsaps College	Hinds Community College
2015-16	Rust College	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
2016-17	Millsaps College	Southwest Mississippi Community College
2017-18	Millsaps College	Northwest Mississippi Community College
2018-19	Millsaps College	Copiah-Lincoln Community College (tie) East Mississippi Community College
2019-20	Millsaps College	Itawamba Community College (tie) Northwest Mississippi Community College
2020-21	Mississippi College	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
2021-22	Mississippi College	East Mississippi Community College
2022-23	William Carey University	Holmes Community College

Independent College Division

	(Men's)	**(Women's)**
2023-24	Belhaven University	William Carey University
2024-25	Mississippi College	Mississippi College
2025-26	Mississippi Christian University	Mississippi Christian University

Community College Division

	(Men's)	**(Women's)**
2023-24	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
2024-25	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	Jones College (tie) Northwest Mississippi Community College
2025-26	Jones College	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

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JOHN C. AND ERNESTINE MCCALL HALBROOK IMPROVEMENT AWARD
- Cash Award Recipients –

1995-96	Mary Holmes College
1996-97	Jones County Junior College
1997-98	Northwest Mississippi Community College
1998-99	Itawamba Community College
1999-00	Tougaloo College
2000-01	Belhaven University
2001-02	Holmes Community College
2002-03	Jackson State University
2003-04	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
2004-05	Blue Mountain College
2005-06	Coahoma Community College
2006-07	Copiah-Lincoln Community College
2007-08	Holmes Community College
2008-09	Northwest Mississippi Community College
2009-10	Southwest Mississippi Community College
2010-11	East Mississippi Community College
2011-12	Mississippi Delta Community College
2012-13	Itawamba Community College
2013-14	Blue Mountain College
2014-15	Northwest Mississippi Community College
2015-16	Blue Mountain College
2016-17	Southwest Mississippi Community College
2017-18	Alcorn State University
2018-19	Itawamba Community College
2019-20	Tougaloo College
2020-21	Rust College
2021-22	Pearl River Community College
2022-23	Belhaven University
2023-24	Hinds Community College
2024-25	Mississippi State University
2025-26	Coahoma Community College

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- Certificate recipients: Student athletes who excel in academics, leadership, and community service –

Public University Division	Male Recipient	Female Recipient
Delta State University	Jesse Cole Kirk	Dakiya Toney
Jackson State University	Davieon Center	Ivana Setka
Mississippi State University	Petar Jovanovic	Allison Perry
Mississippi University for Women	Matthew Windham	Kaitlyn Bearly
Mississippi Valley State University	Ellis McKneely	Nina Schiks
University of Mississippi	Gabe Scales	Cammy Niesen
University of Southern Mississippi	Landry Lyddy	Sylvia White
Independent College Division		
Belhaven University	Ronald Neal Terry	Ellie Williamson
Millsaps College	Kenneth Heard	Zoe Elder
Mississippi Christian University	Gage Sorey	Emily Buchanan
William Carey University	Taylor Walters	Anna Cate Clark
Community College Division		
Coahoma Community College	John Wyatt Massey	Ta'moria Shannon
Copiah-Lincoln Community College	Nash Sturdivant	Brelie Phillips
East Central Community College	William Kade Morrow	Ivana DeGregorio
Hinds Community College	Benjamin Kennedy	Macie Curtis
Holmes Community College	Alejandro Robles	Emma Korhonen
Itawamba Community College	Madden Butler	Taylar Shands
Jones College	Roderick Alexander	Larissa Hubbard
Meridian Community College	John Paul Mattina	Reine Akombo
Mississippi Delta Community College	Carson Allen	X'Zayla Yarbor
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	Mason Beverly	Laurel Conley
Northeast Mississippi Community College	Connor Timms	Anna Greene
Northwest Mississippi Community College	Ben Marchetta	Emma Jennings
Pearl River Community College	AJ Hansen	Chloe Ezell
Southwest Mississippi Community College	Cohen Bonner	Allie Ladnier

The Institutions of Higher Learning staff met with the Halbrook family to discuss implementing enhancements for the David M. Halbrook Award to ensure the goal of fairness to all participating institutions, but also to keep their father's intent at the forefront. At the request of the family, the application was enhanced to ensure each institution had an opportunity to compete for the David M. Halbrook Award.

Beginning Fall 2023-24, six David M. Halbrook traveling trophies were awarded to the public universities, private colleges/universities, and community colleges with the highest percentage of academic achievements among athletes for the men's and women's divisions.