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All six Wilson County high schools will be represented as will an athlete from Cumberland University and Trousdale County High School.

“This is a tremendous honor for these young men,” said Middle Tennessee NFF board member Wes Elrod.

“Each high school student-athlete will receive a $500 college scholarship and will be eligible for the Admiral William P. Lawrence Award”

The top university football scholar-athlete will be eligible for the C.R. Bickerstaff / Coach Bill Pace Award.

“We will also be recognizing outstanding community leaders and great Americans by awarding the Fred Russell Distinguished American Award and the Roy Kramer Contribution to Football Award,” Coach Elrod said.

Local honorees include: Jonathan Harrison of Watertown High, Trey Walker of Friendship Christian Schoo, Ross Strong of Wilson Central, Spenser Johnson of Mt. Juliet, Joseph Austin Dillon of Trousdale County High and Keenan Dye of Lebanon High.

Cumberland University’s Jared Fugate is the collegiate student-athlete nominee from Wilson County.Ironically, Fugate was an NFF student-athlete scholarship winner following his senior

year of high school at Brentwood High School.

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