

# Bassmaster announces 12 new members of the 2024 Bassmaster High School All-American Team

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Twelve of the top high school anglers in the country have been selected as new members of the prestigious Bassmaster High School All-American Fishing Team. “Over the past 10 years, the Bassmaster High School All-American program has spotlighted some of the hardest working and most successful student anglers in the country,” said Chase Anderson, B.A.S.S. CEO. “Since the inception of this program, we have seen former All-Americans go on to qualify for the Bassmaster Elite Series, excel in the Bassmaster Opens, take the Bassmaster College Series by storm and even compete in the Super Bowl of Bass Fishing, the famed Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Classic presented by Under Armour. I have no doubt that the 12 outstanding anglers selected for 2024 All-American honors will follow suit and continue to make a wonderful impact in the fishing community.”

Nearly 300 applications nominating students in grades 10-12 were submitted from 31 states across the nation. Of these, 45 students were chosen as Bassmaster All-State Anglers. After considering tournament resumes, conservation efforts, community service activities and recommendations from school officials and coaches, a panel of judges consisting of representatives from the sportfishing industry, media and conservation groups further narrowed the field to the Top 12 high school anglers in the country.

“Congratulations to this outstanding group of student athletes,” said Mandy Pascal, Managing Editor of B.A.S.S. Publications and Director of the Bassmaster High School All-American program. “I have had the pleasure of watching this program grow over the past 10 years, and I am continuously blown away by the passion, drive and talent each of these student anglers possess. It has been such a joy getting to see them excel at the collegiate level and beyond after receiving this honor, and I



could not be prouder of each angler.” The 2024 All-American team has been invited to the 2025 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Classic presented by Under Armour, which will be held March 21-23 in Fort Worth, Texas. Each All-American angler will be honored on the biggest stage in bass fishing and have the chance to meet and interact with some of the greatest names in the sport.

Congratulations to the following student anglers for being named to the 2024 Bassmaster High School All-American Fishing Team. Following are short biographies of the 2024 team members.

**Carsen Adcock, Haughton, La.** A junior at Haughton High School, Carsen Adcock earned four wins from spring of 2023 through 2024. Notably Adcock beat a field of 200 teams to win the 2023 Bassmaster High School Series event held on the Red River, and in March of this year he won the North Louisiana High School B.A.S.S. Nation

event on Toledo Bend, again defeating over 200 teams to place first. Later in the month, he won the Bassmaster High School Classic on Keystone Lake. Alongside his wins, Adcock has amassed five Top 5 finishes, including second place at the MLF/TBF High School World Finals out of a field of 390-plus teams and a third-place finish at the MLF/TBF High School National Championship out of a field of over 250 teams.

“Carsen is well-balanced and excels at all he does,” says Sarah Thrash, guidance counselor at Haughton High School. “He goes above and beyond expectations while exhibiting the most positive attitude.”

**Elijah Coleman, Mount Sterling, Ky.** Montgomery County High School senior Elijah Coleman amassed an impressive three wins from 2023 to 2024, including beating out a field of over 435 boats at the 2024 15th Annual High School Fishing World Finals and National Champion-

ship. He earned an additional six Top 5 finishes, including fourth place at the 2024 Bassmaster High School Series event at Clarks Hill Reservoir out of a field of 200-plus boats, and also bagged five Top 20 finishes, placing 12th out of a 200-plus-boat field at the 2024 Bassmaster High School Series event at Douglas Lake. Coleman qualified for the Kentucky B.A.S.S. Nation State Tournament in 2023 and 2024 and is a three-time Kentucky High School Athletic Association Regional Tournament qualifier, as well as a Bassmaster High School National Championship qualifier.

“Elijah is always competing, always striving to get better and is a great representation of what hard work, dedication and determination can get you,” says Seth Sparks, an English teacher at Montgomery County High School English. “Elijah loves his community and wants to see his community thrive. Not only does he want to see it thrive, he wants to be one of the contributing fac-

tors to its success.”

**Max Flatten, Watertown, S.D.** Watertown High School senior Max Flatten has three impressive wins spanning 2023 to 2024, including winning the South Dakota TBF High School State Championship in back-to-back years as well as winning the 2024 South Dakota Bassmaster High School State Championship on Lake Sharpe. Flatten has an additional win on the Glacial Lakes Extreme Team Trail as well as eight wins through the Kapeska Bass League. He qualified for the 2023 High School Bass Fishing World Finals and, in the past, has captured wins at the South Dakota TBF High School State Championship and the South Dakota TBF Junior State Championship. “Max’s love for the outdoors is very apparent,” said Nathan Clark, teacher at Watertown High School. “He is a growing sportsman who has sacrificed countless hours in preparation as successful outdoorsmen do. He puts in early mornings, late

nights and long drives across the United States. Living in a region of the U.S. dominated by walleye angling, Max stands out as a competitive bass angler.”

**Rylan Hamlin, Jackson, Mich.** Rylan Hamlin, a senior on the Jackson Bass Fishing Team, has an astounding 24 wins spanning 2023 to 2024, including multiple wins on the B.A.S.S. High School Team Trail and, notably, the 2024 Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation High School State Championship on Sault Ste. Marie this past August. In addition to his gamut of wins, Hamlin has earned 17 Top 5 finishes, including a second-place finish at the 2024 Bassmaster High School National Championship on Chickamauga Lake out of a field over 270 teams, as well as 5 Top 20 finishes, with a sixth-place finish at the MLF/TBF National Finals and a 10th-place finish at the MLF/TBF World Finals, with both events having a field size of nearly 400 teams.

“Rylan’s fishing resume almost doesn’t look believable,” said Brady Cook, superintendent at the Michigan Center School District. “I come from a fishing family, and I know how hard it is to consistently be successful. Rylan seems to excel no matter where he drops a line, and no matter who he is fishing with. He is a model of hard work, high character, determination, ingenuity and grit.”

**Kyle Herrman, Topeka, Kan.** Jefferson West High School senior Kyle Herrman earned a notable four wins from 2023 to 2024, including first place in the 2023 World Fishing Tour High School Event and the 2023 Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation High School Qualifier 1 online event, as well as wins across two other Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation High School Qualifiers. He captured one Top 5 finish at the 2024 Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation High School State Championship at Cedar Bluff Reservoir alongside three additional Top 10 finishes. For the past three years Herrman and his partner have qualified for the Bassmaster High School National Championship and have

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# Coach Trena Prater announces six additions for 2025 signing class to build a Tiger ‘championship culture’

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Head Coach **Trena Prater** announces her first signing day class at Memphis of six players. The announcement was made on November 14.

“I’m very excited to announce my first Memphis recruiting class,” Prater said. “These six young ladies will come in and instantly help us continue to build a championship culture.”

**Avery Stutts | Freshman | Pitcher/1st Base/3rd Base | Laurinburg High School | Laurinburg, N.C.**

Stutts joins the Tigers as a three-time conference champion at Laurinburg. She also is a three-time All-Conference selection. In 2024, Stutts was named to the All-District and All-State Teams, while also earning Conference



Pitcher of the Year and 3A All-District Player of the Year.

**Gali Nelson | Freshman | Pitcher/1st Base | Chamblee High School | Atlanta, Ga.**

Nelson comes to Memphis after being a four-time 1st Team All-Region selection, as well as winning three region championships. Nelson also was Region Pitcher of the Year and Co-Player of the Year in 2022, as well as Defensive Player of the Year in 2023. Nelson also was selected to the 19U Israel National Team and competed in the

Canada Cup.

**Brylee Butts | Freshman | Infielder/Utility | Caldwell County High School | Princeton, Ky.**

A three-sport letterwinner at Caldwell County, Butts joins the Tigers in the class of 2025. She was a three-time All-District and All-Region selection in softball, also earning both of those honors twice in volleyball. She holds the Caldwell County High School record for single season hits and runs scored.

**Taylor Caton | Freshman | Pitcher/Utility | Jackson Preparatory School | Flowood, Miss.**

Caton moves north to Memphis after a stellar high school athletic career, earning 23 letters across

eight sports played. She was a six-time state champion across track, swimming and basketball. Caton was also a member of the Team Canada U18 softball team, winning gold in 2023. In Softball at Jackson Prep, Caton was a two-time 6A Player of the Year, six-time All-Conference selection and a four-time All-MAIS team member.

Caton also was a three-time 6A state champion in discus and a two-time state champion swimmer in the 50M Freestyle and medley relays.

**Jaila Mitchell | Freshman | Infielder/Utility | Land O’ Lakes High School | Wesley Chapel, Fla.**

Mitchell comes to Memphis after successful international and high school careers. She was chosen to represent the United States in 2022 on the 16U Junior World National Team, along with winning the 18U Puerto Rico Fastpitch Cup. Additionally, Mitchell was a four-year letterwinner in softball, earning a Regional Championship in 2022 and being named a FACA All-Academic selection and NFCA All-American Scholar Athlete. In 2023, she was also named SAC All-Conference and FACA All-State.

**Kylie Waldrep | Sophomore |**

**Outfielder/Utility | Dyersburg State Community College | Lexington, Tenn.**

Waldrep joins the Tigers and reunites with former Dyersburg State teammate, Shelby Durbin. Waldrep played in 50 of the Eagles’ 54 games as a freshman. She carried a .312 average with a .494/.600/1.094 slash line. Waldrep recorded 27 RBI and led the team in walks (31) and stolen bases (16).

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