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Dixie Boys Baseball Inc. has grown from a humble beginning in 1957 to twenty-five thousand plus participants. This publication is intended to provide “hits and highlights” from the 2016 season, as well as offer useful information for the 2017 season.

Dixie Boys Baseball was primarily developed as a program for boys (13-14). It was recognized that youth graduating from other baseball programs needed to be able to continue to participate in supervised programs and especially have the opportunity to compete with boys of their own age and skill level. To enhance the experience, a medium-sized diamond was established for this age group and, with only minor modifications, this program still exists today.

The program was expanded to accommodate players ages 13-19. The Boys division is now comprised of 13-14 year old players with tournament play for Junior Boys (age 13) and Dixie Boys (ages 13-14). The Majors division includes: players ages 15-19 with an intermediate division for 15-16-17 year olds named Pre-Majors. A 15U division was established in 2013 and included a World Series in 2016. Our desire is to increase opportunities for all participants.

A National Board of Directors meets biennially and provides constitutional governance. Dedicated volunteer service has been provided since the inception of the program. The organization’s worthy mission is accomplished by a hard-working volunteer Board that shares a mutual goal.

The 2017 season will embrace the sixty year history of the organization. Leagues form, organizational meetings are held, and, most importantly, the sound of “Play Ball” is heard throughout an eleven state region. Local leadership and committed volunteers at the District, State and National level allows the program to thrive.

Dixie Boys World Series division events (Juniors and Boys) will be held in Bluffton, South Carolina. The Pre-Majors event will be held in Guntersville, Alabama, while Monroe, Louisiana will serve as the host for the Dixie Majors World Series. Local league play is the primary focus of the program; however World Series participants enjoy the rewarding experience of competing at the highest level. This publication highlights the 2016 World Series Champions, former winners, as well as records that date back to the start of championship play in 1963.

We invite you to join us in providing a rewarding experience for our participants. Space limitations would not allow for all aspects of the program to be highlighted in this edition. The Dixie Boys website can be accessed for additional information at [www.dixie.org/boys](http://www.dixie.org/boys).

## DIXIE NATIONAL UMPIRE PROGRAM

The National Umpire certification program created in 1995 has greatly improved the overall quality of umpiring. National Federation of High School playing rules are used in most instances with a few exceptions as found in the Dixie Boys/Majors Rule Book. Umpires are tested on knowledge of the game and based on experience and the recommendation of Dixie officials, a good number that start with local programs advance to various levels of tournament play. The primary emphasis of any umpire program should be to provide quality umpiring at the local level. Umpires also have the unique opportunity to showcase skills at district, state and World Series tournaments.

Becoming an umpire in a Dixie Boys/Majors program is really simple. Contact should be made with an umpire association or the league in the local area. Each local league has complete autonomy in choosing officials that will work their program. Dixie Baseball supports the local program by providing a District & State Umpire in Chief. The Umpire in Chief conducts clinics, provides certification materials and administers the state program. Successful completion of the certification programs allows an umpire to become registered with Dixie Boys Baseball.

### ONLINE UMPIRE REGISTRATION AND TESTING ADDED AS A SERVICE TO OUR UMPIRES

Beginning with the 2016 season, Dixie Boys Baseball has provided for all registration, payments and testing to be completed online. All Dixie Boys registered umpires will have access to PowerPoint training, rules, mechanics manuals and more. Umpires will be directed to a registration site where they will pay the registration fees. They will then receive an email directing them to a "Members Site" to complete their clinic and online testing. This innovative new process will make registration easier and more readily available, especially to umpires in more rural areas.

Anyone interested in further information regarding the umpire program can contact a State Umpire in Chief. A current listing of representatives from each state are found at the Dixie Boys website at [www.dixie.org/boys](http://www.dixie.org/boys).

The National Umpire in Chief can be contacted for more details:

**Bruce Mathews, National Umpire in Chief**

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Troy, Alabama 36081  
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## 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2017 STATE MEETING DATES

January	21	GA	Barnesville Civic Center – Barnesville
January	21	NC	Hampton Inn & Suites – Southern Pines
January	28	FL	Holiday Inn – Lake City
January	28	MS	LaQuinta Inn – Hattiesburg
January	28	AL	Embassy Suites – Montgomery
January	29	TX	The Reserve – Longview
February	4	SC	Seven Oaks Park – Irmo
February	11	AR	TBA – Texarkana
February	11	LA	Kees Community Center – Pineville
February	11	VA	Kirkley Hotel/Conference Center – Lynchburg
February	18	TN	Montgomery Bell State Park – Burns

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 15	League Materials to State Directors
April 1	Scholarship Applications Due
May 15	Franchise Renewals Due
May 19-May 21	Jr. Dixie Boys & Boys Invitational Tournament
June 2-June 4	Dixie Future Stars – Tournament Trail Events
June 9-June 11	Alabama State Games – Ozark, AL
June 15	Absolute Last Date for Renewals – Penalty
July 20-July 23	15U World Series – Independence, Louisiana
July 29-August 2	Dixie Pre-Majors World Series – Guntersville, AL
July 29-August 2	Dixie Majors World Series – Monroe, LA
August 5-August 9	Dixie Junior Boys World Series – Bluffton, SC
August 5-August 9	Dixie Boys World Series – Bluffton, SC



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### HATTIESBURG, MS - 2016 JUNIOR DIXIE BOYS WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS

**Front Row** (L to R) Luke Hicks, Camron Lott, Jermel Ford, Nicholson Vance, Sam Quinn, Rad Patterson  
**Back Row** (L to R) Coach Jerry Johnson, Coach Chris Holloway, Zach Little, Blake Polk, Coco Lee, Wes Walters, Cade Mattison, Dalton Tanner, Josh Jones, Coach Drew Mattison, Manager Myron Lott

## 2016 JUNIOR DIXIE BOYS WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS HATTIESBURG, MS

TEAM	R	H	E	TEAM	R	H	E
<b>GAME 1</b> Hattiesburg, MS Enterprise, AL	16	11	0	<b>GAME 12</b> Pineville, LA (Host) Halls, TN	16	13	2
<b>GAME 2</b> Hope Mills, NC Panola County, TX	15	14	0	<b>GAME 13</b> (*10 innings*) Midland, SC Hope Mills, NC	9	11	3
<b>GAME 3</b> Midland, SC S. Sumpter County, FL	10	14	0	<b>GAME 14</b> Newton County, GA Sevier County, AR	14	13	2
<b>GAME 4</b> Bossier City, LA Newton County, GA	9	16	0	<b>GAME 15</b> Enterprise, AL Halls, TN	12	8	0
<b>GAME 5</b> Halls, TN Bedford Metro, VA	10	13	1	<b>GAME 16</b> Hattiesburg, MS Bossier City, LA	11	14	0
<b>GAME 6</b> Pineville, LA (Host) Sevier County, AR	16	11	0	<b>GAME 17</b> Newton County, GA Midland, SC	9	6	3
<b>GAME 7</b> Enterprise, AL Panola County, TX	24	14	0	<b>GAME 18</b> Enterprise, AL Bossier City, LA	3	7	0
<b>GAME 8</b> Newton County, GA S. Sumpter County, FL	10	8	6	<b>GAME 19</b> Hattiesburg, MS Pineville, LA (Host)	10	12	1
<b>GAME 9</b> (*9 innings*) Sevier County, AR Bedford Metro, VA	12	14	3	<b>GAME 20</b> Pineville, LA (Host) Newton County, GA	7	9	1
<b>GAME 10</b> Hattiesburg, MS Hope Mills, NC	15	16	6	<b>GAME 21</b> Hattiesburg, MS Enterprise, AL	6	5	2
<b>GAME 11</b> Bossier City, LA Midland, SC	14	19	1	<b>GAME 22</b> Hattiesburg, MS Pineville, LA (Host)	18	17	1
	13	13	1		1	1	2



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**WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS**

**BOSSIER CITY, LA - 2016 DIXIE BOYS WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS**

(L to R) Coach Aaron Vorachek, Jaxon Clark, Bryson Connell, Trace Vorachek, Hayden Lope, Peyton Lewis, Will Tynes, Gavin Roe, Christopher Luttermann, Kade Garmany, Manager Jerry Luttermann, Coach Joe Tynes

**2016 DIXIE BOYS  
WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS  
BOSSIER CITY, LA**

TEAM	R	H	E	TEAM	R	H	E
<b>GAME 1</b>				<b>GAME 13</b>			
Spring Hill, FL	4	6	0	Dallas, NC	7	10	1
Selma, AL	0	3	4	Henderson, TX	6	7	1
<b>GAME 2</b>				<b>GAME 14</b>			
Dallas, NC	6	10	1	Pineville, LA (Host)	7	7	2
Hampton, SC	3	3	1	Appomattox County, VA	3	4	2
<b>GAME 3</b>				<b>GAME 15</b>			
Columbia County, GA	17	12	0	Selma, AL	14	9	3
Hattiesburg, MS	0	0	3	Sevier County, AR	13	14	3
<b>GAME 4</b>				<b>GAME 16</b>			
Henderson, TX	9	5	2	Spring Hill, FL	11	9	1
Appomattox County, VA	0	5	4	Columbia County, GA	6	9	1
<b>GAME 5</b>				<b>GAME 17</b>			
Sevier County, AR	8	5	1	Pineville, LA (Host)	8	5	0
Dyersburg, TN	5	3	2	Dallas, NC	1	2	1
<b>GAME 6</b>				<b>GAME 18</b>			
Bossier City, LA	4	4	1	Columbia County, GA	12	11	1
Pineville, LA (Host)	1	4	1	Selma, AL	2	2	2
<b>GAME 7</b>				<b>GAME 19</b>			
Selma, AL	10	11	2	Bossier City, LA	15	15	4
Hampton, SC	5	8	2	Spring Hill, FL	10	12	2
<b>GAME 8</b>				<b>GAME 20</b>			
Appomattox County, VA	20	12	2	Spring Hill, FL	10	6	2
Hattiesburg, MS	5	7	3	Pineville, LA (Host)	5	6	3
<b>GAME 9</b>				<b>GAME 21</b>			
Pineville, LA (Host)	14	8	2	Columbia County, GA	11	10	1
Dyersburg, TN	4	5	3	Bossier City, LA	1	1	1
<b>GAME 10</b>				<b>GAME 22</b>			
Spring Hill, FL	7	9	0	Bossier City, LA	5	6	1
Dallas, NC	0	5	1	Columbia County, GA	4	4	2
<b>GAME 11</b>				<b>GAME 23</b>			
Columbia County, GA	4	6	2	Bossier City, LA	7	6	1
Henderson, TX	2	3	2	Spring Hill, FL	6	6	2
<b>GAME 12</b>							
Bossier City, LA	13	10	1				
Sevier County, AR	3	4	3				



**SPORTSMANSHIP WINNER  
SELMA, AL  
JIM THORNTON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**



## JUNIOR DIXIE BOYS WORLD SERIES WINNERS

1996—Philadelphia, MS	2007—Sumter, SC
1997—Gonzales, LA	2008—Montgomery, AL (AUM)
1998—St. Charles Parish, LA	2009—Troy, AL
1999—Dothan, AL	2010—Surfside Beach, SC
2000—St. Charles Parish, LA	2011—Monroe, LA
2001—Columbus County, NC	2012—Sumter, SC
2002—Longview, TX	2013—Hattiesburg, MS
2003—Opelika, AL	2014—Bossier City, LA
2004—Troy, AL	2015—Spring Hill, FL
2005—Texarkana, AR	2016—Hattiesburg, MS
2006—Southport, FL	

## DIXIE BOYS WORLD SERIES WINNERS

1963—Myrtle Grove, FL	1990—South Gwinnett, GA
1964—Myrtle Grove, FL	1991—Troy, AL
1965—Bossier City, LA	1992—Columbia County, GA
1966—Pascagoula, MS	1993—Bossier City, LA
1967—North Augusta, SC	1994—Texarkana American, TX
1968—West Monroe, LA	1995—Valdosta Boys Club, GA
1969—Hueytown, AL	1996—Valdosta Boys Club, GA
1970—Meridian, MS	1997—Hartsville, SC
1971—Texarkana, TX	1998—Columbia County, GA
1972—Selma, AL	1999—Valdosta Boys Club, GA
1973—Pascagoula, MS	2000—Henderson, TX
1974—Hattiesburg, MS	2001—Phenix City, AL
1975—Fort Oglethorpe, GA	2002—Columbia County, GA
1976—St. Bernard Parish, LA	2003—Columbia County, GA
1977—Alexandria, LA	2004—Hartsville, SC
1978—Hoover, AL	2005—St. Andrews, SC
1979—Hoover, AL	2006—Sumter, SC
1980—Lufkin, TX	2007—Union, SC
1981—Hartsville, SC	2008—Sumter, SC
1982—Hattiesburg, MS	2009—Montgomery, AL (AUM)
1983—Brent, FL	2010—Laurel-Jones County, MS
1984—Hattiesburg, MS	2011—Brunswick County, NC
1985—Bossier City, LA	2012—West Georgia
1986—Texarkana, AR	2013—Hattiesburg, MS
1987—Montgomery, AL (AUM)	2014—Hattiesburg, MS
1988—Alexandria, LA	2015—Dallas, NC
1989—Texarkana, AR	2016—Bossier City, LA

## 15U DIVISION WORLD SERIES WINNERS

2016—Wiregrass Cardinals, AL

## JUNIOR DIXIE BOYS WORLD SERIES RECORDS

### SINGLE GAME RECORDS

**MOST HITS:** (5) David Rouse, Troy, AL, 2004; David Trexler, Southport, FL, 2004.

**MOST HOME RUNS:** (3) Jimmy Peck, Sebring, FL, 2012.

**MOST THREE-BASE HITS:** (1, four different games) Carson Minton, Decatur, AL, 2004.

**MOST GRAND SLAMS:** (1) Chance Evans, LA, 1998; Kirkland Rivers, TX, 1999; Eddie Cassidy, FL, 2001; Chad Pearson, Southport, FL, 2004; Matthew Brooks, TN, 2006; Jimmy Peck, FL, 2012; Daniel Simmons, FL, 2012; Seth Canady, FL, 2012; Nick Parker, TX, 2012; Jathan Patton, Bossier City, LA (Host), 2014; Wesley Walters, MS, 2016.

**MOST STRIKEOUTS BY PITCHER:** (15) Evan Dorr, N. Augusta, SC, 2004 (6 innings)

**MOST RUNS BY A TEAM:** (27) Sumter, SC, 2012.

**MOST HOME RUNS BY A TEAM IN ONE GAME:** (3) Dothan, AL, 1999; Valdosta Boys Club, GA, 2002; Sebring, FL, 2012.

### SERIES RECORDS

**MOST HOME RUNS:** (4) Michael Clayton, Valdosta, GA, 2002.

**MOST HOME RUNS BY A TEAM:** (9) Sebring, FL, 2012.

**MOST RUNS BY TWO TEAMS:** (32) St. Charles Parish, LA and Maplewood, LA, 2001.

**TOTAL HOME RUNS ALL TEAMS:** (27) Christiansburg, VA, (Host) 2012.

**MOST GAMES WON BY PITCHER:** (3) Franklin Patrick, Philadelphia, MS, 1996; Brent Brignae, LA, 2001; Chris Love, Dentsville, SC, Zane Hendon, Longview, TX, 2002; McLendon Sears, Sumter, SC, 2012.

**NO HIT GAMES:** McLendon Sears, Sumter, SC, 2012.

**MOST SERIES WON BY A LEAGUE:** (2) St. Charles Parish, LA, 1998, 2000; Troy, AL, 2004, 2009; Sumter, SC, 2007, 2012; Hattiesburg, MS, 2013, 2016.

## DIXIE BOYS WORLD SERIES RECORDS

### SINGLE GAME RECORDS

**MOST HITS:** (5) Brad Turberville, Columbus County, NC, 1994.

**MOST TRIPLES IN A GAME:** (2) Kris Strickland, Columbus County, NC, 1999; Jaylin Adkins, Marion County, MS, 2011.

**MOST HOME RUNS:** (3) Tarous Rice, Decatur, AL, 1981; Heath Umbach, Auburn, AL, 1986; Jake Wood, FL, 1995; Dan Tankersley, Dothan, AL, 1999; Sam Dieter, Lee County, GA, 2000; McLendon Sears, Sumter, SC, 2013.

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WINNER: "KEITH BREWER" AWARD

**POLK CITY, FL - 2016 DIXIE PRE-MAJORS WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS**

**Front Row** (L to R) Orlando Pena Jr., Nick Pena, Dalton Gantt, Jan Martinez, Manny Torres, Teddy Flynn, Carlos Torres Jr.

**Back Row** (L to R) Coach Mike Gantt, Carlos Torres, Cody Daniels, Peyton Whitehead, Rafael Reyes Jr., Jarred Hansel, Antonio Mendez, Michah Saladrigas, DJ Irvis, Coach Mike Daniels, Coach Mike Saladrigas

**2016 DIXIE PRE-MAJORS  
WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS  
POLK CITY, FL**

TEAM	R	H	E	TEAM	R	H	E
<b>GAME 1</b>				<b>GAME 12</b>			
Polk City, FL	9	7	1	Ozark, AL	11	11	0
Petal, MS	0	4	6	Guntersville, AL (Host)	3	5	0
<b>GAME 2</b>				<b>GAME 13</b>			
Dyer County, TN	9	10	1	Dyer County, TN	20	13	4
Monroe, LA	8	6	2	Duplin County, NC	14	16	5
<b>GAME 3 (*No Hitter*)</b>				<b>GAME 14</b>			
Duplin County, NC	10	9	0	North Charleston, SC	16	17	2
Madison Heights, VA	0	0	3	Paris, TX	7	8	4
<b>GAME 4</b>				<b>GAME 15</b>			
Seabrook-Pine Bluff, AR	3	4	1	Guntersville, AL (Host)	5	8	0
Paris, TX	2	7	1	Monroe, LA	0	4	1
<b>GAME 5</b>				<b>GAME 16</b>			
Ozark, AL	14	13	2	Polk City, FL	3	5	1
Putnam County, GA	4	3	1	Seabrook-Pine Bluff, AR	1	6	0
<b>GAME 6</b>				<b>GAME 17</b>			
Guntersville, AL (Host)	9	10	1	Dyer County, TN	6	7	1
North Charleston, SC	5	2	0	North Charleston, SC	5	9	1
<b>GAME 7</b>				<b>GAME 18</b>			
Monroe, LA	10	15	2	Guntersville, AL (Host)	1	8	1
Petal, MS	9	12	1	Seabrook-Pine Bluff, AR	0	2	0
<b>GAME 8</b>				<b>GAME 19</b>			
Paris, TX	6	7	2	Polk City, FL	13	13	2
Madison Heights, VA	4	5	2	Ozark, AL	5	9	0
<b>GAME 9</b>				<b>GAME 20</b>			
North Charleston, SC	7	7	3	Dyer County, TN	16	10	1
Putnam County, GA	5	7	4	Ozark, AL	6	12	5
<b>GAME 10</b>				<b>GAME 21</b>			
Polk City, FL	5	7	0	Polk City, FL	11	13	1
Dyer County, TN	4	8	2	Guntersville, AL (Host)	7	10	1
<b>GAME 11</b>				<b>GAME 22</b>			
Seabrook-Pine Bluff, AR	10	7	1	Polk City, FL	5	5	2
Duplin County, NC	4	8	3	Dyer County, TN	4	5	1



**SPORTSMANSHIP WINNER  
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC  
BILL MOORE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**





### NORTH CHARLESTON, SC - 2016 DIXIE MAJORS WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS

**Front Row** (L to R) Barrett Walton, Ethan Struthers, Asher Smith, Justin Walker, Jack Delongchamps, Aaron Miller, Coach Justin Maner  
**Back Row** (L to R) Coach Malik Grant, Chris Hitchman, Eddie Hiott, Mikey White, Jordan Merritt, Bryce Jonason, Hunter Grover, Kyle Watkins, Bo Harrell, Gabe Austin, Morgan Melendez, Josh Litchfield, Jamison Mobbs, Coach Kenny Wilkinson, Coach Brad Woods, Cody Gailey

## 2016 DIXIE MAJORS WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS NORTH CHARLESTON, SC

TEAM	R	H	E	TEAM	R	H	E
<b>GAME 1</b> Camden County, AR	11	10	1	<b>GAME 12</b> Monroe, LA	5	5	2
Halifax County, VA	1	6	1	Taylor-Rehobeth, AL	3	4	5
<b>GAME 2</b> North Charleston, SC	5	7	0	<b>GAME 13</b> Polk City, FL	9	7	2
Mr. Pleasant, TN	0	1	0	Camden County, AR	3	8	1
<b>GAME 3</b> Laurel-Jones, MS	10	10	2	<b>GAME 14</b> Ozark, AL (Host)	20	19	2
Marshall, TX	2	6	4	Columbia County, GA	9	8	1
<b>GAME 4</b> Polk City, FL	4	5	3	<b>GAME 15</b> Taylor-Rehobeth, AL	11	11	1
Columbia County, GA	3	3	1	Halifax County, VA	4	7	2
<b>GAME 5</b> Taylor-Rehobeth, AL	2	5	1	<b>GAME 16</b> North Charleston, SC	8	8	0
Fayetteville, NC	1	6	1	Laurel-Jones, MS	2	5	2
<b>GAME 6</b> Monroe, LA	4	5	0	<b>GAME 17</b> Ozark, AL (Host)	6	9	0
Ozark, AL (Host)	2	2	1	Polk City, FL	2	4	0
<b>GAME 7</b> Halifax County, VA	7	10	1	<b>GAME 18</b> Laurel-Jones, MS	9	7	1
Mr. Pleasant, TN	4	10	0	Taylor-Rehobeth, AL	5	10	1
<b>GAME 8</b> Columbia County, GA	11	11	0	<b>GAME 19</b> North Charleston, SC	11	12	1
Marshall, TX	1	1	1	Monroe, LA	5	6	6
<b>GAME 9</b> Ozark, AL (Host)	7	13	4	<b>GAME 20</b> Ozark, AL (Host)	8	9	2
Fayetteville, NC	3	5	2	Monroe, LA	4	3	6
<b>GAME 10</b> North Charleston, SC	13	15	0	<b>GAME 21</b> North Charleston, SC	10	8	1
Camden County, AR	1	5	0	Laurel-Jones, MS	0	3	1
<b>GAME 11</b> Laurel-Jones, MS	3	7	0	<b>GAME 22</b> North Charleston, SC	6	9	1
Polk City, FL	2	4	1	Ozark, AL (Host)	0	1	2



**SPORTSMANSHIP WINNER**  
**MT. PLEASANT, TN**  
**BRYANT WATSON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**



## DIXIE PRE-MAJORS WORLD SERIES WINNERS

1979—Madison Heights, VA  
1980—Nacogdoches, TX  
1981—Alexandria, LA  
1982—Lufkin, TX  
1983—Lufkin, TX  
1984—Phenix City, AL  
1985—Hueytown, AL  
1986—Hattiesburg, MS  
1987—Phenix City, AL  
1988—AUM, Montgomery, AL  
1989—Baton Rouge, LA  
1990—Angelina County, TX  
1991—East Pensacola, FL  
1992—Baton Rouge, LA  
1993—Meridian, MS  
1994—Columbia County, GA  
1995—Daphne, AL  
1996—AUM, Montgomery, AL  
1997—Valdosta Boys Club, GA

1998—Marion County, FL  
1999—Columbia County, GA  
2000—Columbia County, GA  
2001—Lakeland, FL  
2002—Laurel-Jones County, MS  
2003—Monroe, LA  
2004—Shelby/Tipton, TN  
2005—North Augusta, SC  
2006—AUM, Montgomery, AL  
2007—Laurel-Jones County, MS  
2008—Oak Grove, MS  
2009—Terrebonne Parish, LA  
2010—Auburn, AL  
2011—Westside, AL  
2012—Shelby County, TN  
2013—Shelby National, TN  
2014—Pine Belt, MS  
2015—North Charleston, SC  
2016—Polk City, FL

## DIXIE MAJORS WORLD SERIES WINNERS

1974—Montgomery Belser, AL  
1975—Montgomery Belser, AL  
1976—Monroe, LA  
1977—Lufkin, TX  
1978—Wildwood, FL  
1979—Montgomery Gray, AL  
1980—Laurel-Jones County, MS  
1981—Monroe, LA  
1982—Phenix City, AL  
1983—Hernando County, FL  
1984—Lufkin, TX  
1985—Lufkin, TX  
1986—Laurel-Jones County, MS  
1987—Avon Park, FL  
1988—Alexandria, LA  
1989—Phenix City, AL  
1990—AUM, Montgomery, AL  
1991—Columbia County, GA  
1992—West Florence, SC  
1993—Lufkin, TX  
1994—Columbia County, GA  
1995—Lake Charles, LA

1996—Columbia County, GA  
1997—AUM, Montgomery, AL  
1998—AUM, Montgomery, AL  
1999—Prattville, AL  
2000—Hernando County, FL  
2001—Meridian, MS  
2002—Monroe, LA (Host)  
2003—Monroe, LA  
2004—Polk County, FL  
2005—North Charleston, SC  
2006—North Charleston, SC  
2007—Columbus County, NC  
2008—Auburn, AL  
2009—North Charleston, SC  
2010—Polk County, FL  
2011—Paris, TX  
2012—Terrebonne Parish, LA  
2013—West Georgia  
2014—North Charleston, SC  
2015—North Charleston, SC  
2016—North Charleston, SC

## DIXIE PRE-MAJORS WORLD SERIES RECORDS

### SINGLE GAME RECORDS

**MOST HITS:** (5) Patrick Williams, Nacogdoches, TX, 1994; Jonathan Youngblood, Texarkana, AR, 1996; Hunter Cross, Thomasville, AL, 2006.

**MOST HOME RUNS:** (2) Mike Coleman, TN, 1979; Brent Miller, Phenix City, AL, 1987; Chad Alexander, Angelina County, TX, 1990; Jamie Brown, Meridian, MS, 1993; Drew Carson, Monroe, LA, 2000; Jordan Belcher, Columbia County, GA, 2000; Aaron Cone, Lakeland, FL, 2000; Matt Barrickman, Steel Belt, TX, 2000; Nick Wade, West Monroe, LA, 2004; Joseph Rollings, Central-Pageland, SC, 2013.

**MOST TWO-BASE HITS:** (Tied with 3 each) Steve Lamberth, TN, 1979; Eddie Rodriguez, Nacogdoches, TX, 1980; Adam Brown, South Gwinnett, GA, 1982; Tim Edge, GA, 1984; Dennis Veronese, Montgomery Gray, AL, 1985; Mark Thornhill, Columbia Co., GA, 1995; Hunter Cross, Thomasville, AL, 2006.

**MOST THREE-BASE HITS:** (2) Lenny Springs, Columbia Co., GA, 1986; Tim Lanier, LA, 1989; Michael Weldy, Hattiesburg, MS, 1990; Frank Cedeno, Hattiesburg, MS, 1990.

**MOST STRIKE OUTS BY PITCHER:** (17) Roy Lee Dix, VA, 1979.

**MOST RUNS BY A TEAM:** (21) LA, 1989.

**MOST RUNS BOTH TEAMS:** (34) TN and NC, 2016.

### SERIES RECORDS

**MOST HOME RUNS:** (5) Matt Barrickman, Steel Belt, TX, 2000.

**MOST GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS:** (1) Ronnie Bearden, AR, 1988; Therrance Chretien, LA, 1995; Scott Sabo, TX, 1995; Jimmy Grace, MS, 1995; Jason Jackson, AR, 1999; Clete Stewart, GA, 1999; Drew Carson, Monroe, LA, 2000; Jordan Belcher, Columbia County, GA, 2000; Matt Barrickman, Steel Belt, TX, 2000; Adam Dalby, Steel Belt, TX, 2000; Randy Thomas, AUM, AL, 2003; Nick Wade, West Monroe, LA, 2004; Zack Kruebbe, Carthage, TX, 2004; Cameron Horton, Bossier City, LA, 2012; Kyle Anderson, Columbia County, GA, 2012; Jamol Posey, Hattiesburg, MS, 2012.

**MOST HOME RUNS BY A TEAM:** (12) Steel Belt, TX, 2000.

**TOTAL HOME RUNS ALL TEAMS:** (47) Guntersville, AL, 2000.

**NO HIT GAMES:** Chris Nolley, GA, 1981; Ronald Rantz, Alexandria, LA, 1987; Lee Wood, Troup Co., GA, 1991; Matt Cavender, TX, 1999; Sam Walley & Taylor Keys (combined), Laurel-Jones County, MS, 2011; Chris Durham, Shelby National, TN, 2013; James Muse, Shelby National, TN, 2013; Ryan Haney, Duplin County, NC, 2016.

**MOST GAMES WON BY PITCHER:** (3) Mike Barnhill, SC, 1982; Frank McLendon, Hattiesburg, MS, 1986; Jeffrey Edmonds, Phenix City, AL, 1987; Rod Trimble, TX, 1988; David Clifton, Ocala, FL, 1997.

**MOST WORLD SERIES WON BY A LEAGUE:** (3) Lufkin, TX, 1982, 1983, 1990; Columbia County, GA, 1994, 1999, 2000; AUM, Montgomery, AL, 1988, 1996, 2006.

## DIXIE MAJORS WORLD SERIES RECORDS

### SINGLE GAME RECORDS

**MOST HITS:** (5) Robert Pearson, Prattville, AL, 1999; Nick Orvin, North Charleston, SC, 2009.

**MOST HOME RUNS:** (3) Fred Cooley, Laurel-Jones County, MS, 1985; Brad Huff, South Gwinnett, GA, 1987; Daniel Raymond, Monroe, LA, 2000; Perry Bowers, North Charleston, SC, 2005.

**MOST TWO-BASE HITS:** (4) Eddie Matthews, Lufkin, TX, 1983; Leon Stevens, Franklin, TN, 1983.

**MOST STRIKEOUTS BY A PITCHER:** (16) Mitch Thomas, Monroe, LA, 1981; Chris Cauley, TX, 1984; Adam Williams, (AUM) Montgomery, AL, 1997.

### SERIES RECORDS

**MOST HOME RUNS:** (4) Fred Cooley, Laurel-Jones County, MS, 1985; Brad Huff, So. Gwinnett, GA, 1987; Davey Thomas, (AUM) Montgomery, AL, 1998; Alex Presley, Monroe, LA, 2003; Perry Bowers, North Charleston, SC, 2005.

**MOST GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS:** (1) Bubba Brister, Monroe, LA, 1980; Bryan Hinds, AL, 1984; Darryl Smith, Alexandria, LA, 1985; Fred Cooley, Laurel-Jones County, MS, 1985; Thomas Wheelis, Laurel-Jones Co., MS, 1986; Matt Raxdale, Alexandria, LA, 1987; Greg Ballard, Phenix City, AL, 1991; Mark Hamlin, Columbia Co., GA, 1992; Dino Dakuras, GA, 1994; Shane Pangle, GA, 1994; Todd Culpepper, AUM, AL, 1998; Collin Holder, AUM, AL, 1998; Aubrey Blackwell, AUM, AL, 1999; Scott McLaughlin, AR, 1999; Jack Westbrook, Hernado County, FL, 2000; Blake Thompson, GA, 2001; Brett Holmes, Chester County, TN, 2003; Drew Tanner, Chester County, TN, 2003; Tyler Franklin, Chester County, TN, 2003; Alex Presley, Monroe, LA, 2003; Keith Carpenter, Polk County, FL, 2003; Brett Hoefflich, Petal, MS, 2003; Erik Morian, North Charleston, SC, 2005; Perry Bowers, North Charleston, SC, 2005.

**MOST HOME RUNS BY ONE TEAM:** (13) (AUM) Montgomery, AL, 1998.

**TOTAL HOME RUNS BY ALL TEAMS:** (45) Eules, TX, 2000.

**MOST GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS:** (6) ALL TEAMS; 2003.

**PERFECT GAME:** (1) Logan Carroll, Monroe (Host) 2004.

**NO HIT GAMES:** Jay Reeves, MS, 1978; Steve Breland, MS, 1978 (back-to-back); Gregory Mizelle, Bartow, FL, 1986; Ronnie McGill, Lynn Haven, FL, 1990; Mason Wooden & Trent Black (combined) Laurel-Jones County, MS, 2012.

**MOST GAMES WON BY A PITCHER:** (4) Brandon Mims, AL, 1999.

**MOST WORLD SERIES WON BY A LEAGUE:** (6) North Charleston, SC, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016.



### WIRESS CARDINALS, AL - 2016 DIXIE 15U WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS

**Front Row** (L to R) Coach Nate Robinson, Head Coach Sammy Frichter **Second Row** Coach Kaleb Shuman, Chip Morgan, Trott Sikes, Bat Boy Micheal Frichter, Parker Aultman, Cameron Williams, Henry Reeves, Alex Applefield **Third Row** Luke Smithart, Gil Morgan, Tee Hawkins, Jacari Richardson, Brock Huner, Drew Poland, Drew Johnson, Jonny Robinson **Back Row** Holden Green, Hunter Phillips, Jordan Coachman, Landon Johnson, Cole Odom, John David Hodge, David Krista, Jayce James **Not Pictured** Coach Kevin Owens

## THE BIRTH AND ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY OF DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL

Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc. was founded in 1957 at Alexandria, Louisiana. The Alexandria Youth Baseball Association was the charter member of an organization formed to attract the thirteen (13) year old player. All other programs in existence in 1957 required that participants age 13-15 be grouped together. The Incorporators recognized that grouping thirteen (13) year olds with youth age fifteen (15) and playing on a regulation size diamond was a hardship for most of the younger players. Furthermore, the creation of the program provided an opportunity for players to continue participation after completion of the younger age (12 & under) program.

The Incorporators established the Constitution and Bylaws as well as the Dixie Boys Rule Book. The original Constitution called for the election of officers. Further discussion directed the formation of additional programs within other southern states. The Constitution and Bylaws established by the founding fathers are very much intact today. The program's mission of providing a recreational outlet for as many young people as possible continues to be the emphasis and guiding principle of the Board of Directors of Dixie Boys Baseball.

Dixie Boys Baseball's charter members all resided in Alexandria, Louisiana. Twenty-three (23) charter members, along with the Executive Officers, conducted the business of the corporation at its inception. The program had a humble beginning with seven (7) leagues formed in the first year; all from Louisiana. For the first three years of the organization, Dixie Boys Baseball only existed in Louisiana. In 1960, Mississippi joined with Louisiana. In 1961, Alabama franchised and other states soon followed. From the early years to now, Dixie Boys Baseball has experienced much success. Today, Dixie Boys Baseball operates in eleven (11) southern states with 1000 teams and 325 Boys leagues. Over 15,000 players participated in the 13-14 yr. old program in 2016.



**ALGIE GREEN**

*Life Member*

*Founder of  
Mississippi Program  
Former President*

In 1973, the National Board of Directors of Dixie Boys approved a resolution that established an older program for boys fifteen (15) through seventeen (17) years of age. The program was named Dixie Majors Baseball, and it existed under the direction of the corporate officers. Each State elected representatives to govern the Majors program. In the years to follow, some minor modifications were made to encourage growth

of the Majors program. From its beginning in 1973 to today, the program has served the needs of our older youth participants. The 2016 numbers reflect 350 teams comprising 160 leagues or roughly 6,500 participants.

In 1975, a committee began work to establish an agreement with Dixie Youth Baseball (ages 12 & under). The National Board of Directors of Youth

and Boys Baseball approved the pact in 1976 with the umbrella organization being called Dixie Inc.

In 1978, the Dixie Majors Board of Directors approved a resolution adding eighteen (18) year olds to the program. Local leagues were given the option of creating a Pre-Majors program (15-16 year olds) or continuing to operate as a Majors program to include the eighteen (18) year olds. The Pre-Majors program sparked even greater interest in the older ages Dixie program. Tournament participation opportunities were expanded in 1979 with separate tournament play, including a Pre-Majors World Series.

The Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc. Scholarship program began in 1984 with a single \$500.00 award. The program has grown to eleven (11) \$1,250 awards. Each of the participating Dixie states has a scholarship recipient each year. A state committee representative reviews the applications and makes the tough decision as to the awarding of scholarships. Bernie Varnadore of South Carolina ably served as the Scholarship Committee Chair until his death following the 2006 season. In 2007, the Board of Directors unanimously approved naming the scholarship program: the Dixie Boys Baseball "Bernie Varnadore Scholarship program." Over a 1/4 million dollars has been provided in scholarship support.

In 1995, the opportunity for youth age thirteen to participate in tournament play as a 13 year old division of Dixie Boys was discussed. Regional tournaments were held as a pilot program and in 1996, the first 13 year old World Series was held. The 13 year old age group in later years was named Junior Dixie Boys. Also, a 1995 meeting resulted in the creation of the Dixie National Umpire program. In 2016, 800 umpires registered with the program.

The year 2000 led to the development of a Dixie Boys Director's training course. On the baseball diamond, the Dixie National team was crowned as the 2000 Tournament of Stars Champions in an event held in Cooperstown, New York. The working relationship with Major League Baseball, USA Baseball, and other youth organizations was greatly enhanced. The Commissioner was selected to serve on the USA Baseball Medical/Safety Committee and later elected as a member of the USA Baseball Executive Board of Directors.

The 2005 Biennial meeting resulted in a number of changes. The challenge for the 2006 season was the universal change to an April 30th age control date. Dixie Boys also added a rule change that allowed 19 years olds to participate in Dixie Majors Baseball. The Rulebook was designed for a two year printing and the Media Guide (now known as the Best of Dixie "Hits & Highlights") became a valuable tool for promoting the program.

2006 was a very special year for the Dixie Boys organization. Fifty years of program history was celebrated throughout the season. The opportunity to visit the birthplace of Dixie Boys Baseball was provided by a local organizing committee. A Dixie Boys 50th Anniversary Celebration was held September 9th, 2006 in Alexandria. Of special significance, the program founder and three charter members were in attendance at the celebration.

Policy and rule changes were approved as part of the 2007 Board meeting. Out of concern for the safety and welfare of the participant, Dixie

Boys Baseball implemented a rule change that established a “pitch count” to determine pitcher eligibility as opposed to the long standing “innings pitched” rules. The Dixie Future Stars event, the creation of the Alumni program, and expanded program partnerships all proved to be significant accomplishments.

The 2008 year was a banner year for Dixie Boys Baseball. The Dixie National team captured the Gold Medal at the USA Baseball Tournament of Stars Event held in Cary, NC. Contributions to the Alumni program more than tripled from the inaugural 2007 year.

The Board of Directors attended a biennial meeting in 2009. Task Force committees were organized to review player age groupings, program expansion, and minimum bid requirements for a Host. The changes led to an outstanding 2010 season.

The 2011 biennial meeting resulted in many changes for the organization. World Series host fees were amended to absorb some of the cost to the organization and the host communities. Dixie Future Stars events were held for all four age groups. A Hall of Fame was created to honor those with outstanding contributions to the program. The Class of 2011 appropriately included only one member, program founder, Bubba Brasher.

No year in the history of the organization was filled with more tough decisions than in 2012. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the relocation of the National Office to Dothan, Alabama. On January 1, 2012, the office was opened. The Dixie National team garnered the program international recognition, as seven members of the Dixie National team were selected to represent USA Baseball in Seoul, South Korea. The trip was very rewarding, as USA Baseball won the Gold Medal and was crowned as the 18U World Champions. The victorious USA team also included the tournament’s most valuable player, a long time Dixie program participant.

The 15U division, added in 2013, was well received. In the inaugural year, 80 teams representing 36 leagues franchised. Two regional tournaments were held with deserving champions crowned. The year also took on added special meaning as Hall of Fame members were recognized, along with the organization’s newest Life Member.

2014 was a very good year for the organization. The 15U division expanded with 111 teams representing 51 franchised teams participating in Dixie play. Eight very deserving individuals were added as Class of 2014 Hall of Fame members.

2015 was bittersweet, as it included the death at age 91 of Program Founder, W.E. Bubba Brasher. Bubba was fondly remembered for his untiring commitment and dedicated service to others, as well as his love for family, country, and youth baseball. Bubba provided a recognizable footprint that has evolved into 60 years of Dixie Boys Baseball. In 2015, the board approved the National Federation High School rules to supplement the official rules



**W.E. “BUBBA” BRASHER**

*Life Member*  
*W.E. “Bubba Brasher”*  
*Championship Award*  
*Dixie Boys Baseball*  
*Founder*  
*President, Commissioner*  
*Deputy Commissioner*

of the program. USA Baseball recognized Dixie Boys Baseball as being “Pitch Smart” compliant. The organization has carried the torch in efforts to reduce the number of arm injuries from overuse of pitchers since implementing pitch counts restrictions with the 2008 season.

In 2016, North Charleston, South Carolina pulled off a three-peat in Dixie Majors World Series and added to the record books as the league with the most World Series titles in the long history of championship play. The 15U inaugural World Series was a rousing success. Former and current board members were in attendance at the 60th Anniversary Celebration held in Pineville, Louisiana. A fitting tribute was held and a permanent marker was unveiled recognizing Central Louisiana as the “Home of Dixie Boys Baseball.” The legacy lives on in 2017 as the organization strives to enhance its role as a leader in youth baseball.



**“Home of Dixie Boys Baseball” Marker**  
*Central Louisiana*

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

- 1957 Program Founded: Alexandria, Louisiana
- 1960 Mississippi Joins Dixie Boys Baseball
- 1961 Alabama Joins Dixie Boys Baseball
- 1963 First Dixie Boys World Series Held
- 1973 Dixie Majors Established
- 1974 First Dixie Majors World Series Held
- 1976 Dixie Baseball Inc. established
- 1978 18-Year-Old Age Group Added
- 1979 First Pre Majors World Series Held
- 1984 Dixie National Scholarship Program Created
- 1995 National Umpire Program Created
- 1996 First Junior Boys World Series Held
- 2000 Dixie National Team Won Tournament of Stars
- 2005 Age Control Date Changed to April 30th
- 2006 Dixie Baseball Celebrated 50th Anniversary at Program Birthplace – Alexandria, La.
- 2006 Dixie Boys Baseball Alumni Program Created
- 2007 Pitch Count Rule Implemented
- 2008 Dixie National Team Won Tournament of Stars - *Gold Medal*
- 2011 Hall of Fame Created
- 2012 National Office Relocated
- 2013 15U Age Group Regional Tournaments Held
- 2015 USA Baseball recognition - “Pitch Smart Compliant”
- 2015 National Federation of High School Rules Adopted
- 2016 60th Anniversary Celebration – Pineville, Louisiana
- 2016 Inaugural 15U World Series Held



# DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

(Chairman) Ronnie Jackson – *Majors Deputy Commissioner*  
 (Vice-Chairman) Jerry Brewer – *Chief Financial Officer*  
 Larry Collins – *Pre-Majors Deputy Commissioner*  
 Tommy Hailey – *Boys Deputy Commissioner*  
 Ronnie Gandy – *Jr. Boys Deputy Commissioner*  
 Cecil Campbell – *General Counsel*  
 Bruce Mathews – *National Umpire-in-Chief*  
 Mike Nerren – *General Counsel Elect*

## DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL

### State Directors

Alabama – D. Mark Mitchell  
 Arkansas – Miles Mitchell  
 Florida – Frank Hagler  
 Georgia – Jimmy Smith  
 Louisiana – Keith Powell  
 Mississippi – Jimmy Penton  
 N. Carolina – Rusty Armstrong  
 S. Carolina – Rick Lacey  
 Tennessee – David Johnson  
 Texas – Tom Williams, Jr.  
 Virginia – Ken Nelson

### Assistant State Directors

Brian Sharpe  
  
 Melvin Allen  
  
 Shannon Loper

## DIXIE MAJORS BASEBALL

### State Directors

Alabama – Keith Robinson  
 Arkansas – Miles Mitchell  
 Florida – Frank Hagler  
 Georgia – Jimmy Smith  
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 Mississippi – Jimmy Blaine  
 N. Carolina – Rusty Armstrong  
 S. Carolina – TJ Rostin  
 Tennessee – Sybil Dancer  
 Texas – Bobby Lane  
 Virginia – Ronnie Adams

### Assistant State Directors

Michael Streams

## LIFE MEMBERS (Voting)

Georgia – Jimmy Brown (*Former Commissioner, Hall of Fame Inductee*)

*\*The 2017 Board of Directors greatly appreciates the contributions of all Dixie Boys, Inc. Life Members\**

*The Directors of Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc. are elected by the leagues to govern the program. The various states and leagues that comprise the Dixie organization are represented by the Board of Directors, as well as the Executive Officers. For complete contact information for the Board of Directors, visit the Dixie Boys website at [www.dixie.org/boys](http://www.dixie.org/boys). Online, you will be able to access the most current listings for all Board members, as well as the Dixie Boys Baseball Commissioner/CEO.*

# DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL, INC. HALL OF FAME

*The following individuals were honored for their significant contributions to the Dixie Boys Baseball organization.*

**To submit a nomination for the 2017 Hall of Fame Class, visit the website at: [www.dixie.org/boys](http://www.dixie.org/boys) and download a nomination form.**

## CLASS OF 2011

Bubba Brasher

## CLASS OF 2012

Talmadge Bowen	Keith Brewer	Jimmy Brown
Andy Dooley	Gene Ford	Algie Green
Ted Jones	James McKay	Charles Melton
Jerry Melton	Bill Moore	Warren Rayburn
Bernie Varnadore	Bill Wooten	

## CLASS OF 2013

Art Albert	Harmon Baldwin	Richard Kohn
Tom Nash	Dick Primeaux	Nick Senter
Jim Thornton	Dan Touchet	LV Walters
Kenny Wilkinson		

## CLASS OF 2014

Jim Armour	Jerry Brewer	Rick Callahan
Cecil Campbell	Larry Collins	Tommy Hailey
Ronnie Jackson	Sam Kitchens	

## CLASS OF 2015

Rodney Fillingim	Jerry Juneau	Eugene Haley
Jason Parker	Jack Stokes	Jean Thornton

## CLASS OF 2016

Charles Alexander	Donnie Davis	George Harris
Billy Herrin	Steve Sherrill	

# DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP HISTORY

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The volunteer scholarship committee carefully reviews all of the applications within a given state. The committee has the difficult task each year of selecting a winner. The scholarship winner is often recognized at a school honors or awards ceremony. Winners are presented plaques and Dixie Boys Baseball submits the \$1,250 scholarship proceeds to the winner’s school of choice.

Qualifying for a scholarship is very simple. Any player that has ever participated on a Dixie Boys or Majors franchised team is eligible. There is absolutely no relationship between athletic ability and the scholarship. The following credentials are required on the application: substantial financial need, scholastic ability and evidence of strong school and community citizenship. The scholarship policy gives everyone equal opportunity of selection.

The Dixie Boys, Inc. “Bernie Varnadore” Scholarship program is of great priority to the Board of Directors. The opportunity to award deserving High School Seniors financial assistance is one of the most rewarding aspects of the program. Applications are available from Dixie Boys league officials and online at the Dixie Boys website. April 1st is the deadline for an applicant to submit his or her request to the Commissioner for scholarship consideration.

Dixie Boys Baseball, a non-profit organization, has awarded 275 scholarships, valued at over \$475,000. Various states have additional scholarship opportunities available within their particular state. Funding for scholarships is sought from corporate partnerships, fund-raising ventures, and the Dixie Boys/Majors Alumni Association. If you are willing to assist with this worthwhile effort, contact the Dixie Boys Commissioner’s Office. Additional information is available at [www.dixie.org/boys](http://www.dixie.org/boys).

## 2016 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

AL – James Whitmire	NC – Mitchell Keener
AR – Hunter Lansdell	SC – Kyle Davis
FL – Griffin Daly	TN – Austin Pace
GA – Drew Evans	TX – Dylan Allen
LA – Crawford Stevens	VA – Aaron Moody
MS – Patrick Zila	

### In Memory of



### BERNIE VARNADORE

*Long-time Dixie Boys Scholarship Chairman*

## "BERNIE VARNADORE SCHOLARSHIP"

### 2016 NATIONAL WINNERS DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL, INC.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS TO THEIR SCHOOL OF CHOICE. DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL, INC. CONGRATULATES THE WINNERS ON VERY OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING HIGH SCHOOL.



James Whitmire  
OZARK, AL



Hunter Lansdell  
ASHDOWN, AR



Griffin Daly  
DELTONA, FL



Drew Evans  
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA



Crawford Stevens  
MONTEREY, LA



Patrick Zila  
MAGEE, MS



Mitchell Keener  
LINCOLNTON, NC



Kyle Davis  
NORTH CHARLESTON, SC



Austin Pace  
CAMDEN, TN



Dylan Allen  
DIBOLL, TX



Aaron Moody  
SKIPWITH, VA



# DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL, INC. ALUMNI PROGRAM

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- To identify and recognize Board of Directors (Corporate Officers, State Director, or Assistant State Directors) whom have contributed substantial time and resources to benefit Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc.
- To support through financial resources the continuation of a very successful Dixie Boys/Majors National Scholarship program.
- To produce a database that will allow the program to maintain contact with former: players, coaches, Dixie Boys/Majors officials, parents, league officials, umpires, volunteers, and anyone else previously involved with the program.
- To assist Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc. in tracking the careers of former players. The graduates' accomplishments (sport of baseball or other noteworthy achievements) are followed and recognized through media.
- To assist Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc. in the display of collectible items at major events of the organization.
- To provide an additional support structure and voice for Dixie Boys Baseball.
- To contribute articles for Dixie Boys Baseball publications and program website.
- To recognize program participant efforts that provided substantial benefit to the organization. Appropriate publicity and awards are presented.

The Alumni Program is open to anyone that has a desire to further the mission of the organization. Former players, coaches, league officials, parents, sponsors and other program supporters are encouraged to become involved. The \$25.00 membership fee is tax-deductible as part of the organization's 501c-3 status. Additional contributions are also accepted to help fund the Dixie National Scholarship program.

*Membership applications can be downloaded and printed by visiting the website at [www.dixie.org/boys](http://www.dixie.org/boys).*

**NEW! YOU MAY ALSO PURCHASE YOUR ALUMNI PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP FROM OUR ONLINE STORE!**

Visit [www.dixie.org/boys](http://www.dixie.org/boys) and click on "Alumni Program"

*Please mail any printed/completed applications, fees or other contributions not purchased or donated via online payment to:*

Commissioner's Office, PO Box 8263; Dothan, Alabama 36304.