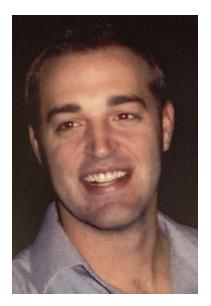
Foundation for Jonesboro Public Schools Matt Ellis Memorial Scholarship



Matthew David Ellis was born May 2, 1979 in Blytheville, Arkansas. He was raised in Jonesboro, Arkansas, where he attended Jonesboro Public Schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. He graduated from JHS 1997.

While in high school, Matt played football, baseball, and basketball. Matt attended the University of Arkansas for three years before transferring to Arkansas State University where he graduated in 2002 with a degree in Business. Matt is the son of Jim and Jan Ellis, who are both long-time educators at Jonesboro Public Schools. He is the brother of Jimmy Ellis, a 1993 graduate of JHS, and Todd Ellis, a 2006 graduate of JHS.

The Matt Ellis Memorial Scholarship was established by friends and family after Matt's death in 2005 at the age of 25. For ten years following his death, the Matt Ellis Memorial Golf Classic was held to fund the scholarship. This \$2,000 annual scholarship is awarded to a JHS senior with at least a 3.0 grade point average who plays baseball and/or football. The recipient is selected by JHS coaches.

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Past Recipients:

- 2005 Justin Gambill
- 2006 Rick Hartl
- 2007 Martin Greenwood
- 2008 Andy Snider
- 2009 Nathan Kerley
- 2010 Bradyn Carson
- 2011 Clay Williams
- 2012 Moe Malugen
- 2013 Hunter Travis
- 2014 Reed Wingo
- 2015 Ben Barre
- 2016 Teago Thomas
- 2017 Sam Edwards
- 2018 Ben Brown
- 2019 Garrett Childers
- 2020 Beau Brown