

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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