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**2026 MISS SOFTBALL & MR. BASEBALL WINNERS, PRESENTED BY C SPIRE, ANNOUNCED BY MHSAA/MAC**

CLINTON, Miss. – The Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) and Mississippi Association of Coaches (MAC) have announced the winners of the 2026 Miss Softball and Mr. Baseball awards, presented by C Spire.

The awards, created by collaborative effort between the MHSAA, MAC, and C Spire in 2023, feature a four-peat winner for Miss Softball, two schools sweeping “Mr. Baseball” and “Miss Softball” honors, and three other schools retaining the award from last year. All award winners will be honored during a special awards ceremony at the MHSAA Conference Center on May 6 and will be recognized during softball and baseball state championships in May.

The award winners for Miss Softball and Mr. Baseball are as follows (by classification):

<u>Class</u>	<u>Miss Softball</u>	<u>Mr. Baseball</u>
1A	Addison Collum, West Union	Jaxon Herod, West Union
2A	Lucy Cochran, East Union	Cade Culpepper, Clarkdale
3A	Caliann Mitchell, Kossuth	Kolby Stringer, West Marion
4A	Layla Owens, Itawamba	Wyatt McDaniels, Mooreville
5A	Ella Robertson, Sumrall	Drew Davis, Sumrall
6A	Grady Beck Wilson, South Panola	Clay Tolbert, West Jones
7A	Presley Merkich, Germantown	EJ Booth, Oak Grove

East Union’s Lucy Cochran now owns four “Miss Softball” titles, winning the award each year since its inception. For South Panola, Grady Beck Wilson brings the third straight award to campus (Sadie Bright in 2024 and 2025). Itawamba’s Layla Owens also defends her 2025 crown.

While “Mr. Baseball” features no repeat student-athlete winners, two schools see the award return to campus from 2025. Last year, both Class 1A West Union (Jon Grey Morrisson) and then-Class 3A Mooreville (Brody Thompson) were represented in the state-wide awards.

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