

# Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Distinguished Service Award



## TAYLOR TALBOT 2024 Recipient

*“In Recognition of a Lifetime of Outstanding Achievement in the game of Baseball.  
The State of Alabama will forever be in your debt.”*

Taylor Talbot is a graduate of Glencoe High School where he was an All-State performer in both baseball and football for coaches Charlie Robertson and Lance Smith. Talbot continued his playing career at Jacksonville State University for ALABCA Hall Of Fame Coach Jim Case. During his career at Jacksonville State, he was named to the Atlantic Sun Conference All-Academic Team twice, as well as being inducted into the Jacksonville State Academic Hall of Honor for Student Athletes. Upon completion of his playing career at Jacksonville State, Talbot graduated from Auburn University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy and Soils.

Taylor Talbot's fifteen year head coaching career began in 2006 at Cedar Bluff High School and included coaching stints at Gadsden City High School and Glencoe High School. During that time, Talbot coached his teams to a career record of 273 wins and 231 losses. His teams won eight Area Championships, four Cherokee County Championships, and reached the AHSAA quarterfinals or semifinals a combined seven times. Talbot coached twenty three players that garnered All-State honors at various classifications, two class 1A Pitchers of the Year, and had twelve of his players continue their baseball careers at the collegiate level.

Over his fifteen year career he has been named baseball coach of the year by the Gadsden Times and the Cherokee Herald a total of seven times. Talbot coached the AHSAA North South All Star game in 2009 and the ALABCA Team Alabama in 2012. Currently, Talbot continues to teach and coach at Glencoe Middle School where he was named the Etowah County Teacher of the Year for the 2022-2023 school year.

Talbot participated in first ALABCA Underclassmen All-Star Event at Birmingham Southern in June of 2000. He came onboard the ALABCA Committee in 2011, and moved up as an ALABCA Board Member from 2017-2022. Barry Dean, ALABCA Executive Director on Talbot. “Taylor has done it all with the ALABCA. He participated in our first All-Star Event as a player. And as a coach and servant to the game he's been invaluable as an All-Star Event Staffer, Committee and Board Member. After talking with him on many occasions, I've realized he's benefitted more personally and professionally with his involvement in the ALABCA than anybody. He signed a scholarship at Jacksonville State University after participating in the inaugural ALABCA All-Star Event, while being involved as a coach in the many ALABCA capacities, has tremendously helped his professional career.” Dean goes on to say, “It's been an equal trade-off, because the ALABCA is all the stronger and better and more blessed for Taylor's commitment and involvement in our events and association.”

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