



## Birmingham Board of Education Honors BAP

The Birmingham Board of Education Vice-President, **Dr. W.J. Maye** honored BAP with a Resolution plaque in recognition of the support we continue to give the athletic and bands at each of the ten city high schools. Accepting the plaque are: (left to right) Birmingham Athletic Director **George Moore**, BAP President, **Edgar Welden**, **Dr. Maye**, BAP Board members **Carl Crosby** and **Mary Gantt**, BAP Executive Director **Mike Vest** and BAP Team Captain for Wenonah, **LeDon Jones**.

### Why Our Mission is So Important...

In order to participate, a student-athlete assisted through BAP must attend class regularly and maintain a 70 average in all courses. Sports and related activities give them motivation to do so. Therefore, BAP believes these motivational avenues are positive means to their receiving an education.

- **The National Federation of State High School Associations NFSHSA:** "Education and community leaders across the nation must be made aware of the facts [that] sports and music...enrich a student's high school experiences. They instill a sense of pride in community, teach lifelong lessons of teamwork and self-discipline."
- **National Education Commission on Time and Learning:** "Teens who are unsupervised during the hours after school are far more likely to use alcohol, drugs and tobacco, engage in criminal and other high-risk behaviors, receive poor grades, and drop out of school than those children who have the opportunity to benefit from constructive activities supervised by responsible adults."
- **Womens Sports Foundation:** Female high school athletes are:
  1. **92%** less likely to get involved with drugs
  2. **80%** less likely to get pregnant
  3. **3 times** more likely to graduate than non-athletes
- **North Carolina High School Athletic Association Study:**

	Athletes	Non-athletes
Grade Point Average	2.86	1.96
Average No. of Absences (180 day school year)	6.52 days	12.57 days
Discipline Referrals	30.51%	40.29%
Dropout Rate	0.7%	8.98%
Graduation Rate	99.56%	94.66%

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BAP is proud of each student-athlete's success on the field and court. However, we are most proud of their success in the classroom.

It is a difficult task balancing academics and athletics. The list of students at the right have done just that and have been honored for their efforts as the *Birmingham News* **Scholar Athlete of the Week**. Congratulations!

- Matarius L. Terry** .....Ensley High School
- Deavion McCoy** .....Ensley High School
- Jetone Jones** .....Ensley High School
- Candice Owens** .....Ensley High School
- Jamica Frazier** .....Huffman High School
- Byron Williams** .....Huffman High School
- Krystina Carlton** .....Huffman High School
- Antonio Reed** .....Jackson-Olin High School
- Porsha Cummings** .....Parker High School
- Earl Bennett** .....West-End High School
- Terena Green** .....West-End High School
- Leon McKinney** .....Woodlawn High School