

(4) Emily Williams

Our next inductee in this class is Emily Williams

Emily Williams graduated from Central High School in 2017 with a GPA above 4.0. She lettered in varsity softball all four years, playing a key role in the circle for the Lions. The team won a pair of regional championships and claimed the Georgia High School State Championship in 2016, marking the first time in school history. At the championship tournament in 2016, Emily tossed three no-hitters and a one-hitter, striking out 74 of the 84 batters she faced.

Emily garnered a pair of Region and All-Area Pitcher of the Year awards as well as All-State honors. She set a national record, earning third place for the most strikeouts in a 7-inning game with 22 strikeouts against LaGrange High School in 2016. In her senior season, Emily was also named 4A State Pitcher of the Year and Georgia Dugout Club 4A Player of the Year. With the help of Coach Minick's ever-encouraging speeches, she ended her senior season with a record of 25 wins, 4 losses, 436 strikeouts, and a 0.654 ERA.

Upon graduation, Emily received a full softball scholarship to Mississippi State, where she held the fourth-best record in school history with 420 strikeouts. After her four-year career, Emily has the career record for most looking strikeouts. For her career, she is also third all-time in opponents' batting average, strikeouts per 7 innings, and saves. Emily was also named to the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Watchlist in 2021.

Emily earned dual degrees from Mississippi State: a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a minor in Spanish and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Pre-Law. She was a four-year SEC Honor Roll athlete.

Emily then went to law school at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock Bowen School of Law. Emily joined the school's Law Review and had an article chosen for publication, arguing for increased rights for juveniles during police interrogations.

In December 2024, Emily married a fellow Mississippi State Bulldog, Britt Hall. Emily then graduated Cum Laude and has since passed the bar exam and is now an associate attorney at a personal injury law firm in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Emily is thankful for her Central Lion community and is proud to be a part of the Central Hall of Fame.

2025 Hall of Fame member Emily Williams.