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## Landis Sims to be honored with Spirit of Sport Award

South Central sophomore to be recognized with national award on Wednesday

A two-sport athlete who has overcome physical limitations to play the sports he loves, Landis Sims of South Central High School in Elizabeth, IN is the 2022 recipient of the National High School Spirit of Sport Award for Section 4.

Sims will be honored and recognized tomorrow (May 11) when he and his South Central teammates host county rival North Harrison on the baseball diamond. IHSAA Commissioner Paul Neidig and Assistant Commissioner Kerrie Rosati will make the on-field presentation.

The National High School Spirit of Sport Award was created in 2008 by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the spirit of sport that represent the core mission of education-based athletics.



A sophomore at the Harrison County school in southern Indiana, Landis was born with a condition called congenital limb deficiency essentially missing both hands and the lower parts of both legs. However, he was born with a love of sports, especially baseball and set a goal to make his school's varsity team. With a gritty determination and the help of prosthetics that allow him to bat, run the bases, and play the field, he reached that goal as a freshman a year ago and is now in his second year with the team.

Landis also plays basketball at South Central and during the pandemic provided color commentary for varsity basketball games through YouTube videos. He has mentioned a long-term goal of becoming a sports broadcaster, preferably in baseball and preferably at MLB Network.

Sims made a guest appearance during the [IHSAA Baseball Tournament Pairings Show](#) on May 1 (starts at 16:49 mark) and has been invited to the broadcast booth for the IHSAA Baseball State Finals at Victory Field in Indianapolis on June 17-18.

*The Indianapolis Star* published [this article](#) on Landis in March of 2021. He will also be the subject of a movie scheduled to debut this summer. Visit the movie website and watch the trailer here: <https://landismovie.com/>

Nominations for the "Spirit of Sport" award were generated through NFHS member state associations and reviewed by the NFHS National High School Spirit of Sport Award Selection Committee composed of state association staff members.

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