

The Citadel Athletic Hall of Fame

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Cameron Wells, Odie Delaney, Gen. Bud Watts Lead The Citadel Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2018

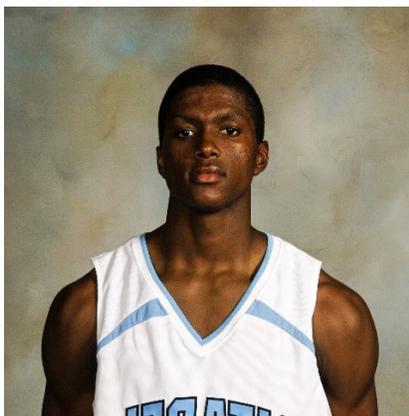
CHARLESTON, S.C. – Cameron Wells, the all-time leading scorer in Citadel basketball history, wrestler Odie Delaney, a NCAA Division I all-American, and former president Lt. Gen. Claudius “Bud” Watts, III, lead a list of five individuals who make up The Citadel – Gene Moore III ’50 Athletic Hall of Fame’s Class of 2018.

Also entering the Hall are football quarterback Gene Brown and baseball pitcher Brian Rogers. Gen. Watts will be enshrined as an honorary member.

The five will be inducted during a banquet Friday, September 14, at the Holliday Alumni Center on campus. This year marks the 41st anniversary of the Athletic Hall of Fame.

This year’s induction class increases the membership of the Hall of Fame to 200 individuals. The Hall, which originated in 1977, is located in the lobby of McAlister Field House on campus.

CAMERON WELLS, Class of 2011 (Basketball; Houston, Texas)



Basketball’s all-time leading scorer with 2,049 points, assist leader with 485 and second in career steals with 187, Cameron Wells broke the scoring record held by Regan Truesdale of 1,661 points on Dec. 23, 2010, a mark that stood for 26 years. Twice named to the all-Southern Conference first-team (2010 & 2011), Wells twice finished second (to Davidson’s Steph Curry) as the conference player of the year. Starting 126 of the 127 games in which he played, Wells finished his career with a 16.1 points per game average. He was a key member of the 2008-09 team that was coached by Ed Conroy that became only the second Citadel team ever to win 20 games in a season (20-13) and the first-ever postseason tournament, the CollegeInsider.com Tournament.

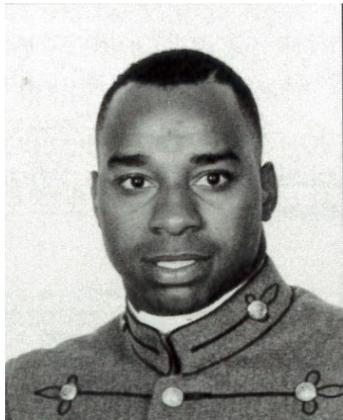
ODIE DELANEY, Class of 2013 (Wrestling; Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.)



The first and only wrestler in Citadel history to be a four-time Southern Conference champion and four-time NCAA qualifier, Odie Delaney, who wrestled at heavyweight and at the 197-pound weight class, is the program's most celebrated grappler as he earned all-America honors in 2013. Of his 125 career wins, 61 came via pin, the second most in school history. Named the 2012-13 Southern Conference Wrestler of the Year, Delaney finished seventh in the 2013 NCAA Championships in Des Moines, Iowa, and led the Bulldogs to their No. 20 national ranking. He was a three-time champion at the All-Academy Championships and was twice named The Citadel's Male Athlete of the Year. He was a member of the Charleston Police Force and was the initial responder to the

Mother Emanuel AME Church massacre on June 17, 2015.

GENE BROWN, Class 1989 (Football; Charlotte, NC)



A converted defensive back, Gene Brown quarterbacked the Charlie Taaffe-coached Bulldogs to the 1988 I-AA playoffs, the college's first postseason appearance since the 1960 Tangerine Bowl. Named the 1988 Southern Conference offensive player of the year, Brown also was voted the Palmetto State's player of the year. He holds the school single-game record for rushing (286 yards vs. VMI in '88), and appears on the school's best single-season rushing touchdown list (16 in '88), single-season record for points scored (90 in '88) and single-season rushing yards (1,058 in '88).

BRIAN ROGERS, Class 1999 (Baseball; Carthage, NC)



A 1997 all-Southern Conference right-handed starting pitcher, Brian Rogers dominated the 1998 league tournament in Charleston and set records for most consecutive scoreless innings pitched (13.0) and lowest earned run average (0.00), and tied for fewest hits allowed (3) with a minimum of 9 innings pitched. Named a preseason all-American by *Baseball America* and the league's preseason player of the year by *Collegiate Baseball* in 1998, Rogers pitched 119.0 innings to establish a school record. His 322 career strikeouts (over 276.1 innings) ranked second in school history and eighth in league history when he signed after his

junior year with the New York Yankees (5th round) and immediately donated \$10,000 to The Citadel Brigadier Foundation. He reached as high as AAA (Columbus) and returned to The Citadel to complete his degree.

LT. GEN. CLAUDIUS “BUD” WATTS, III, Class of 1958 (Cheraw, SC)



A firm believer that “athletics are a major aspect of the total program of The Citadel,” Lt. Gen. Claudius “Bud” Watts, III, was the college’s 17th president and becomes the first president to enter the Athletic Hall of Fame. Overseeing The Citadel’s interests in the creation of Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park, Lt. Gen. Watts also oversaw the \$8 million renovation of McAlister Field House and the creation of Vandiver Hall on campus. During his presidency, The Citadel’s baseball team participated in the 1990 College World Series and the football team captured the 1992 Southern Conference Championship, finished tied for No. 1 in the country while hosting two I-AA playoff games. On the NCAA level, Lt. Gen. Watts was a member of the NCAA Council (the NCAA’s governing body), the NCAA Ad Hoc Committee to Study Enforcement issues, a member of the NCAA Council representative to the NCAA Academic Requirements Committee and chaired NCAA peer review teams for NCAA certification.