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NYU Athletics Announces 2016 Hall of Fame Class

NEW YORK, December 2, 2015 - The New York University Department of Athletics, Intramurals and Recreation is pleased to announce its 2016 Hall of Fame Class: **Trevor Miele** (Class of 1999, Men's Swimming & Diving), **Jeritt Thayer** (Class of 2008, Men's Soccer), **James Wedderburn** (Class of 1962, Men's Track & Field), and **Lauren Willock** (Class of 2007, Women's Fencing).

“For 143 years, NYU has proudly fielded intercollegiate athletic teams and each year we celebrate the best of the best: members of the NYU community who took up the challenge when someone told them their goal was ‘IMPOSSIBLE’,” said Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Athletics, Christopher Bledsoe. “The members of the 2016 class have made a lasting contribution to the University and NYU Athletics. Each is incredibly deserving of this honor.”

The newest members of the Hall of Fame will be formally recognized at the annual NYU Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Varsity Athlete Reunion on Saturday, May 7, 2016. The formal induction ceremony will be followed by a cocktail reception and gathering for all attendees.

NYU Athletics invites friends and family members, NYU alumni and members of the community to join us for this exciting event. To reserve your ticket(s), [please click here](#). **All tickets (\$20 for adults and \$10 for students/children) must be paid in advance.**

The Hall of Fame Class of 2016

Trevor Miele – Men’s Swimming and Diving

A 1999 graduate of NYU’s Stern School of Business, Trevor Miele was a two-time NCAA Honorable Mention All-American in the 100-yard butterfly and a four-time NCAA qualifier. Named team MVP four years running, Miele set seven all-time records for the Violets in the 100-yard butterfly, 100-yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke, 200-yard freestyle relay, 400-yard freestyle relay, 800-yard freestyle relay, and the 200-yard medley relay, all of which have since been broken. After graduating, Miele spent four years as the NYU Men’s Swimming and Diving Assistant Coach, where he helped nine swimmers qualify for the NCAA’s, leading to seven All-Americans and 10 Honorable Mention All-Americans for the Violets. During this time, he also helped to clinch back-to-back Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships in the 2004-05 and 2005-06 seasons. From 2006 to 2012, Miele was Head Coach of the men’s and women’s teams at Stevens Institute of Technology. In just six years, he coached 31 All-Americans and 32 Honorable Mention All-Americans in a program that had never qualified for the NCAA Championships. Miele returned to the NYU pool deck in 2012 as Head Coach of the newly combined men’s and women’s program, where he continues to rewrite the Violets’ record books.

Jeritt Thayer – Men’s Soccer

Jeritt Thayer, a 2008 graduate of NYU’s College of Arts and Science, became the first DIII All-American in program history and the first National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-American since 1969. In 2006, the two-time All-American achieved First Team All-America status and was named University Athletic Association (UAA) Player of the Year after leading NYU to the NCAA Final Four as a junior. The following season, the Violets returned to the NCAA Tournament and Thayer earned Second Team All-America honors. A three-year captain, he ranks first in NYU team history in: all-time career goals (35), all-time game-winning goals (14), shots in a season (78), shots per game (4.11), most points in a single game (12), and most goals in a single game (5). In his four years as a Violet, Thayer finished in the top five in 21 categories of the NYU record book. He proceeded to play professionally until 2012 with the Wilmington Hammerheads, Harrisburg City Islanders and the New York Red Bull Reserves.

Jim (James) Wedderburn – Men’s Track and Field

A 1962 graduate of NYU’s Steinhardt School of Education, Jim (James) Wedderburn was not only the first Barbadian to receive an athletic scholarship to a United States university, but also the first to win an Olympic medal. Representing the British West Indies at the 1960 Rome Olympic Games, Wedderburn took home bronze in the 4x400-meter relay (3:04). In 1961, he helped set an indoor world record in the same event (3:16) and was the 600-yard champion at the Millrose Indoor Games at Madison Square Garden. Also that year, Wedderburn recorded a third-place finish (51.9) at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 400-meter hurdles and a fifth-place finish (46.80) in the outdoor 440-yard dash. He remains the NYU record holder in the outdoor 400 meters (46.80) and the outdoor 4x200-meter relay (1:26.60). Considered a trailblazer in Barbados athletics, Wedderburn was also the first Barbados Government athletics coach and served as the Deputy Chairman of the Board of the National Sports Council following his outstanding collegiate and professional career.

Lauren Willock – Women’s Fencing

A 2007 graduate of NYU’s College of Arts and Science, Lauren Willock set the team’s all-time records for most victories (170) and best overall winning percentage (.759). In her 2004-05 season, the 16-time University Athletic Association (UAA) Athlete of the Week recorded a .947 winning percentage, which ranks first in epee winning percentage in a season as well as overall winning percentage for any weapon in a season. Also during that season, Willock was the Intercollegiate Fencing Association (IFA) Epee Champion as well as the Bronze Medalist in the National Circuit Competition. She produced an eighth-place finish at the 2005 NCAA Fencing Championships and earned Second Team All-America honors. Willock was also the NCAA Northeast Regional Champion that season and was the first-ever NYU female fencer to compete at the U.S. Senior World Championships. Since graduating in 2007, Willock has been an assistant coach for the Violets and has helped 23 NYU fencers qualify for the NCAA Championships. In 2010, she became the first NYU female fencer to ever make the U.S. National Fencing Team and competed in the Senior World Championships. A year later, she competed with Team USA in the Barcelona Epee World Cup and was the bronze medalist at the National Championships in Senior Women’s Epee.

About the NYU Hall of Fame

The current Hall of Fame was established as a result of the merger of NYU's Varsity Club Hall of Fame, which was founded in 1970 to honor members of the men's teams, and the Women's Hall of Fame, which was founded in 1976 by a group of former female student-athletes. The NYU Hall of Fame currently includes 208 distinguished members, spanning more than 100 years of rich athletic history.

[Click here to see photos from last year's Hall of Fame event](#)

The four-member 2016 Class will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Saturday, May 7, 2016.

For more information about this event, or to nominate an individual for consideration into the NYU Hall of Fame, please contact Corey Steven, Athletic Development and Alumni Relations Coordinator, at athletics.events@nyu.edu or 212-998-2029.

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