

## Delaware Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame to induct these 12



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Fourteen years before Elena Delle Donne brought national attention to Delaware girls basketball, Monicke Foote put the First State on the map at Sanford School.

Foote was national Player of the Year in 1994, [a feat Delle Donne accomplished at Ursuline in 2008](#), before going on to excel at the University of Virginia.

Foote, a 2013 Delaware Sports Hall of Fame enshrinee, will be one of 12 inducted to the Delaware Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame on April 19 at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover. Tickets may be purchased at [www.daashof.org](http://www.daashof.org).



The 2025 inductees:

### **Clarence “Big Daddy” Bailey**

Bailey was a fullback who rushed for 1,411 yards and scored 17 touchdowns as a Milford senior in 1980. Bailey was then a Junior College All-American at Wesley, then a two-year school, while rushing for 2,279 yards and 22 TDs. That landed Bailey at Hampton University, where he caught the eye of pro scouts. After stints with semi-pro and Canadian Football League teams, Bailey was signed by the [Miami Dolphins](#) and rushed for 55 yards on 10 carries in three 1987 games, one of which he started.

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### **William “Stoney” Briggs**

Briggs starred on late 1980s Seaford football and baseball teams and then batted .415 for DelTech-Owens. He was then a 1991 Blue Jays 8<sup>th</sup>-round draftee. Briggs climbed all the way to Triple-A in the Padres and Cubs systems during 10 minor-league seasons in which the outfielder batted .260.

### **Bobby Cale**

Cale starred in football, basketball and baseball at Middletown in 1974 and 1975. Drafted by the Orioles, he preferred to stick with football and was a starting cornerback at North Carolina, leading the ACC in interceptions in 1976. He spent time with the [Seahawks](#) and [Colts](#) in the NFL before returning to UNC as an assistant coach.

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### **Linwood “Bootsie” Cannon**

Cannon starred on military baseball teams while serving in the Korean War and then on Queenstown, Maryland, and Millsboro semi-pro teams. He then coached for 20 years in the Millsboro Little League.

### **Monick Foote**

Foote was a first-team All-State basketball player at Sanford in 1991, 1993 and '94. She added state Player of the Year honors as a junior and senior and National Player of the Year and first-team Parade All-American recognition as a senior, when she sparked Sanford to

its first state title. Foote scored 1,609 points at Sanford. She then starred at the University of Virginia, tying an NCAA Tournament record as an All-ACC freshman with seven 3-pointers in a game. She scored 1,315 career points at Virginia, despite missing her junior year due to a knee injury and was All-ACC as a senior.



### **John Hollis**

Hollis spent more than 30 years as a coach, teacher and counselor at Seaford before continuing to impact youth at the Western Boys & Girls Club. The former state champion was an assistant coach for Seaford's state championship 1976 (indoor) and 1977 (outdoor) track teams and its title-winning football teams in 1981 and 1983. He was later head track and swim coach and earned 11 conference titles and nine coach of the year awards. Hollis also had a long association with the DFRC Blue-Gold All-Star Football Game.

### **Gene Lake**

The former Milford High All-State football player took a circuitous route to college stardom, going to Delaware State after serving three years in the U.S. Army. From 1982-84, Lake set school records for rushing yards in a career (3,123), season (1,722 in 1984) and game (336 against Liberty in 1984). He was a two-time first-team All-MEAC pick and first-team All-American. Lake then spent some time with the Washington Redskins.



### **Howard Laws**

Laws starred in football, basketball and track at Delcastle from 1981-84 and has been a track coach almost ever since at various high schools, including Mount Pleasant presently. Laws is also the founder of an all-comers summer cross country running series held annually since 1986 at Bellevue State Park, which is comprised of 5K runs geared particularly as a training outlet for high school runners.

### **Lillie Mapp**

Mapp is a 1971 Cape Henlopen graduate who, beginning at Rehoboth Beach High before the 1969 consolidation of Sussex County schools, was a four-time All-Henlopen Conference basketball player and 1,000-point scorer. She also excelled in field hockey and softball, making all-conference in those as well. She later worked and coached in the Cape Henlopen School District.

### **Fredric Minus**

Minus was a top competitive target and trap shooter in the Eastern Trap & Skeet Association and then the Amateur Trapshooting Association from 1965-86.

### **Wayne Newsome Sr.**

Newsome was state 155-pound wrestling champion as a Milford senior in 1981 after winning his second Henlopen Conference title. Newsome then excelled on the mats for Delaware State before turning to freestyle and Greco-Roman competition. He won 1982 and 1986 AAU freestyle titles and was later a national runner-up in Greco-Roman.



### **Freeman Williams Sr.**

Williams was a two-time All-State basketball player at Christiana High who then played for the University of Delaware and coached at Middletown. He spent 40 years as an educator, including stints as Christina School District superintendent.

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