

# 2017

INDUCTEE

## Janiva **WILLIS**

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### Athlete – Softball

Janiva Willis was an exceptionally gifted athlete. Jay, as most called her, attended Winthrop University in South Carolina on a softball scholarship and broke the university's all-time single season home run record as well as the career home run record. Playing for the Canadian Women's National Softball team, she won a silver medal at the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, and later that summer won a gold medal at the Universiade Games in Bangkok. Willis touched many lives throughout her career as an athlete and later through her passionate work with children. She was inducted into Winthrop Hall of Fame in 2012 and NB Softball Hall of Fame in 2017.

