



NJSIAA TRAILBLAZER

Carli Lloyd has achieved just about everything possible in the world of soccer. And it all began as a young girl playing in her home town of Delran. As a member of the United States Women's National Team, she's helped her country win two FIFA World Cup Championships, two Olympic Gold Medals, and she's also twice been named FIFA Women's Player of the Year. She also ranks second in women's soccer history with 315 international appearances for the USWNT between 2005 and '21, scoring 134 goals and adding 64 assists along the way. She scored an unprecedented 98 goals in 180 international matches since turning 30, and was the first USWNT player to score in four different Olympics.

She's also starred domestically, most recently as a member Gotham FC in her home state. Lloyd, who turned 39 in July, is set to retire from the sport as soon as Gotham FC completes its season. While so much attention has been deservedly placed on her professional accomplishments, as a teenager she was a star playing for Delran High School. Competing for the Bears from the 1997 through 2000 seasons, she was a standout midfielder. She was a two-time All-State player, two-time All-American and won numerous Player of the Year honors from area media. She is a member of the Delran HS Hall of Fame.

She then moved on to Rutgers, where during her four years with the Scarlet Knights she was a four-time All-Big East selection and ended as the program's all-time leader in goals, points and shots. In 2002, her career had a setback when she was cut from the US Under 21 National Team. But instead of allowing it bring her down, it unleashed a new level of determination that led her to ultimately earn selection to the full USWNT and achieve unlimited levels of stardom. Among her many other prestigious honors, Carli was inducted into the NJSIAA Hall of Fame in 2012.

