

CAROLINE LEIGH SMITH

One glance at Caroline Smith's list of career swimming accomplishments and you might get the feeling that you are looking at a résumé.

Indeed, the list is quite impressive.

Starting with her career at South Davidson High School (2005-2009), she was a five-time 1A/2A North Carolina High School Athletic Association individual state champion and a two-time state runner-up.

She's a former state record holder in the 100-yard backstroke and the 2009 state meet MVP. Smith was also a four-time NISCA High School Academic All-American. Add to that she was also an eight-time Davidson County High School swim champion. Clearly, she could cut through the water like a torpedo.

In 2008, she was an Olympic Trial qualifier in the 400-meter freestyle. She was also a three-time YMCA Long Course national champion and a former Long Course national record holder in the 400 free.



She attended Florida State University (2009-2013) where she was a four-year varsity letterman. In 2010 she set the school record in the 500-meter freestyle. Also that year she received the FSU Golden Torch Award for the highest grade point average among all female athletes.

She finished her career at FSU rated in the top 10 of all time in four events.

Smith graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in sports management in 2013.

Tonight's induction makes her part of the first mother-daughter combination to enter the Davidson County Sports Hall of Fame. Her mother, Roxanna Smith, was inducted in 2005.

Caroline will marry Madison Hedgecock next Saturday, which will make them the first husband-wife combination to join into the Hall. Hedgecock was inducted in 2016.