

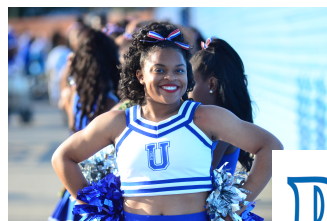


## Brawntae Wells

Wells is a redshirt junior on the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) football team. He has been a very positive role model for the youth, especially delinquent youth, in the Waterloo, Iowa community. Wells is a volunteer youth mentor with the *Juvenile Court Services* in Waterloo and at the *Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center*. His passion is to build relationships and guide young men of color, teaching them how to make better life choices and get out of the judicial system. Wells also volunteers at *Tomorrow's Leaders/Uplift Foundation*, *Center of Attention* where he has designed weekly curriculum to help young participants understand the importance of goal setting, responsible social media use, building healthy relationships, and good decision making skills. In addition, Wells volunteers at *Tomorrow's Leaders Youth After School Program* where he assist with academic success and positive interactions among diverse groups.

Wells serves on the *Minority Student-Athlete Leadership Team* at UNI. This team is responsible for assisting in strengthening the student-athlete community, growing personal and professional networks, and encouraging multicultural student-athletes through hosting social activities and guest speakers.

Wells has a 3.344 GPA and he is on pace to graduate in 2020 with a degree in Family Services and a minor in Criminology. He plans to work within the *Polk County Juvenile Detention* services. "I'm committed to changing lives and making a positive impact in our community. I understand that as a student-athlete, I have a unique platform that I can use to really help people."



## Amari Black

Black is a senior, cheer captain at Fayetteville State University (FSU). She is being recognized for her academic excellence, exceptional leadership skills, and her community service commitments. Black was recently recognized in *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education*, Arthur Ashe edition as a 2019 Arthur Ashe Individual Sports Scholar Award Winner. Winners of this award have to maintain a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.5, be active on their campuses and communities, and are at least a sophomore academically. Black has the highest GPA on the cheer squad and was inducted to the third class of the National College Athlete Honor Society, Chi Alpha Sigma, Kappa Chapter. Black has also been honored as a Global Scholar, received the James Scurry Scholarship (former Dean of Students), and a member of Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society).

As a campus and community leader, Black was voted the 2019-20 FSU president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. She was a student leader at the CIAA Student-Athlete Advisory Council Conference, a student leader at the Apple Training Institute, a member of the Student Activities Council and Student Government Association, and an Ambassador for FSU's Operation Smooth Move. In addition, Black has been a speaker on several FSU panels, coordinated community activities for FSU cheer, volunteered for youth cheer camps and at the 2019 Lee County Regional Fair, and a colon cancer caregiver.

Black is pursuing a degree in English Language and Literature with a minor in Spanish.