

TSU Alum Michael Strahan Receives One of University's Highest Honors

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Michael Strahan, Super Bowl Champion, businessman, and broadcaster was honored with the university's highest honor, the doctorate degree. Strahan was honored at Spring Commencement Exercises at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May 11th.

This special moment occurred at the campus Health and PE Arena, with over 10,000 on hand for the ceremony where over 800 students will march across the stage to receive their degrees from TSU's 10 colleges and schools.

About Michael Strahan

Legendary Super Bowl Champion and "Fox NFL Sunday" co-host Michael Strahan has been named the permanent host of newly-rechristened morning talk show "LIVE with Kelly and Michael." After an extensive search encompassing more than nine months and some of the top personalities from every area of broadcasting and entertainment, Strahan joined the Emmy-winning show full-time on September 4, 2012.

Prior to joining the ranks of the top sports broadcasters in the country, Strahan's entire 15-year football career was typified by the charisma and sportsmanship that made him a seven-time Pro-Bowler and one of only four players ever to lead the NFL in sacks for two seasons.

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Strahan led the New York Giants to a dramatic Super Bowl victory over the previously undefeated New England Patriots in 2007. In 2001, Strahan completed what is widely considered to be one of the greatest seasons ever for a defensive player, breaking the 18-year-old NFL single season sack record with 22.5 sacks. His record still stands today. The charismatic leader of the New York Giants was named the NFL's 2001 Player of the Year by Sports Illustrated and the 2001 Defensive Player of the Year by the Associated Press, making him the first New York Giant to win the award since Lawrence Taylor.

With a natural affinity for people and an effortless ease in front of the camera, Strahan has held hosting duties for several series prior to joining "LIVE." He also has appeared on "Pros v. Joes," which pits amateur contestants against professional athletes in a series of athletic feats. Strahan co-hosted the family cable show "Backyard Stadiums" on DIY Network and built outdoor recreational projects with his co-host. In addition, he participated in the kid-friendly show "Giants on Deck" and the YES Network show "Sack and Renovate," in which he led a guided tour inside his 100-year-old home. Strahan also tackled the world of scripted network primetime television as the star of "Brothers," a 30-minute sitcom on Fox from Sony Pictures Television.

Dedicated to many charitable works, Strahan donates his hands and heart to numerous charities including St. Jude Children's hospital, The USO, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Cedar Sinai's Sports Spectacular, and The Fresh Air Fund. Strahan also has teamed up with Mayor Cory Booker of Newark in the creation of the Newark Mentoring Movement, a youth mentoring program.

Strahan was a vocal and visible leader among the athletic community in the aftermath of the World Trade Center tragedy. As the player representative for the Giants, Strahan led the charge in calling for the league to cancel its games following the event.

Born in Houston, Texas, Strahan spent most of his youth in Germany, where his father Gene was stationed in the U.S. Army. Strahan returned to the U.S. for a portion of high school and soon was recruited to play football at Texas Southern University. As a senior at Texas Southern, Strahan was selected first team All-America by the Associated Press when he recorded a school-record 19 sacks and 62 tackles, 32 of which cost opposing teams 142 yards in combined losses.

Now partnered with long time friends Constance Schwartz and Mark Sudack to form SMAC

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Entertainment, Strahan brings his skills, determination, leadership, experience and humor to the multi-dimensional entertainment management, branding, and production company.