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SHANNON SHARPE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024
WARREN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
9500 East 16th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46229

VIP GUEST RECEPTION: 6:00 PM
LECTURE ONLY: 7:00 PM

The Denver Broncos selected Shannon Sharpe out of Savannah State in the seventh round of the 1990 NFL Draft. He retired 14 seasons later as the all-time leader in catches, yards and touchdowns by a tight end.

His breakout year came during his third season when he led the Broncos in receiving with 53 catches for 640 yards to earn his first of eight Pro Bowls. Other than an injury-shortened 1999 campaign, Sharpe never caught less than 60 passes in a season for the remainder of his career.

In 1993, he was named first-team All-Pro for the first of four times after catching 81 passes for 995 yards and scoring 9 touchdowns. He followed that performance with a career-high 87 receptions in 1994.

Sharpe signed with the Baltimore Ravens in 2000 as an unrestricted free agent and one year later surpassed Hall of Famer Ozzie Newsome to become the NFL's record holder for receptions and receiving yards by a tight end. After two seasons with the Ravens he returned to Denver to play his final years with the Broncos. He became the career leader in touchdowns by a tight end in his final season. Sharpe's final career numbers read 815 receptions for 10,060 yards and 62 TDs. He recorder ten seasons with 60 or more catches including three seasons with 80 receptions. Sharpe eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark three times and twice had 10 TDs in a season.

He played in 204 regular season games and started in four AFC championship

games. He was the starting tight end in Denver's back-to-back Super Bowl titles (XXXII and XXXIII) and the Ravens' Super Bowl XXXV victory.

Sharpe's 96-yard touchdown reception in the 2000 AFC Championship Game came on a short pass from Trent Dilfer on third-and-18. The tight end streaked up the middle untouched for the game's first and only touchdown which proved to be all the Ravens needed to secure its first AFC championship and Super Bowl berth. The play remains the longest TD catch in NFL playoff history.

Sharpe led the Broncos six times in receiving and the Ravens once. He was named first-team All-Pro and All-AFC in 1993, 1996, 1997 and 1998 and was selected to the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 1990s.

In 2004 immediately following his retirement Sharpe joined CBS Sports where he spent a decade as a member of their pregame show "The NFL Today." That same year Shannon also launched SIRIUS NFL Radio "Moving the Chains" w/ co-host Bob Papa.

In 2016 Shannon jumped to Fox Sports where he currently co-hosts with Skip Bayless on FS1's "Undisputed" Monday thru Friday 9:30am – 12pm EST.

In 2018 He served as a reporter for the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show live of Fox Sports and in 2019 Sharpe co-hosted the 71st Emmy Awards "Red Carpet Preshow Live" w/ Jenny McCarthy and Kelly Osbourne.



CLUB SHAY SHAY

Each week Shannon Sharpe—3x Super Bowl champion, member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame and co-host of Undisputed on FS1—sits down with athletes, celebrities and influencers to break down, analyze and discuss the latest headlines in sports, pop culture and everything in-between.

JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE

JOYNER-KERSEE
Dubbed 'The Greatest
Female Athlete of the
20th Century' by Sports
Illustrated, Jackie
Joyner Kersee's athletic
accomplishments are
literally second to none.



JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE AND JACQIE MCWILLIAMS

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024
NCAA • 700 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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Having been dubbed 'The Greatest Female Athlete of the 20th Century' by Sports Illustrated, Jackie Joyner Kersee's athletic accomplishments are literally second to none. By the conclusion of her career in the heptathlon and long jump events she had amassed six Olympic medals (3 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze) and four World Champion titles over four consecutive Olympic Games. Jackie was the first woman in history to earn more than 7,000 points in the heptathlon and today, over 20 years later, she still holds the world heptathlon record of 7,291 points. She continues to hold the Olympic and national records in the long jump and her 1994 performance in the long jump remains the second longest in history. Jackie's athletic accomplishments have been well documented and remain some of the best ever across all of sports. Less well known are her tireless efforts and remarkable accomplishments off the field as a philanthropist and an advocate for children's education, health issues (in particular asthma from which she has suffered throughout her life), racial equality, social reform and women's rights.

Jacqie McWilliams Parker is in her 9th season of serving as the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Commissioner and is the Co-Founder/CEO of Sudden Change LLC. She is the first female to serve as Commissioner for the CIAA and first appointed African American Commissioner representing NCAA (National Collegiate Athletics Association) Division I, II and III. Mrs. McWilliams Parker spent nine years at the NCAA managing championships for both Divisions II and III, as well as the men's and women's Division I Basketball tournaments, which we all know as "March Madness". She started her career in coaching, compliance, and administration at Virginia Union University with career growth opportunities at the CIAA, Norfolk State University and Morgan State University prior to the NCAA.

Ms. McWilliams Parker lives out her mission daily to advocate, serve and transform. Sports has been her pathway to finding success. She is a woman of faith, motivational speaker, volunteers in her community, an active member of the Charlotte Crown Jewels Links Chapter of Charlotte and Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Temple (VA). Mrs. McWilliams Parker is the proud mother of Samone, age 16 and wife of Shaun Parker who was a former Hampton University student-athlete and coach.

JACQIE MCWILLIAMS

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We invite you to partner with us as a Sponsor, Season Pass Holder or Donor! Your partnership will provide educational opportunities for Indianapolis youth and adults. Your support will make a difference by providing access to culturally conscious curriculum and resources to support educational success. Thank you for your continued financial support and generosity.

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STEWARD SPEAKERS ANNUAL GALA

Sports and Education

Deion “Coach Prime” Sanders

April 11, 2024

Lucas Oil Stadium

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STADIUM

You do not want to miss the 2024 Steward Speakers Annual Gala. The event promises to inform, inspire, and invoke action by fostering meaningful dialogue and cultural exchanges.



Sponsorship and ticket options available.

*Season holders have access to this event.



OUR PURPOSE

In 2021, Steward Speakers launched its Education Initiative to advance our partnerships with colleges and universities by intentionally advocating for racially conscious policies, practices and learnings, embracing the growing needs of black and brown students. Our goal is to support efforts that combat the widening gaps in college matriculation, persistence and graduation rates between black and brown students and their white peers. We aspire to help all students see themselves reflected in their education and have opportunities to apply practical initiatives to effectively make positive change in their communities.

This speaker season, Steward Speakers will recognize the impact of leaders in our community who have championed creating spaces and platform that support equity and access to education for our students.

Join us in honoring change makers in education, diversity, equity, and inclusion:

Thursday, April 11, 2024

**LUCAS OIL
STADIUM**

500 S. Capitol Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46225
6:00 p.m. VIP Reception
7:00 p.m. Dinner, Awards, and Lecture



STEWARD SPEAKERS ANNUAL GALA

FEATURING

DEION “COACH PRIME” SANDERS

April 11, 2024 | Lucas Oil Stadium 500 S. Capitol Ave. Indianapolis, IN

Join Steward Speakers for a night of celebration as we close out the 2023-24 speaker season, “Sports & Education and the Impact on African Americans”, featuring Deion “Coach Prime” Sanders.

Your support will allow Steward Speakers to continue to bring the brightest luminaries to the Indianapolis community and help us to continue to expand our educational curriculum to reach more students.

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