

TRI-CITIAN OF THE YEAR

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Number 5 Comes HOME

Pasco, WA – Former Pasco High standout athlete, Michael Anthony Jackson, will be coming back to his hometown, Pasco, WA to share his perceptions on how he made it to the top level of the sports world, College and Professional Football

In this forum, Michael will interact with youth and coaches from the Tri-Cities area to assure them that success is at the tips of their fingers, within the reach of their grasps, and not beyond their (wildest) dreams. The presentation will spend one and a half hours highlighting Michael's journey to stardom, the ups and downs, ins and outs of how he achieved success, as well as the many road blocks, obstacles and detours that presented themselves along the way. This will be an interactive event with youth being able to ask questions along the quest.

The opportunities exist, if you open your eyes and are not afraid to walk the difficult paths.

The inspirational presentation will take place at the Pasco High Auditorium at 1pm on Saturday March 2nd and is free to the public. Seating is limited. Tickets will be distributed to area High Schools. The event is sponsored by the Tri City Area Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and is a prelude to the Tri-Citian of the Year Awards banquet on April 25th at the Three Rivers Convention Center featuring Michael Jackson as keynote speaker.

A Washington State native, Michael's high school and college careers were spent making his mark on the football field. Attending the University of Washington on an athletic scholarship for football from 1975-1978, Michael set the school record for tackles in a game 29 (twice), season (219), and set the career tackle mark (578). All three records still stand to this day. In the 1978 Rose Bowl, he made the game-saving interception on the 3-yard line with less than two minutes remaining in the game to defeat the Michigan Wolverines 27-20.

A Seattle Seahawks third round NFL draft pick in 1979, Michael went on to play professional football for eight years. While with the Seahawks he earned 21 game balls for outstanding play and was named Most Valuable Player in 1981. Michael retired from football in 1986.

After retirement from Professional Football, Michael went back to school and graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in drama, and a Masters' Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. As a professional actor he has appeared in 15 film and television roles. He officially retired from work on June 24, 2022.

For additional ticket information go to www.tricitianoftheyear.com or call 509-736-2306