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## Hall of Famers to be in the spotlight when *Gridiron Glory* comes to Houston



**Kenny Houston**



**Michael Strahan**



**Aeneas Williams**

Texas Southern University alumnus **Michael Strahan**, Southern University's Aeneas Williams and Prairie View A&M's Kenny Houston will be spotlighted as TSU brings one of America's largest traveling exhibits to Houston. *Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame* opens on January 30 in TSU's University Museum. Excitement for the exhibit is mounting and tickets are on sale now.

Houston, inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1986, and Williams, a member of the 2014 Hall of Fame class, will appear alongside TSU alumnus and fellow Hall of Famer **Michael Strahan** in commercials, invitations, flyers, posters, social media and on a billboard promoting the exhibit. The display will appear on the I-45 North exchange at the Telephone Road exit near Hobby Airport.

Houston starred in the Oilers' defensive backfield for six seasons (1967-72) racking up 25 interceptions and an NFL record of nine touchdowns on interception returns. Houston's stats put him in a fourth-place tie for the most in both franchise and league history. He closed his career with the Washington Redskins (1973-80), snagging an additional 24 interceptions. Williams played 14 seasons with Arizona Cardinals and St. Louis Rams. He earned eight Pro

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## Texas Southern University staff share their New Year's resolutions

My New Year's Resolution is to practice healthy living by eating better, exercising and meditating; take up painting and ballroom dancing as hobbies; smile and laugh more; symbolize, signify, and embody joy, peace and happiness; learn a new skill to enhance my career path; improve productivity at work by implementing effective business operation tools and resources; help our homeless community by giving to local charities and volunteering; and make the world a better place by helping others day to day. - **Sharron Benavides**, Office of Disability Services

My New Year's Resolution is to continue to improve self in order to become a better servant. - **Birtenna Bennett**, Office of Student Services

My New Year's Resolution is wash my hands more often, drink more water, be more organized, and accomplish more. - **Kendrick Callis**, Office of Communications

My New Year's Resolution is to get more support and exposure to the Mickey Leland Archives in the School of Public Affairs. I would also love to give the new president a tour of the archives....soon. - **Patriccus Fortiori**

My New Year's Resolution is to be better at what I do than anyone else who does what I do. - **Marsha Griggs**, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

My New Year's Resolution is to do a better job of balancing my time to include family and friends. - **Eva K. Pickens**, University Advancement

My New Year's Resolution is to think first before speaking, love others as God loves me, increase the time spent with my grandsons, enjoy life and not sweat the small stuff, and finish my PhD studies in Organizational Psychology. - **Jimmy Renita Walker**, Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

## TSU News

The **deadline** to submit news or information for **TSU E-News** is Thursday's at noon for the following week's edition. Submissions may be sent to calliskd@tsu.edu or pickensek@tsu.edu.

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Bowl nods with 55 career interceptions and nine touchdowns.

“Even as an inductee into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, I am still amazed when I view all of the football memorabilia that in this exhibit,” Houston said. “I always wanted all of my family, fans and friends to see this...and now that the Canton exhibit is traveling to Houston, they will be able to see it.”

“I am thrilled to be associated with Gridiron Glory, said Williams. “This exhibit highlights all of the key moments in the history of the game and is a must visit for all football fans.”

*Gridiron Glory* will be housed in TSU’s University Museum beginning January 30. The 6,000 square-foot exhibit features hundreds of artifacts from the Hall of Fame collection and captures the essence of the Hall’s experience.

This interactive multimedia experience includes original artifacts, rare documents, immersive fan experiences, educational programming and remarkable footage from NFL Films showcasing the American legacy of the game of football and its historical significance. Many of the items on display in Houston will be available for the first time. The exhibit includes the Vince Lombardi Trophy, an authentic interactive instant-replay booth, Knute Rockne’s 1919 Massillon Tigers helmet, Jim Brown’s jersey worn in an actual game, and Emmitt Smith’s rushing-record game mementos, among other highlights.

Media, businesses and organizations are invited to partner with TSU in this amazing experience. Funding through exhibition ticket sales and sponsorships support college scholarships and student programs.

Unique underwriting opportunities include evening venue rental for companies or organizations to host private viewing receptions and funding group tours for youth centers, schools, and young athletes. For details, including sponsorships, group tours, daily packages and options for retail ticket outlets, contact Kendrick Callis at 713-313-7933 or [calliskd@tsu.edu](mailto:calliskd@tsu.edu), Rodney Bush at 713-313-7603 or [bushrr@tsu.edu](mailto:bushrr@tsu.edu), Linda L. Ragland at 832-443-6272 or [llr@mybrandsite.com](mailto:llr@mybrandsite.com).

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Auditions can be scheduled upon request and will continue until courses can no longer be added for spring semester 2017