

Jarrett Payton Biography

Jarrett Payton, son of the late NFL Hall of Famer Walter Payton is a television host locally with WGN, businessman, philanthropist, motivational speaker, former NFL and CFL running back and devoted husband and father.

Currently he is the host of WGN's GN Sports program and sports anchor for the WGN TV Evening News broadcasts.

Payton has been involved with several business ventures outside his media profession that also keep him busy. His most passionate project is his partnership in the Flagship on the Fox sports bar in downtown Saint Charles. Other business ventures have included the Payton Premium Coffee line made with PapaNicholas Coffee among others. Payton also engages with many audiences through his motivational speaking engagements.

Along with honoring his father's legacy of making a difference in the community, Payton is now focusing on connecting with children, serving as a role model and stressing the importance of sports, education and character through numerous public speaking events. He and his wife Trisha are the co-founders of The Jarrett Payton Foundation (JPF). Payton also dedicates time to his family's foundation, The Walter & Connie Payton Foundation.

Payton's own career in athletics started at an early age. Following a successful high school soccer and football career in the Chicago area, he had an illustrious career at the University of Miami where Payton appeared in five major bowl games and was named Most Valuable Player of the 2004 Orange Bowl.

After college, he went on to play in the NFL, NFL Europe, Canadian Football League as well as the Indoor Football League. Payton's football career transcended into a successful sports television and radio career. Over the last several years, Payton has worked with ESPN, Comcast SportsNet, ChicagolandSportsRadio.com and WGN.

As an active participant on social media, friends and fans can connect with him on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat, @paytonsun,

He currently resides in the western suburbs of Chicago with his wife, son and daughter.