

Michael Johnson- Defensive End

NAME: Michael David Johnson
POSITION: Defensive End
HOMETOWN: Selma, Alabama
COLLEGE: Georgia Institute of Technology
PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL: Cincinnati Bengals since 2009 NFL Draft



In his fifth year in the league, Michael Johnson still strived to make a name playing 15 games during the 2013 season missing only the October 6 game versus the New England Patriots; however, he remains a tough durable competitor who has only missed one game in his five year career.

He led the defensive line and ranked third on the team with 74 tackles, 3.5 sacks, two forced fumbles and an interception. Johnson tied for the lead among Defensive Lineman with 10 passes defended making second the time with 61 QB pressures.

As the injuries mounted on the Bengals defense, his responsibilities grew. He lined up all over the defensive front, rushing both sides, covering WRs, TEs and RBs. He is the definition of a true player who puts his team before his own stats.

He has made quite an impression in the league, especially among Coach Mike Zimmer, who would love to have Johnson back, "I have a ton of respect for him. I remember when he came here he had a lot of things said about him when he came out of college; he wouldn't finish, he didn't do this or didn't do that, but Michael has become a good football player. He's very conscientious, he plays extremely hard. He's one of these guys that we've build up into what we're looking for here, the kind of guys that we want, the kind of personalities, the kind of caring about one another in the locker room. I can't say enough good things about him ... hopefully, we'll get him back. If not, I know that Michael will be successful wherever he goes."

Bengals' head coach, Marvin Lewis, also stated that 2013 was Michael's best all around season in his five years as a Bengal. Not only did he accomplish quite a bit on the field, he was a conquer off the field as well.



Projects and Philanthropic Endeavors

- The Selma Chapter of The Links, Inc., awarded Johnson with a Distinguished Citizen Award during their Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Monday, January 20, 2014.
- Appointed Honorary Lieutenant Governor of the State of Alabama by Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey of the State of Alabama.

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- Nominated for two consecutive years for the Byron Whizzer White award.
- Awarded "Key to the City" of Selma, Alabama by Mayor George P. Evans for the Michael Johnson Youth Football Camp.
- Attended the inauguration events of President Barack Obama and participated as a philanthropist and supporter of the 2013 Ambassadors Inauguration Ball in Washington, DC.



- Received a plaque and recognition from the Cincinnati Police Department for his selfless and generous contribution to the Cincinnati Police Department's CITI Camp Program
- **American Dairy Association:** Michael lent his support to promote the benefits of healthy diets incorporating dairy products. He appeared in a series of public service announcements.
- **Fuel Up to Play 60:** Johnson served as the team ambassador for this popular program that emphasizes healthy eating and daily 60 minutes of physical activity a day for kids.



- MJ93 brought the Microsoft AthleTech Program to Selma, Alabama which provided a one of a kind workshop that introduced and taught area middle schoolers the use of the latest software on the new Microsoft Surface Pro tablet and laptops.
- **MJ93 Microsoft Certification Training Program:** MJ started a computer training initiative in his hometown of Selma to help bridge the gap of qualified computer technicians. This program successfully graduated six people making it the first class with these useful skills, all of which received laptops and materials to prepare for the computer technician certification tests.



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- **Mercy Health:** Michael has been the Honorary Chairman for the Friday Night Lights fundraiser hosted by Mercy Health for the last 2 years.
- Provided Thanksgiving and Christmas Family Sponsorship aiding over 10 local families with expenses for holiday meals



- Hosted Annual Youth Football & Cheer Camp since 2009 for boys and girls ages 8 to 17. The camp is designed to get kids involved with and enjoying team sports and activities.

- Visited and gave motivational talks to countless schools in Cincinnati, Georgia and his hometown of Selma, Alabama. During the season, Michael would speak at a selected school, take the kids on tour and give them tickets to a game as an incentive for an essay program.

- MJ93 Bowl, held at Princeton Bowling in Cincinnati, OH, Bowling with the Bengals event was created to benefit Most Valuable Kids and the Michael Johnson Foundation. MVK and Michael Johnson paired up together to help at-risk kids in the community.

- University of Cincinnati Gen-1 Theme House: For the last 4 years, Michael has supported this program by covering housing and

tuition costs for several students who would not have been able to afford college without his assistance.

- **Boys and Girls Clubs of America:** Volunteer



The name of Michael's foundation is the MJ93 Advised Fund, a component fund of the Community Foundation of Middle, TN. The purpose of the foundation is to support educational programs, organizations and schools that focus on kids' education, abilities and talents in preparation for success and healthier living.

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