

Get to Know John Wildhack '80

Syracuse University's Next Director of Athletics



Born and raised in Buffalo



1980 Graduate of S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications



Advisory Board Member for the David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics

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Newhouse at 40 Gala Honoree



Married to Amy Wildhack; sons Tommy and James (pictured above) and MJ (not pictured)



On Coming Back to 'Cuse

“Syracuse University played a profound role in my life’s trajectory and I’m confident I wouldn’t be where I am without the education and opportunities this institution afforded me.”

—John Wildhack

Career Highlights



Negotiated a nine-year deal with the NBA



Won more than 30 Emmy Awards



Produced ESPN's first live regular-season college football game and first live NFL game



Negotiated a 20-year agreement with the SEC



Responsible for **50,000 hours** of content annually

Secured long-term multiplatform agreements with the NBA, Major League Baseball, College Football Playoff, ACC, Big 12, US Open Tennis, Rose and Sugar Bowls, WNBA, AAC, and MWC

ESPN Career

(1980 to 2016)

2014-2016

Executive Vice President, Programming and Production

2012-2014

Executive Vice President, Production

2009-2012

Executive Vice President, Programming, Acquisitions and Strategic Program Planning

2007-2009

Executive Vice President, Programming, Acquisitions and Strategy

2005-2007

Senior Vice President, Programming, Acquisitions and Strategy

1994-2005

Senior Vice President, Programming

1993-1994

Senior Vice President, Event Production

1991-1993

Vice President, Event Production

1990-1991

Director, Event Production

1987-1990

Producer, Sunday Night Football

1985-1987

Producer, College Football, NCAA Basketball, Boxing, Golf and Auto Racing

1983-1985

Senior Associate Producer

1982-1983

Associate Producer

1980-1982

Production Assistant