



THE ROCK




Dwayne Douglas Johnson (born May 2, 1972), also known by his ring name The Rock, is an American actor, producer and professional wrestler. Johnson was a college football player for the University of Miami, where he won a national championship on the 1991 Miami Hurricanes team. After being cut from the Calgary Stampeders of CFL two months into the 1995 season, Johnson began training for a career in professional wrestling, following in the footsteps of various family members, including his grandfather and his father, Rocky Johnson, from whom he inherited Canadian citizenship in 2009.






Widely regarded as one of the greatest professional wrestlers of all time, Johnson gained mainstream fame in the World Wrestling Federation (WWF, now WWE) from 1996 to 2004 and was the first third-generation wrestler in the company's history. He returned to WWE part-time from 2011–13 and continues to make sporadic appearances for the company. In wrestling, Johnson's accomplishments including being an eight time WWF/WWE Champion, two time WCW/World Champion, two time WWF Intercontinental Champion and a five time WWF Tag Team Champion. He is the sixth Triple Crown Champion in WWE and won the 2000 Royal Rumble. Johnson's autobiography *The Rock Says...* debuted at No. 1 on The New York Times Best Seller list in 2000.



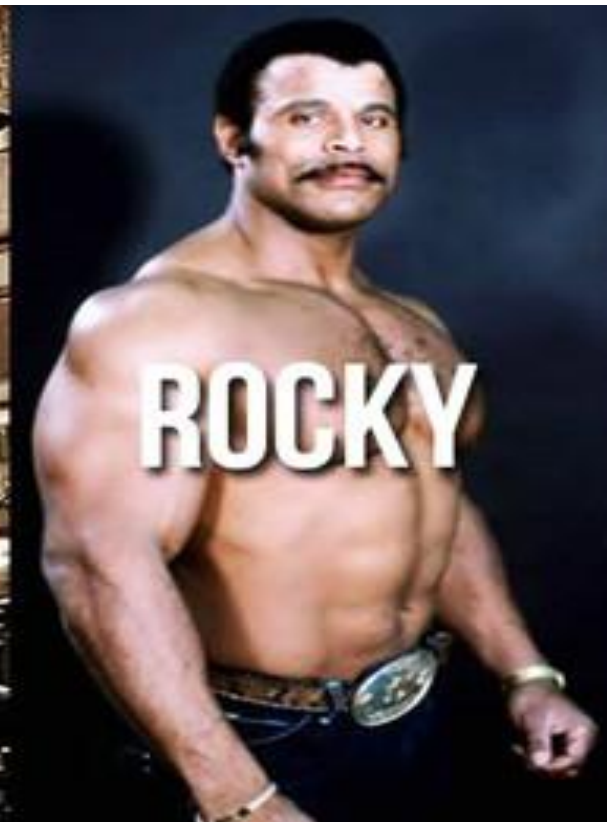
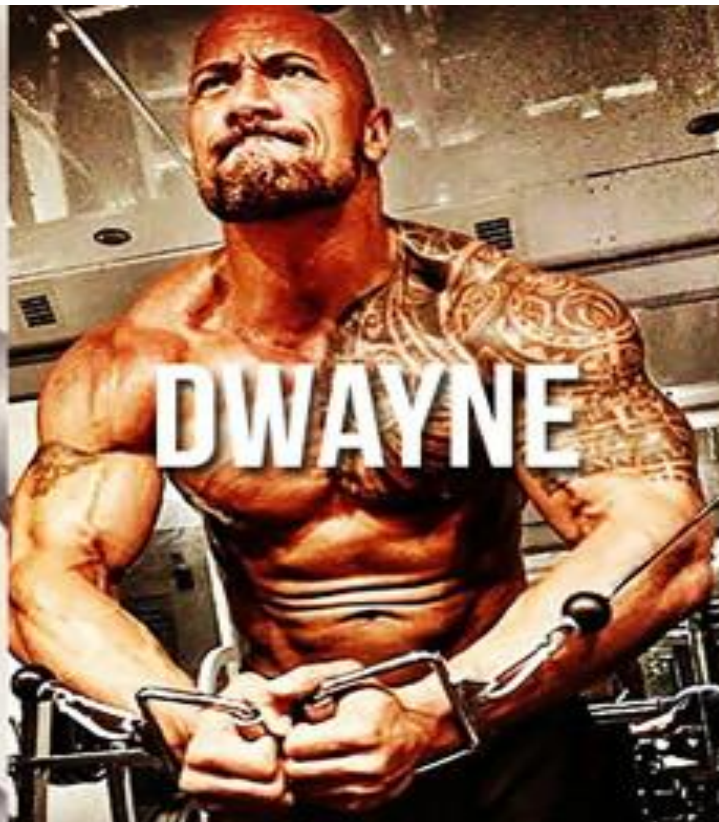


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The success of Johnson's wrestling character allowed him to cross over into mainstream pop culture. He appeared on Wyclef Jean's 2000 single "It Doesn't Matter" and in its music video.





The Rock has been listed as one of the all-time greatest professional wrestlers as well as one of the top box office draws in wrestling history.





Johnson acted on television while wrestling. In his first television acting job, in 1999, he played his own father in an episode of *That '70s Show* called "That Wrestling Show". Nearly a year later, he appeared in the *Star Trek: Voyager* episode "Tsunkatse" as an alien wrestler who fought popular character Seven of Nine. While Johnson was away from WWE, the company continued to sell "The Rock" merchandise, and he continued to be featured prominently in the opening montages of their television shows.





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