

TYRA BANKS

Entrepreneur, Supermodel, TV Icon, Author, Activist

'Conquering the Challenge of Change'

Expanding the definition of beauty is something Tyra Banks has always believed in, as a supermodel and as a super-businesswoman. Six modeling agencies rejected her before she was signed at the age of 15 years old. Now, hundreds of magazine covers and thousands of runways later, Tyra grooms the next generation of models to make their dreams come true. For the last decade, she has been the Creator and Executive Producer of America's Next Top Model (ANTM), the first and longest running fashion competition-based reality television series. ANTM currently airs in 186 counties and has 26 international versions that span from Asia's Next Top Model to Africa's Next Top Model.

An orginal Victoria's Secret Angel, Tyra was also the first model to grace the cover of GQ and the first African-American model to be featured on the covers of the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue, which featured her for two consecutive years, and the Victoria's Secret catalogue. She was named one of Hollywood Reporter's "100 Most Powerful Women in Entertainment" and Entertainment Weekly's "25 Smartest in Television".

She was honored as one of Glamour Magazine's coveted "Women of the Year", alongside Former U.S. Secretaries of State Condoleezza Rice and Hillary Clinton. She won two Emmy Awards for The Tyra Show, the first show ever to receive the award in the new "Informative" category. Her infamous line, "KISS MY FAT ASS!", made TV Guide Magazine's 60 Greatest Talk Show Moments. She was listed twice on Time Magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World", and she took the #1 spot on Forbes' list of top earning women in primetime for two years in a row. She is the author of a New York Times bestselling book, Modelland, and was named one of Fast Company's "100 Most Creative People".

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