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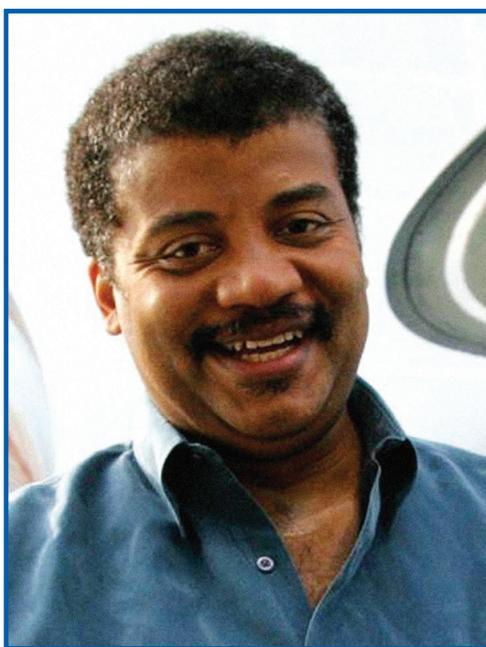


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Neil deGrasse Tyson was born and raised in New York City where he was educated in the public schools right through his graduation from the Bronx High School of Science. Tyson went on to earn his B.A. in Physics from Harvard and his Ph.D. in Astrophysics from Columbia.

Tyson's professional research interests are broad, but include star formation, exploding stars, dwarf galaxies, and the structure of the Milky Way.

Tyson is the recipient of eighteen honorary doctorates and the NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal, the highest award given by NASA to a non-governmental employee. His contributions to the public appreciation of the cosmos have been recognized by the International Astronomical Union officially naming an asteroid "13123 Tyson."

In February 2012, Tyson released his tenth book, *Space Chronicles: Facing the Ultimate Frontier*, which summarizes all his thinking on the past, present, and future of space exploration. Currently, Tyson is working on a 21st century reboot of Carl Sagan's landmark television series *COSMOS*, to air in 13 episodes on the FOX network in the spring of 2014.

Tyson is the first occupant of the Frederick P. Rose Directorship of the Hayden Planetarium. He lives in New York City with his wife and two children.

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