## Michael Blake

Michael Alexander Blake is a proud native of The Bronx, New York and is the youngest son of Jamaican immigrants. His mother is a retired 40 year manufacturer and raised four boys, including a retired Sergeant First Class in the U.S. Army and his late Father was an 1199 SEIU maintenance supervisor at St. Barnabas Hospital in The Bronx.

Michael Blake is the Founder & CEO of Atlas Strategy Group, Inc. which focuses on Economic Empowerment through increasing Access to Capital, Contracting and Opportunities to Minority, Women and Small Businesses along with creating metrics based programs for Social Justice and Civic Engagement for Communities of Color. Blake has worked with the Washington Football Team, Eccalon, Operation Hope focusing on Financial Literacy for Individuals and Businesses and Green For All as its National Policy Director.

Michael is also the Founder & CEO of the KAIROS DEMOCRACY PROJECT, a nonpartisan 501(c)(4) social welfare organization committed to mobilizing Communities of Color and Young Americans on the practical daily benefits of a strong Democracy.

Michael is the President of Next Level Sports and Entertainment – the only Black owned national TV Sports network in our country's history. Viewed in 21 million U.S. households and more than 100 million global households and with programming ranging from HBCU-Know to the What's NXT studio show, Blake

is leading a team that is disrupting the Sports, Media and Technology industries. Blake is also the host of the Award-Winning "Sports and Society" segment where the intersectionality of sports and everyday conversations peek into the role of sports in our lives.

Michael served as a Founding Visiting Fellow at Monroe College's Institute of Social Justice, Government and Civic Engagement teaching more than 140 students twice a week about Civics and public policy. Blake is also leading the My Brother's Keeper efforts for Monroe College.