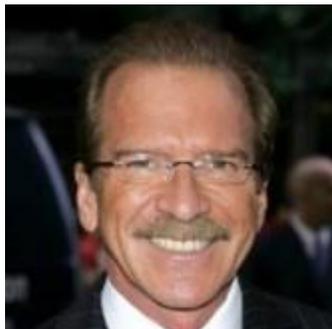


## Pat O'Brien Inducted 2014



Pat O'Brien grew up in [Sioux Falls](#) and attended Axtell Park Middle school then graduated from [Washington High School in 1966](#). He is a 1970 graduate of the [University of South Dakota](#) in [Vermillion](#), where he was a Government major. He was also a member of the [Delta Tau Delta fraternity](#).<sup>[2]</sup> O'Brien also studied international economics at the [Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies](#) at [Johns Hopkins University](#) in [Washington, D.C.](#)<sup>[3]</sup> O'Brien was a member of Sioux Falls area rock and roll band [Dale Gregory and the Shouters](#), from 1964-1967 for which he was inducted into the South Dakota Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on April 25, 2010.<sup>[4]</sup> Subsequent to the Shouters, he was the lead band personality in the local band Those of Us, a compilation of the Shouters and the X-Men.

O'Brien started his career working for [KSOO](#) TV-Radio in his hometown of Sioux Falls. After graduating from college in 1970, he worked as a researcher at [NBC News](#) in Washington, D.C.<sup>[5]</sup> and was a production assistant for [The Huntley-Brinkley Report](#).<sup>[6]</sup> He then served as an anchor and reporter for [WMAQ-TV](#) in [Chicago](#). In 1977 he moved to KNXT-TV (now [KCBS-TV](#)) in [Los Angeles](#), where he earned four local Emmy Awards.<sup>[5]</sup>

Pat O'Brien is perhaps best known for his sixteen-year association with [CBS Sports](#), which he joined in 1981. While at [CBS](#), O'Brien covered the [Super Bowl](#), [World Series](#), [NBA Draft](#), [NBA Finals](#), [Winter Olympic Games](#), the [NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament](#), [NCAA Football Championship](#) and the [Final Four](#). He has also hosted [VH1's Fairway to Heaven](#) and [Lift Ticket to Ride](#). In [1990](#), he was a regular on [The NFL Today](#) with [Greg Gumbel](#), [Terry Bradshaw](#) and [Lesley Visser](#).

From 1997 to 2004 he was the co-host of [Access Hollywood](#). His cohosts included [Giselle Fernandez](#) until 1999, and then [Nancy O'Dell](#) through 2004. He became the lead host of the [Entertainment Tonight](#) spin-off [The Insider](#) from its inception in 2004 until 2008. On August 18, 2010, O'Brien joined [Steve Hartman](#) and [Vic "The Brick" Jacobs](#) on the [Loose Cannons](#) show.

In 2000, O'Brien returned to the sports world when he covered the [Summer Olympic Games](#) in [Sydney](#) for [NBC](#), appearing on the [CNBC](#) channel. He also covered the [2002 Winter Olympics](#) in [Salt Lake City, Utah](#), appearing on [MSNBC](#). He also anchored the [2004 Games](#) in [Athens, Greece](#) for [NBC](#), this time appearing on both the Network and [MSNBC](#), and in 2012 anchors the [tennis tournament](#) coverage which will be carried on [Bravo](#). In addition to the Olympics, he also hosted the late night edition of the [2006 U.S. Open Tennis Championships](#) for [CBS Sports](#) which was his return to CBS after a 9 year hiatus.<sup>[8]</sup>

O'Brien also [voice-acted](#) in an episode of [The Twilight Zone](#) entitled **Mr. Motivation**. His voice is used for a doll named "Mr. Motivation."