



## Hines Ward

Hines Ward's versatility served him extremely well as an NFL wide receiver. Drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the third round of the 1998 NFL Draft, he led the Steelers in at least one team category each year, three MVP selections, and was named co-captain for the 2006 Steelers Super Bowl team. His 43-yard touchdown scored in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of Super Bowl XL, in addition to five receptions for 123 yards and one rush for 18 yards, earned him the MVP honor of that game. He was a four-time consecutive Pro Bowl selection (2001-2004) and is the only player in Pro Bowl history to score a touchdown on an onside kick. He has broken many Steelers records including the all-time receptions record previously held by Hall of Famer, Lynn Swann. Hines is the only receiver in Steelers history to surpass 1,000 receiving yards in four consecutive seasons. He currently holds the record for the most touchdowns by a wide receiver in Steelers history.



Hines' mother is Korean and his father is African-American. As a native of Seoul, South Korea, Hines has become a symbol of the value of multiculturalism in South Korea and is championing the cause of bi-racial children there. Ward completed the trip of a lifetime in April of 2006 with his mother as a gift to his mom and to learn more about his Korean heritage, and to spread good will and gratitude to the people of Korea.



Ward has a passion for helping children. When he scored a touchdown in a home game, he would often search the stands for a child wearing his #86 jersey, and give them the touchdown ball as a sign of support and gratitude. His love of children prompted him to start his own foundation for kids, the "Helping Hands Foundation". He plans to continue the battle to help make life easier for mixed race children in South Korea as well as those who face teasing from other kids their age.

For his efforts both on and off the field, Hines has been featured in and on many media outlets. He served as a keynote speaker at the White House for Asian Pacifica-American Month as well as for corporations in both the U.S. and South Korea. Additionally, he was a U.S. Delegate (at the request of Condoleezza Rice) and a personal invitee of South Korean President Lee Myong Bak for the Presidential Inauguration in February 2008.

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