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MONTGOMERY - New York Giant rookie and Sycamore graduate Michael Matthews is still ecstatic about winning the Super Bowl Feb. 3.

Matthews was honored by his former high school Feb. 8 during a special pep rally at the school. He spoke briefly about having pride in one's work, school and life, and credited Sycamore with giving him the tools necessary to become an undrafted rookie in the NFL.

"This is where it all really started," Matthews said.

After speaking with the students, he tossed Giants T-shirts into the crowd and received a replica of the Super Bowl trophy from the school district.

"On behalf of Sycamore, we're the ones honored to have you as a Sycamore graduate," Superintendent Adrienne James said.

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After the pep rally, New York Giants rookie Michael Matthews signs autographs and poses for pictures with students.

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Super Bowl champion Michael Matthews (center) excites the crowd by throwing a Giants T-shirt to a nearby cheerleader.



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During the pep rally, Mike Matthews takes the opportunity to introduce his wife, Sycamore graduate Laura Matthews, their son Dominic, 8, and their daughter Lariah, 2.

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As the student body waits in anticipation, Sycamore Principal Chris Davis tells them about Matthews and his accomplishments since graduating in 2000.



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New York Giants rookie Michael Matthews holds up a replica Super Bowl trophy presented to him by Superintendent Adrienne James (right) during a special pep rally Feb. 8.

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