Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video
Oral History with Quintin Primo, III

Primo, Quintin, 1955-
Alternative Names: Quintin Primo, III;

Life Dates: March 14, 1955-

Place of Birth: Rochester, New York, USA

Residence: Lake Forest, IL

Work: Chicago, IL

Occupations: Investment Chief Executive

Biographical Note

Quintin E. Primo III was born March 14, 1955, in Rochester, New York. His mother, Winnifred Primo, and late father, Episcopal Bishop Quintin E. Primo, Jr., were both raised in the South, both having ancestral roots in the Caribbean. Primo attended Lincoln Elementary in Rochester, New York, Friends School in Wilmington, Delaware, and Miller Junior High School in Detroit, Michigan. At Cass Technical High School
in Detroit, Primo excelled as a musician. During this time, Primo’s father was appointed Bishop of the Episcopal Church and the family moved to Chicago’s Homewood-Flossmoor area where Primo graduated from Homewood-Flossmoor High School in 1973. He then attended Indiana University, where he earned a B.S. degree in finance and graduated with honors. In 1977, he enrolled in Harvard Business School, receiving his M.B.A. in 1979.

That same year, Primo started his career at Citicorps Real Estate, where he specialized in real estate lending. In 1988, he fulfilled a lifelong dream and opened his own investment banking business, Quintin Primo and Company. After several years, the company folded and Primo teamed up with friend and colleague Daryl Carter in 1992 to form CAPRI Capital Management. Today, CAPRI manages seven billion dollars in assets.

Primo serves on the board of the Chicago Sinfonetta, the Chicago Community Trust, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Advisory Board, University of Chicago Hospitals, the Real Estate Council and the Primo Women and Children Center. He lives in the Chicago area with his wife, Diane, and their children, Francesca and Quintin IV. Primo is writing a book about his father in the Episcopal Church entitled The Making of a Black Bishop.

Related Entries

Homewood-Flossmoor High School [STUDENT OF]
[from ? to ?]

Lincoln Elementary School [STUDENT OF]
[from ? to ?]

Miller Junior High School [STUDENT OF]
[from ? to ?]
Cass Technical High School [STUDENT OF]
[from ? to ?]

Wilmington Friends School [STUDENT OF]
[from ? to ?]

Citicorp Real Estate [EMPLOYEE OF]
[from 1965 to 1982]

Quintin Primo & Company [EMPLOYEE OF]
[from 1988 to ?]

Founder

Capri Capital Management [EMPLOYEE OF]
[from 1992 to ?]

Co-Founder