

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Ron Bryant

PERSON

Bryant, Ron, 1952-

Alternative Names: Ron Bryant;

Life Dates: January 6, 1952-

Place of Birth: Barberton, Ohio, USA

Residence: Columbus, OH

Occupations: Broadcast Journalist

Biographical Note

Producer Ron Bryant was born on January 6, 1952 in Youngstown, Ohio to Doris Morris and T.Y. Bryant, Jr. He graduated from South High School in Youngstown, Ohio in 1970, and earned an athletic scholarship to attend Kent State University at Salem in Salem, Ohio. In 1971, he transferred to Youngstown State University, where he majored in mass communication and received his B.A. degree in 1974.

After graduation, Bryant moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to host “The Al Knight Show” on WAMO-AM. He then worked for the television production center before moving to Boulder, Colorado, where he worked for the public radio station KGNU. In 1984, Bryant returned to Youngstown, where he worked as a disc jockey and film editor for the NBC affiliate WFMJ-TV. Bryant was featured in over 1,200 commercials as a voice-over artist. He also worked as a music reviewer and entertainment editor for the Call and Post and the Columbus Post. He also worked part-time at the jazz radio station WBBY and as the program director of WZZT. Bryant also served as the marketing and communications director for The Near East Area Commission, and assisted in the development of the Community 21 Cable Access initiative. In 2002, Bryant developed and produced the American Diversity Magazine television show, which aired on the Ohio News Network. In 2003, he became the news and community affairs director at WVKO in Cleveland. In 2006, Bryant accepted a position as the minority media coordinator and deputy communications director with the Ohio Democratic Party. In 2011, he became the director of news and community affairs for the Bounce TV affiliate in Columbus. In 2014, Bryant served as the executive director of the Intern Student Network Broadcast Project, an initiative aimed at training youth in Franklin County in the fundamentals of broadcast production.

Over the course of his career, Bryant produced a variety of health-based programming

that targeted underserved populations in central Ohio, including his 2010 program For Goodness Sake. Bryant also won the Telly Award for excellence in broadcast journalism for a program he produced called Trailblazers: African-Americans Making a Difference.

Ron Bryant was interviewed by TheHistoryMakers on November 13, 2017.

Related Entries

Youngstown South High School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Princeton Junior High School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Rutherford B. Hayes Middle School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Martin Luther King Elementary School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Jefferson Elementary School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Elm Street School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]