

## TIMBERLY WHITFIELD BIO



Considering that Timberly Whitfield grew up as the daughter of worldwide missionaries who didn't even own a television, the choice of a TV journalism career might seem ironic. But Timberly's innate curiosity, organization, ebullience, and extraordinary drive have helped her carve out a successful, yet diverse path in the industry.

Timberly is currently the host of the award-winning daily magazine-style television series "New Morning" on the Hallmark Channel, a show that takes viewers on a journey through uplifting and inspiring stories. She was co-host of The History Channel's "Field Trips USA" and "Year by Year for Kids," for which she won a Telly Award. In addition, she has interviewed celebrities ranging from Oprah Winfrey and Gwyneth Paltrow to classical performing artists on A&E Network's "Breakfast with the Arts." But being an on-air personality is not just the limit of Timberly's talents. She also has

over seven years of experience as a programming executive and producer for several series on A&E Television Networks. "One of Timberly's greatest strengths is her flexibility," says Brooke Bailey Johnson, former General Manager, A&E Network. "She can do hard news reporting, feature work, and even did children's programming for us."

Honored with the John M. Patterson Award from Columbia University's School of Journalism during her tenure there, Timberly graduated with a Masters of Science in Broadcast Journalism and quickly began her rise in the industry. She started as a general assignment reporter for Paragon Cable's "Community Line" news program in New York City. She later worked as an associate producer/writer for Bolthead Communications Group where she produced two documentary series: "The 80's" — a series chronicling major international news events of the decade for MPI Home Video, and "In Search of the Dream" — a six-part series about the African American experience which aired on A&E and was nominated for a Cable ACE Award.

What allows Timberly to be so knowledgeable and versatile in her career? Perhaps the answer lies in her upbringing. Having lived in three countries and traveled to more than twenty countries in her young lifetime have provided her a wealth of experiences not afforded to most. Because of these experiences, there are few mountains she is afraid to conquer. She spoke Swahili as a young girl, even teaching English to local Tanzanian children when she was just eight years old. She recently returned to Africa to conquer another mountain — Mt. Kilimanjaro — which she successfully climbed in five arduous days. That kind of determination makes Timberly an asset to any organization.

Timberly is married to Robert Allen, a lieutenant with the New York City Police Department. They live in New York City with their daughter, Raina. Timberly and her husband are currently writing and developing sitcoms and dramas for television.

Timberly is a member of New York Women in Film and Television (NYWIFT), the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), and the Producers Guild of America (PGA). Because giving back is important to her, she has been a big sister with Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City for several years. She also frequently returns to her alma mater and New York University as a guest speaker.

"Timberly is a fresh, young talent. She is intelligent and resourceful and lights up the screen with her upbeat and dynamic personality," says Abbe Raven, Executive Vice President and General Manager, A&E Network. "She is hard-working and a delight to have on one's team."