



BYRON PITTS

Chief National Correspondent
ABC News

Byron Pitts was named ABC News "Nightline" co-anchor in 2014. Mr. Pitts joined ABC News in April 2013 as anchor and Chief National Correspondent covering national news stories and in-depth features for the network, reporting for all broadcasts and platforms including "Good Morning America," "World News with Diane Sawyer," "Nightline," "This Week" and "20/20". Pitts also reports for all ABC News digital properties including ABCNews.com.

Named NABJ Journalist of the Year in 2002, Mr. Pitts is a multiple Emmy award-winning journalist known for his thoughtful storytelling, on-the-ground reporting and in-depth interviews. A news veteran with over 30 years of experience, Mr. Pitts has traveled around the world to cover some of the biggest news stories of our time from the Florida presidential recount to the tsunami in Indonesia and the refugee crisis in Kosovo. In less than 24 hours after joining ABC News, Mr. Pitts participated in live special coverage of the Boston marathon bombing investigation, including the day-long manhunt for the Tsarnaev brothers that virtually shut down the city.

Prior to joining ABC News, Mr. Pitts spent 15 years at CBS News where he recently served as Chief National Correspondent for "The CBS Evening News" and filed regularly for "60 Minutes," covering presidential campaigns and political conventions, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and the devastating earthquake in Haiti. He was also one of CBS News' first reporters at Ground Zero during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, winning an Emmy award for his coverage. Pitts has received several other prestigious awards for his work including an Emmy award for his reporting on the Chicago train wreck in 1999, a National Association of Black Journalists Award, four Associated Press Awards and six regional Emmy awards.

Mr. Pitts joined CBS News in 1997 as a correspondent for the 24-hour affiliate news service, CBS Newspath, in Washington, D.C., where he focused on politics and national interest pieces. One year later he was named CBS News correspondent, filing for the Miami and Atlanta bureaus before arriving in New York City in 2001.

Mr. Pitts dreamed of becoming a journalist at a young age, but he faced two serious obstacles to his dream. He was illiterate until the age of 12 and struggled to overcome a stutter. Mr. Pitts chronicled his journey in a 2009 memoir titled, "Step Out on Nothing: How Faith and Family Helped Me Conquer Life's Challenges."

He began his career at WNCT-TV in Greenville, North Carolina, where he covered local news and served as weekend sports anchor. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1982, where he studied journalism and speech communication. Byron Pitts is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and he currently lives in New York City.