

2001 Hall of Fame Honoree

Christopher Terrance Class of 1963

Chris Terrance entered the U.S. Navy after graduation and was honorably discharged. He went on to earn an Associate's degree in Liberal Arts from Fresno City College and then his B.S. in Physical Education from California State University. In 1977, he formed Chris Terrance Programs, where he wrote and produced several shows, including "Takin' Care," "Needle Magic," which starred Arte Johnson, and "Keep the Ball Rollin," which featured Magic Johnson. In addition, he wrote theme music and jingles for various television programs and commercials. He also was a promoter and event manager for such stars and musicians as Jerry Seinfeld, A. Whitney Brown, The Rattlesnake Hatband and many more.

After making the career change to commercial television, Terrance served as promotion director for KJEO-TV in Fresno, CA. He produced "59 Tonight" for KGMC, and was radio host of "Sportscall with Chris and Joe." He has served as public affairs director, producer and host of the "Timeline Series" on KVPT. Other professional credits include hosting and writing "The 50 Up Show" and "Take me out to the Downtown Ballgame," a documentary starring The Beach Boys, as well as hosting and producing "On Tonight with Chris Terrance," which went into syndication.

For print, he has written articles for "Sports Illustrated" and the Associated Press, plus authored a book, "Bob Mathias: Across the Fields of Gold." Currently, he is working on a couple of new books.

Terrance was athletic director and basketball coach at West Coast Christian College, and he was also a professional softball player.

Throughout his career, Terrance has received numerous awards including recognition for community service by the Governor of California, the Key to the City of Fresno, CA, the Ventura County Addy Award and the Sigma Nu National Award for spot promotion. He continues to give back by donating his time and talents to PBS, Valley Children's Hospital and various youth sports leagues. Recently retired, Terrance has relocated to Oregon. His family includes three children - Arley, Billy and Corina, and two grandchildren.