

Mike Jones, Biography



Mike Jones knows the difference between following the beaten path and blazing a new trail. The former Houston Police Helicopter Pilot & four time officer of the year has devoted his life's work to showing the business community, young people and parents the way to create new directions for their teams by reshaping their perspectives. In the process of doing what comes naturally, reaching out to people, Mike Jones has accumulated an impressive list of accomplishments including honors from former Presidents, Bill Clinton and George Bush.

As a young man growing up in Houston, TX, Mike dreamed of learning to fly but he realized early on that achieving his dreams would require more than a vivid imagination. Armed with an innate determination, he set about the business of becoming educated as to the science of flying and ultimately using that knowledge to fulfill his life's purpose. After earning his degree in Aeronautical Science and Aviation, he took to the skies as a police officer protecting and serving his community. Later, when he was awarded the Walter Bremond Achieving Against the Odds award, no one knew better than Mike just how appropriate it was and no one could appreciate its significance more than he.

Mike has lived his life and built his own principles around one question, "How will I make a difference?". He has answered that question by seeking to determine the needs of the community and filling them. In 1990, he responded to the inescapable reality that young people were falling by the wayside in record numbers by establishing Soul Patrol (Now Beyond Excellence). By the mid-nineties the once grass roots outreach program that began as an attempt at giving back to the community exploded into a national phenomenon that has touched the hearts and changed the lives of millions in public forums nationwide. With the lightning rod success of the non-profit came increased recognition for its founder who, in spite of the fact that he never set out to gain personal recognition, has received some of this country's highest honors.

As the needs of the national community change, Mike is evolving his approach to meet them. He has developed, Discover Leadership Training which is inspiring thousands of people every year to live their lives on purpose with integrity. He has taped a successful one-hour television special for his local NBC affiliate which focuses on contemporary parenting issues. As well, he will soon unveil the new direction of the non-profit organization that was the catalyst to what has become an incredible journey of positively impacting lives.

Now, as President of Discover Leadership Training, host of the popular NBC affiliate television segment, Parent2Parent, author of three books, and host of Clear Channel Radio's popular Sunny 99.1 Weaver & Dana Show's "Parenting Outside the Box" segment, it is clear that this father, motivator, honorary school board member and community leader is truly living his purpose. There is no question why Mike Jones was named one of Houston's Fifty Most Beautiful People by the Houston Chronicle. His is a beauty that shines from the inside out.



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Mike Jones, Achievements



- Honored by George Bush
 - Honored by Bill Clinton
 - Named One of Houston's 50 Most Beautiful People
- Honorary School Board Member
 - Four Time Officer of the Year
 - FBI Achievement Award for Community Svc
- The Law Enforcement Award for Public Service
 - Cub Scout Blue and Gold Award
 - Exchange Club Book of Golden Deeds Award
- 1998 Sam Houston Award
 - 1999 Sylvan Rodriguez Role Model of the Year Award
 - 2001 Jefferson Award
- United States Department of Commerce MBDA Appreciation Award
 - Exchange Club of Santa Rosa Appreciation Award
 - The Capital City Forum Appreciation Award
- Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Appreciation Award
 - National Exchange Club Unity for Service Award
 - Mt. Calvary Baptist Appreciation Award
- Rev. M. M. Malone Scholarship Committee Appreciation Award
 - National Exchange Club Appreciation Award for Houston Police Officer of the Year
 - One Hundred Club Police Officer of the Year Award
- Starlight Missionary Baptist Church U. S. Turney Scholarship Fund Appreciation Award
 - M. O. Bell Scholarship Committee Appreciation Award
 - Houston Police Department Meritorious Service Award
- Upward Bound Trio Program Appreciation Award
 - Galena Park Methodist Church National Youth Association Appreciation Award
 - Billings Montana Rotary Club Appreciation Award
- JROTC Appreciation Award
 - Burbank MS Appreciation Award
 - MCMS Career Awareness Week Appreciation Award
- Walter Bremond Achieving Against the Odds Award (State of Texas)
 - Honorary School Board Member-Houston Independent School District
 - Step Toward Excellence Appreciation Award
- Madison High School Peer Tutorial Appreciation Award
 - Miss Teen Southeast Texas Appreciation Award
 - Jaycees Appreciation Award
- San Jacinto College Appreciation Award
 - The Boys & Girls Club Honorary Teen Center Member