

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Mary Bush

PERSON

Bush, Mary Kate, 1948-

Alternative Names: Mary Bush;

Life Dates: April 9, 1948-

Place of Birth: Birmingham, Alabama, USA

Work: Chevy Chase, MD

Occupations: Financial Executive

Biographical Note

Financial executive and federal government official Mary K. Bush was born in 1948 in Birmingham, Alabama to Augusta and Johnny Bush. She graduated from Ullman High School in 1965 and received her B.A. degree, Phi Beta Kappa Magna Cum Laude, in economics and political science from Fisk University in 1969. Bush went on to receive her M.B.A. degree in finance in 1971 from the University of Chicago.

In 1971, she joined Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City as a credit analyst. From 1973 to 1976, Bush worked as an account officer for Citibank, and from 1976 to 1982, she worked as vice president and team leader for Bankers Trust Company. In 1982, she held the position of executive assistant to the deputy secretary for the United States Treasury. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan appointed Bush as United States alternate executive director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Four years later, Bush became vice president of international finance for the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae). In 1989, she served as managing director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for the Federal Home Loan Bank System. Bush founded her own global consulting firm, Bush International, LLC, in 1991. From 1994 to 1997, Bush hosted "Markets and Technology," a nationwide cable television program on global business and government policy. In 2006, she was appointed by President George W. Bush as chairman of the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People around the Globe Commission (HELP). Bush is a frequent television commentator and speaker on global business and financial matters and corporate governance. She has also advised the foreign governments of Bulgaria, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Singapore.

Bush has applied her financial and economic expertise on the board of directors of many companies including Discover Financial Services, The Pioneer Family of Mutual

Funds, Mantech International Corporation and Marriott International. Bush also serves on the Investment Company Institute Board of Governors and on the boards of the Independent Directors Council and Capital Partners for Education. She also serves on the advisory boards of Stern Stewart International, the Global Leadership Foundation (US Advisory Board) and the Kennedy Center Community and Friends Advisory Board.

Mary K. Bush was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on March 7, 2012.

Related Entries

Ullman High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

H.S. Diploma

Fisk University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.A.

University of Chicago Booth School of Business [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

MBA

Center Street Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Brock Capital [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1962 to 1964]

Director

Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Chairperson of the audit committees

American Security Bank [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Board member

Briggs and Stratton [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Board member

Texaco, Inc. [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Board member

Chase Manhattan Bank [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1971 to 1973]

Credit Analyst

Citibank [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1965 to ?]

Account officer

Bankers Trust Company [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1976 to 1982]

Vice President and Team Leader

United States Treasury Department [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1982 to 1984]

Executive Assistant to The Deputy Secretary

International Monetary Fund [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1984 to 1989]

U.S. Alternate Executive Director to the Board

Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1968 to ?]

Vice President, International Finance

Federal Home Loan Bank System [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1989 to 1991]

Managing Director - Federal Housing Finance Board

Bush International, LLC [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1991 to 2010]

President

NET (formerly America's Voice) [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1955 to ?]

Television Host

Pioneer Family of Mutual Funds [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1997 to ?]

Director

PEFCO [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 2005 to ?]

Director

ManTech International Corporation [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 2006 to ?]

Director

United Airlines [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1963 to ?]

Director

Discover Financial Services [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 2007 to ?]

Director

Marriot International [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 2008 to ?]

Director

Bush International, LLC [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 2010 to ?]

Chairman

First National City Bank [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 2010 to ?]

Corporate Banker, Account officer

Kennedy Center Community [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

Advisory Board

Global Leadership Foundation [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

Advisory Board

Capital Partners for Education [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

Advisory Board

Stern Steward International [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

Advisory Board

Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

Advisory Board