

ELLEN BRYAN - BIO

Ellen Bryan is a television host, author and motivational speaker. Every morning, she helps people start their day as a co-host on Great Day Washington on WUSA 9 in Washington, D.C. Ellen released her first book this year, *A Work in Progress*, and she also hosts an online series called "Minute Motivation," which you can find on her website: www.ellenbryan.com.

A girl from the Midwest, Ellen competed in Miss America as Miss Ohio 2011. She was named a Quality of Life Finalist for her work promoting lightning safety, a platform she chose after her sister was struck by lightning in June of 2000. Ellen served as a national spokesperson for lightning safety and partnered with NOAA to tell her sister's story across the country, which was picked up by many publications including USA Today.

Ellen graduated from Ball State University weeks before winning Miss Ohio. From there, she started her broadcasting career at ABC 36 in Lexington, Kentucky. She then joined the NBC 5 team in Dallas - Fort Worth, Texas before moving to our nation's capital.