

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Allan Golston

PERSON

Golston, Allan C., 1967-

Alternative Names: Allan Golston;

Life Dates: January 7, 1967-

Place of Birth: Denver, Colorado, USA

Residence: Seattle, WA

Work: Seattle, WA

Occupations: Foundation Executive

Biographical Note

Foundation executive Allan C. Golston was born in Denver, Colorado in 1967. His father was a mailman; his mother a nurse. Golston's motivation early in life stemmed from his parents' work ethic. Golston received his B.S. degree in accounting from the University of Colorado, and later his M.B.A. degree from Seattle University.

Upon graduation from the University of Colorado in 1989, Golston joined KPMG Peat Marwick as a senior auditor. In 1991, he moved to MIS, Inc., as director of business analysis and product development. Golston also taught as an adjunct professor at the Community College of Denver, and, in 1993, returned to his alma mater, joining the University of Colorado Hospital as its director of finance and controller. After four years at the University's hospital, Golston moved to Seattle, Washington, where he became director of finance for Swedish Health Services, the largest health provider in the Pacific Northwest.

In 2000, Golston was approached by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and joined the organization as its chief financial and administrative officer. He went on to serve as a member of the senior executive team for foundation strategy; and, for nine months in 2006, served as the interim executive director of the foundation's Global Health division. In October of 2006, Golston was named president of the United States Program for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Golston has sat on a number of boards, including Stryker Corporation, the University of Washington Medicine, Seattle University, Charter School Growth Fund, MOM Brands, Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), New Futures, the Artist Trust,

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Alaska and Washington, Philanthropy Northwest, and the Public Library of Science. He has served as a resource council member for both the Rainier Scholars program and the Robert Wood Johnson Commission to Build a Healthier America, on the advisory committee for the Northwest African American Museum in Seattle, and on the Resource Council for the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. In addition, Golston was a member of the 2011 class of Henry Crown Fellows at the Aspen Institute and was named to Puget Sound Business Journal's 40 Under 40 in 2003.

Allan Golston was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on October 3, 2014.

Related Entries

Stedman Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Washington Park Elementary [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Montclair Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Kunsmiller Middle School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Place Middle School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

George Washington High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

University of Colorado Boulder [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.S.

Seattle University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.B.A.

KPMG [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 198901 to 199102]

Auditor

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 200001 to 200605]

Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

MIS, Inc. [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 199102 to 199305]

Manager, Business Analysis and Product Development

University of Colorado Hospital [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 199305 to 199708]

Director of Finance and Controller

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 200605 to ?]

President, U.S. Program

Swedish Health System [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 199708 to 200001]

Director of Finance

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 200509 to 200605]

Interim Executive Director, Global Health Program

Community College of Denver [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1991 to 1997]

Adjunct Instructor of Accounting, Math, and Finance

[MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Make-A-Wish Foundation [MEMBEROf]
[from 1998 to 2003]

Board of Trustees Member (Past Chairman of Board)

Port of Seattle [MEMBEROf]
[from 2001 to 2002]

Harbor Development Strategy 21 Advisory Panel

Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria [MEMBEROf]
[from 2002 to 2003]

Co-Chair, Procurement & Supply Chain Management Task Force

Malt-O-Meal Company [MEMBEROf]
[from 2003 to 2012]

Board of Directors Member and Chairman of the Audit Committee

University of Washington Medicine [MEMBEROf]
[from 2005 to ?]

Board of Directors Member

Global Alliance For Vaccines and Immunizations Fund [MEMBEROf]
[from 2005 to 2008]

Board of Directors Member

Robert Wood Johnson Commission to Build a Healthier America [MEMBEROf]

[from 2008 to 2009]

Council on Foreign Relations [MEMBEROf]

[from 2009 to ?]

Member

Seattle University [MEMBEROf]

[from 2010 to ?]

Board of Trustees Member

Stryker Corporation [MEMBEROf]

[from 2011 to ?]

Board of Directors Member and Chairman of the Audit Committee

Charter School Growth Fund [MEMBEROf]

[from 2011 to ?]

Board of Directors Member