

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Lloyd Dean

PERSON

Dean, Lloyd, 1950-

Alternative Names: Lloyd Dean;

Life Dates: June 24, 1950-

Place of Birth: Alabama, USA

Residence: Thousand Oaks, CA

Work: San Francisco, CA

Occupations: Chief Executive Officer; Chief Executive Officer

Biographical Note

Chief executive officer Lloyd Dean was born in Alabama on June 24, 1950 to Susie Tripp Dean, a homemaker, and Floyd Dean, Sr., a foundry worker. Dean grew up in Muskegon, Michigan. In 1969, he enrolled at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he earned his B.S. degree in sociology, and his M.A. degree in education. Dean then went on to graduate from Pennsylvania State University's Executive Management program.

Between 1972 and 1978, Dean worked as a junior high school teacher and paralegal assistant. He taught communications courses at Western Michigan University, and served as a news anchor for WOTV in Battle Creek, Michigan. In 1978, he met a pharmaceutical executive named Lawrence Hoff, who recruited him to work at his company, Upjohn. Dean worked at Upjohn Company, where he rose from assistant regional manager in the health care services division to Executive Vice President of Marketing and Operations, until 1990. He then moved to Illinois, where he worked at Consumer Health Service, EHS Healthcare, and Advocate Healthcare. In 2000, he was recruited to join Catholic Healthcare West, now known as Dignity Health, where he served as president and chief executive officer.

Dean served on the boards of Wells Fargo & Company, McDonald's Corp., Navigant Consulting Inc, and Cytori Therapeutics, Inc.. He was also the board chair for the Committee on JOBS, an organization that brings employment to the San Francisco Bay area.

Dean has been a strong supporter of the Affordable Care Act. He was a 2014 recipient

of the CEO Humanitarian of the Year Award from the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter. In 2014, Dean was also named among the Top 25 Minority Executives in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare. He was recognized by the San Francisco Business Times for Excellence in Leadership and received multiple awards from 100 Black Men of the Bay Area, Inc. Dean also received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the University of San Francisco.

Dean lives in Half Moon Bay, California with his wife, Suzanne Dean. They have two children, Nathan and Nicole.

Lloyd Dean was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on December 18, 2015.

Related Entries

Western Michigan University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.A., M.A.

WOTV News [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1972 to 1978]

News Anchor

Upjohn Company [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1978 to 1990]

Executive Vice President for Marketing and Operations

Advocate Health Care [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1992 to 2000]

COO and Executive Vice President

Dignity Healthcare [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2000 to ?]

CEO

McDonald's Corporation [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2015 to ?]

board member