

Outstanding Alumnus 1989
Bill Kurtis



Bill Kurtis attended Independence Community College before transferring to the University of Kansas where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism in 1962. In 1966, he received a Juris Doctor from Washburn University School of Law and passed the Kansas Bar later that same year. While at law school, he was a television reporter in Topeka and saw the power of broadcasting firsthand as he reported an incoming tornado. A defining moment for Kurtis, he continued his career by working at CBS in Chicago where he earned the respect of viewers, colleagues, and competitors nation wide. After anchoring the "CBS Morning News" in New York, Kurtis returned to Chicago to become one of the leading documentary producers in the country for the Arts and Entertainment (A & E) Network. Mr. Kurtis is the producer and anchor of several multi-awarded television programs including *American Justice*, *Inside Story* and *The New Explorers with Bill Kurtis*. He is best known for the Emmy Award-winning *Investigative Reports with Bill Kurtis*.