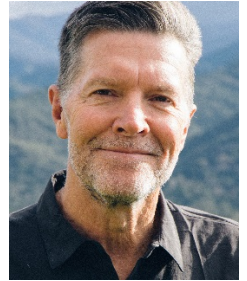


Award-Winning Journalist Stone Phillips at Annual Conference – Oct 5-8, 2017

Don't miss journalist, Emmy award winner and outstanding Missouri public school graduate, [Stone Phillips](#) as the 2nd general session speaker at this year's [MSBA](#) Annual Conference in Cooperation with MASA.



Journalist, Emmy Award Winner and Outstanding Missouri Public School Graduate

Mr. Phillips graduated with honors from Yale University where he majored in philosophy. He was the starting quarterback on Yale's 1976 Ivy League Champion football team and won the University's F. Gordon Brown Award for academic and athletic leadership. Mr. Phillips was born in Texas City, Texas and raised in Ballwin, Missouri, where he attended Parkway West High School, class of 1973. He has been married for thirty-two years to Debra Del Toro-Phillips, a Columbia University MSW and entrepreneur. They have one child, Streeter Phillips, founding partner of *The Everything*, a NYC-based creative agency.

Stone Phillips is a former co-anchor of the newsmagazine *Dateline NBC*. During his 15 years at NBC News, he also served as a substitute anchor on *NBC Nightly News*, *Today* and *Meet the Press*. Mr. Phillips also spent more than a decade at ABC News, where he served as a correspondent for *World News Tonight* and *20/20*. In 2012, he launched StonePhillipsReports.com and served as a Special Correspondent to *PBS NewsHour* with a story about head impacts in youth football. In 2013, Mr. Phillips produced an independent documentary, *Moving With Grace*, about relocating his aging parents and onset of his mother's Alzheimer's Disease. The film aired on PBS stations around the country. He is currently working on a documentary about neurodegenerative disease and a new target for treatment.



Pre-Conference Session

Zora Mulligan

Missouri Commissioner of Higher Education

Zora Mulligan was appointed Commissioner of Higher Education by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education in August 2016.

Mulligan served as assistant commissioner, general counsel and legislative liaison for the Missouri Department of Higher Education from 2007 to 2010. During that time, she participated in the development of the state's coordinated plan for higher education; assisted in establishing policies to implement landmark higher education legislation, including a new need-based financial aid program; and conducted a review of the state's public college and university facilities to develop a process for prioritizing capital projects.