

## Blayne Alexander Biography – September 2020

Blayne Alexander is an Atlanta-based correspondent for NBC News and MSNBC, where she reports for all platforms including NBC Nightly News, Today Show and MSNBC. During her time with the network, she has been at the forefront of some of the biggest stories in recent memory, including the COVID-19 pandemic, protests around racial injustice and the death of Congressman John Lewis.

Blayne previously spent two years as a Washington correspondent for NBC News Channel, where she covered The White House, Washington politics and the historic Trump/Kim Summit in Singapore for NBC affiliate stations nationwide.

Before joining NBC News Channel, Blayne spent six years as a reporter and anchor with Atlanta's NBC affiliate, 11Alive News. A four-time Emmy Award nominee, Blayne traveled the world to cover major events, including the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, unrest in Ferguson and Baltimore and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bloody Sunday in Selma, Alabama.

Blayne began her reporting career at WRDW-TV in Augusta, Georgia. Her work has been honored by the Atlanta and National Associations of Black Journalists. In 2016, Blayne received the annual Rising Star Award from the Atlanta Press Club.

In 2015, Blayne and her husband, James Bailey, founded the Phoenix Leadership Foundation – an Atlanta-based non-profit providing positive role models and exposure for young people in struggling communities.

Born and raised in Oklahoma City, Blayne is a graduate of Duke University and a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the National Association of Black Journalists.