

Founder: Bobby Ray Jones Junior

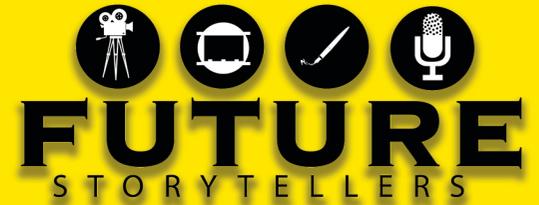
Bobby was born and raised in Compton, California. At an early age, Bobby learned first-hand the important role that nonprofit organizations can play in the life of inner-city kids. In the 6th grade, he applied and was selected to attend the first ever NFL Youth Education Town (YET) located in Compton. Funded by the NFL, Garth Brooks, Michael Jackson and other donators, the NFL YET consisted of 3 teachers and 60 kids from middle schools all over Compton. The lucky group stayed together from 6th grade until they graduated from 8th grade. The classrooms were small in size, every student received their own text books, had unlimited supplies, and received access to a computer lab containing 30 brand new computers with internet access. They went on life-changing field trips and guest speakers from all walks of life stopped by to talk/mentor the kids. The NFL/YET introduced Bobby to a world otherwise he would have never seen at such a young age.



After the NFL/YET program, Bobby attended Dominguez High School for 3 years and later graduated from Long Beach Polytechnic in 2002. Bobby received a basketball scholarship to play at the University of Washington and graduated in 2006 with his B.A. in Written Expression of Multicultural Literature, a self-made major he created. He was selected with the 37th pick in the 2006 NBA Draft then went on to play 2 seasons in the NBA, 1 season in NBA Developmental-League, 10 seasons in Italy, and 1 season in Japan. Bobby's passion for writing, storytelling and travel continued to inspire him. In 2014, he funded, wrote, and directed his 1st documentary, "Basketball Jones: The Overseas Journey." He's releasing a new podcast called, "Growing Up Compton" and has a dad/daughter YouTube travel vlog titled, "Are We There Yet Dad?" He sets time aside for volunteer speaking for elementary, middle and high school students in the U.S. and Italy as well as collegiate sports teams. Bobby genuinely believes that the highest human act is to inspire. This is his way of giving back to the youth/community and returning the blessings he was given growing up.



Challenger Elementary



Odea High School

Storytelling has earned its place as the most important tradition that humans possess. When a story is told, it sparks a connection and people are automatically drawn to the narrative because we see ourselves reflected in them, or we feel there is a lesson to be learned. Stories teach us to love, to forgive others, to be just, and to strive for better than we have.

"Storytelling is the most powerful way to put ideas into the world today."

- Robert McKee



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Mission Statement:

Future Storytellers is a nonprofit organization that facilitates programs/field trips for children in low income families, underfunded public schools, and AAU sports programs. We want to inspire kids to develop creative learning behaviors through various forms of storytelling: vlogging, song writing, broadcasting, video production, animation, public speaking, and play/script writing.