

*John Hope Bryant*



**John Hope Bryant** is an American entrepreneur and civic leader working at the intersection of markets, public policy, and inclusive economic growth. Often described by Fortune 500 CEOs as the “conscience of capitalism,” Bryant has spent more than three decades advancing the idea that expanding opportunity is not only a moral imperative but an economic one.

He is the founder, chairman, and CEO of **Operation HOPE, Inc.**, the nation’s largest on-the-ground provider of financial literacy and economic empowerment services, and the founder and CEO of **Bryant Group Ventures**, which houses his entrepreneurial, investment, and advisory work.

Bryant played a central role in making **financial literacy the official policy of the U.S. federal government**, working across administrations under Presidents **George W. Bush** and **Barack Obama**. He is also the **only private American citizen to inspire the renaming of a building on the White House campus**, when the U.S. Treasury Annex was redesignated as the **Freedman’s Bank Building**, honoring President Lincoln’s unfinished economic work following emancipation.

Through his nonprofit and for-profit enterprises, Bryant has helped to drive more than **\$5 billion in capital deployment into underserved individuals, small businesses, and communities**—connecting them to the private sector through scalable, market-based solutions. His work reflects a core belief that economic inclusion strengthens markets, stabilizes societies, and fuels long-term growth.

As an entrepreneur and investor, Bryant has helped raise or structure approximately **\$500 million in capital** through **Bryant Group Ventures and affiliated partnerships**. This includes leading a **\$200 million credit facility** to scale the Promise Homes housing platform following its **\$121 million sale into a joint venture**, and partnering with **CIM Group**, a global real estate and infrastructure firm with **more than \$30 billion in assets under management**, to launch **CIM-BGV Impact Ventures**, a platform that includes a **national affordable housing fund with \$250 million in new investment capacity**.

Bryant has co-founded national initiatives with leaders from **Shopify, Walmart, and OpenAI**, including the **1 Million Black Businesses Initiative (1MBB)**, the **Financial Literacy for All Initiative**, and the **AI Ethics Council**. He is a **CNBC Contributor**, a **LinkedIn Top 10 Voice**, and host of the **NAACP Image Award-nominated iHeartRadio podcast Money & Wealth with John Hope Bryant**, with nearly **one billion social media impressions**.

He has generated more than 1 billion total video views across social media platforms, including his Straight Talk Live Series, reflecting the urgency and resonance of his message in this moment.

He has been recognized by **TIME**, named to its inaugural **TIME Closers** list, and by **U.S. News & World Report** as one of its **Top Leaders of 2025**. Bryant is a **six-time best-selling author**, with his forthcoming book **Capitalism for All** scheduled for release in **Spring 2026**.

Outside of his professional work, Bryant holds a full Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) competitive auto racing license and a PADI Open Water Diving certification, reflecting a lifelong commitment to discipline, precision, and performance under pressure.

John and his wife, **Chaitra Dalton Bryant**, reside in Atlanta, Georgia.



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