Rehema Ellis

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Rehema Ellis was named the chief education correspondent at NBC News in 2010. She plays an integral part of NBC News' "Education Nation" initiative. Her reports appear on "NBC Nightly News," "TODAY," MSNBC, and NBCNews.com.

Ellis joined NBC News in 1994 as a general assignment correspondent. She began her broadcast career at KDKA Radio and TV in Pittsburgh. Later, she worked in Boston at WHDH-TV as a reporter and weekend anchor.

Ellis has been part of major headliner stories, including the attacks on the World Trade Center. She was the first person to identify the attack on the air as "Nine-Eleven". She has reported on Hurricane Katrina, the death of Michael of Jackson and the Haiti earthquake. She has distinguished herself as a lead correspondent and received numerous awards including local and national Emmys, Edward R. Murrow Awards, Associated Press awards and awards from the National Association of Black Journalists. She is also a recipient of an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Journalism.

Ellis was part of the NBC Emmy award-winning coverage of the plane crash in the Hudson River called "Miracle on the Hudson" in 2008. She also won an Emmy for her reporting on the 2008 Presidential Election of Barack Obama and his historic inauguration.

Born in North Carolina, and raised in Boston, she graduated from Simmons College in Boston and Columbia Graduate School of Journalism in New York. Ellis currently lives in New York City with her son.

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