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**all about...**  
BY JAY BOBBIN  
**ROBIN ROBERTS**



Robin René Roberts was born on Nov. 23, 1960, in Tuskegee, Ala., but was raised in Mississippi. With a pilot father who flew with the Tuskegee Airmen, she is the youngest of four siblings, one of whom is now-retired New Orleans news anchor Sally-Ann Roberts.

Robin was offered a basketball scholarship at Louisiana State University. She ultimately decided to attend Southwestern Louisiana University, she played basketball and ended her career there as the school's third top scorer and rebounder up to that time. Her jersey, No. 21, was retired in 2011.

Roberts' broadcasting career was sports-based from the start, with on-air jobs at two Mississippi television stations, and later work in Biloxi, Miss., and Atlanta. In the latter city, she also was a radio host.

In 1990, Roberts joined ESPN and became a "SportsCenter" host, also contributing to ABC's "Good Morning America" during her time at the cable sports network. She eventually became

"GMA's" news anchor, then became co-anchor of the morning show while Diane Sawyer still was an anchor of it. Sawyer left in 2009 to become "ABC World News" anchor and was succeeded by George Stephanopoulos, who remains Roberts' main "GMA" hosting partner along with Michael Strahan.

Her "Good Morning America" role has brought Roberts many other opportunities at ABC. She regularly hosts specials related to country-music award shows, as well as the annual holiday-season special "The Year." Additionally, she has been involved in some of the network's Oscar preshow, and she has co-anchored special events such as royal weddings.

A member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (and also an honorary Harlem Globetrotter), Roberts has received honors including the Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Journalism and the Radio Television Digital News Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award.



The solution to the question is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to discover this hidden solution, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.


**ACROSS**

1. Sign of sleepiness
5. Young animal
9. Actress Zellweger
10. European nation
12. Past one's prime
13. Bouquet holder
16. President Arthur's monogram
17. Actor Molinaro
18. Goatees
20. Half of CCC
21. Bonehead
23. Fishing spot
25. Wine and dine
26. Diminish
27. \_\_\_ down; make a note of
28. Suffix for infant or project
29. Arrived
30. Bit of bacteria
32. Johnny Hart comic strip
33. Breakfast request
38. Prefix for place or print
39. \_\_\_ out a living; get by
41. Final
42. Sinatra's third wife
43. Kingdom
45. Cherub
47. Heartburn chasers
48. Seamstress Betsy

4. Actress Campbell
5. Committed perjury
6. \_\_\_ least; minimally
7. Brit's raincoat
8. Seedy fruits
9. Highway
11. Ivy League school
14. Battery size
15. Jr.'s pop
18. \_\_\_ out; evicted
19. Snow transport
22. Tragic fate
24. Competent
29. Trucker on a radio
31. Repast
34. Donation to a poor box
35. Actress Ming-\_\_\_ Wen
36. TV's "This \_\_\_ Us"
37. Little night light
40. Thirsty Parisian's need
42. British cars
44. Initials for Judy Garland's eldest
46. Refusal

**DOWN**


1. Colorful wasp (2)
2. Common conjunction
3. You and I

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