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*Vice President, Talent Development & Diversity, Disney | ABC Television Group*

Tim McNeal was named Vice President, Talent Development & Diversity, Disney | ABC Television Group (DATG), in August 2006. He reports to Robert Mendez, Senior Vice President, Diversity, DATG.

In his role, McNeal oversees DATG's Talent Development programs, including The Walt Disney Studios and Disney | ABC Writing Fellowship, the Disney | ABC DGA Directing Fellowship, and the Television & Film Summer Workshop at the Institute of American Indian Arts, among many others. He is also responsible for further expanding the scope of these programs across DATG to include Disney Channel and ABC Family. Additionally, McNeal serves as a liaison between DATG and diversity-related organizations, non-profit arts institutions, entertainment industry guilds, colleges and universities nationwide to identify and nurture talented, emerging writers, actors and directors.

Previously, McNeal served as Senior Vice President, Development, Tom Lynch Company, where he led the production company's expanse from kid-centered TV entertainment to primetime television.

Earlier in his career, as Executive Vice President for HollywoodTicket.com, McNeal was responsible for the interactive entertainment start-up's marketing and promotion. In 1994, he joined The WB, where he eventually rose to the position of Vice President, Drama Development, and was responsible for shepherding the development of the hit series *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Dawson's Creek* and *Felicity*.

A native of California, McNeal received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from UCLA.