Courtney White
President, Food Network

Courtney White is President of Food Network at Discovery, Inc. In this role, she oversees all programming, development and operations of the dynamic lifestyle brand that inspires people everywhere through the power and joy of food.

Previously, she served as the Executive Vice President and General Manager of HGTV and Food Network. Prior to Discovery, Inc.‘s acquisition of Scripps Networks Interactive, she worked as the Senior Vice President of Programming for Travel Channel, Food Network and Cooking Channel. She was given the additional responsibility of overseeing all series development for both Food Network and Cooking Channel in 2017 after serving as Senior Vice President of Programming for Travel Channel.

Before running series development and production for the Travel Channel, she served as Vice President of Program Development and Production for HGTV, DIY Network and Great American Country, where she was responsible for facilitating original programming ideas and managing several series and pilots. White was also charged with identifying new on-air talent and developing multi-platform programs to accompany new programming.

White has created and launched several of HGTV’s highest-rated series including: Beachfront Bargain Hunt, Hawaii Life, Caribbean Life and Selling Spelling Manor. She also developed Ellen’s Design Challenge, the highly-anticipated Ellen DeGeneres competition series that premiered in 2015.

Before joining Scripps Networks Interactive in 2005, White was Director of Development and Senior Producer at Working Dog Productions, where she developed HBO’s Emmy-nominated Dealing Dogs, National Geographic Channel’s Living with Exotics and Designer Dogs, PBS’s The Adirondacks, as well as episodes of Court TV’s Masterminds and History’s Texas: Big America.

With more than a decade of experience as a producer and writer, White’s credits include HBO’s Emmy-winning Through a Child’s Eyes: September 11, 2001 and DGA award-winning ‘Twas the Night. She has written and produced a dozen hours of A&E’s Biography, National Geographic’s Plagues, PBS’s John Gardner: Uncommon American and the IFC feature comedy May the Best Man Win.

White holds a BFA in film and television from New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts.

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