



Hilarie Burton

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Hilarie Ross Burton (born July 1, 1982) is an American actress and producer. A former host of MTV's *Total Request Live*, she portrayed [Peyton Sawyer](#) on The WB/CW drama *One Tree Hill* for six seasons (2003–09). Burton gained wider recognition with leading roles in the films *Our Very Own*, *Solstice* and *The List*. She starred as Sara Ellis on the USA crime drama *White Collar* (2010–13); and, in 2013, she had a recurring role as Dr. Lauren Boswell on the ABC medical drama *Grey's Anatomy*. In 2014, she appeared in the short-lived ABC drama series *Forever* as Molly Dawes, and a recurring role in the short-lived CBS sci-fi drama series *Extant* as Anna Schaefer in 2015. In 2016, Burton was cast in a recurring role as DEA Agent Karen Palmer on the Fox action dramedy series *Lethal Weapon*.

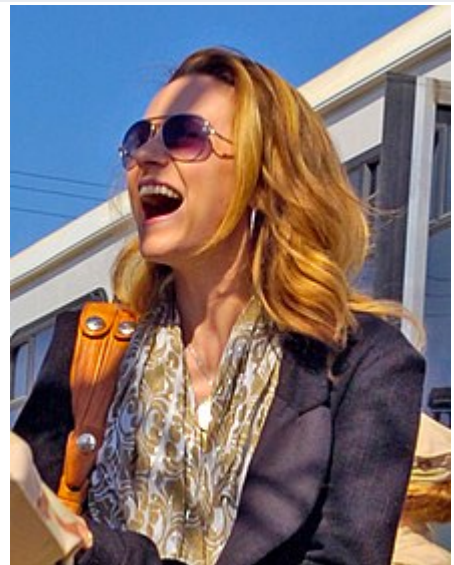
Early life

Burton was born in [Sterling, Virginia](#). Her father is a former [Green Beret](#)^[1] and her mother is a real estate agent.^[2] She is the eldest of four children with three brothers. She graduated from [Park View High School](#) in 2000, where she was student council treasurer her second year,^[3] vice-president her junior year,^[4] and captain of the cheerleading squad, student council president, and homecoming queen her senior year.^[5] Burton attended [New York University](#) and [Fordham University](#).

Career

Burton's first big break came when working as a [VJ](#) for MTV's *Total Request Live* (TRL). She was supposed to be a guest commentator for one segment, but producers decided to offer her a permanent job. Burton went on to present at the [2000 MTV Video Music Awards](#) and MTV's *Iced Out New Year's Eve*. Burton went on to portray herself on The WB drama *Dawson's Creek* in 2002, which was marked as her television debut.

Hilarie Burton



Burton in June 2008

Born	<div>Hilarie Ross Burton</div> <div>July 1, 1982</div> <div> Sterling, Virginia, U.S.</div>
Alma mater	<div>NYU</div> <div>Fordham University</div>
Occupation(s)	Actress, producer, television host
Years active	1999–present
Spouse	<div>Ian Prange ^(m.)2004–2009)</div>
Children	1

In April 2003, Burton was cast in The WB drama series *One Tree Hill*. Burton portrayed the role of Peyton Sawyer, a fiercely independent visual and musical artist and cheerleader. The series premiered on September 23, 2003, and went on to be the network's top rated program of the year. The role was considered Burton's breakout role and is her best-known to date. For her role in the series, Burton was featured on the cover of *Maxim*, *American Cheerleader Magazine* and *People*. Her performance received critical praise and she earned three Teen Choice Award nominations.^[5] In May 2009, The CW announced Burton would not be returning for the show's seventh season based on her own decision not to return, contrary to rumors she left due to salary issues.^[6]

In June 2005, Burton made her feature film debut opposite Allison Janney and Cheryl Hines in the drama *Our Very Own* that centered on five small-town teenagers who dream of a better life and was released to positive reviews from critics. Burton and her co-stars received the "Outstanding Ensemble Acting" award at the prestigious Sarasota Film Festival.^[7] In September 2007, Burton appeared in the Lifetime drama *Normal Adolescent Behavior* which followed a group of friends who are in a six-way polyfidelitous relationship. Burton played Ryan. That same year Burton co-starred in the supernatural horror film *Solstice* opposite Amanda Seyfried and Elisabeth Harnois.

In June 2008, Burton appeared in the thriller *The List* as Jo Johnston and was filmed in Wilmington, North Carolina while Burton was on production break for *One Tree Hill*. The film had a limited release and went on to make \$132,863 in the US alone. That same year, Burton appeared in the Fox Searchlight Pictures drama *The Secret Life of Bees* as Deborah Owens, the deceased mother of Dakota Fanning's character.

In January 2009, Burton was cast in the drama *Bloodworth* opposite Hilary Duff and Val Kilmer. The film is an adaptation of the novel *Provinces of Night* by William Gay. Filming also took place in Wilmington, North Carolina in April and May that same year. The film premiered at the 2010 Santa Barbara International Film Festival in February 2010. The film had a limited release on May 20, 2011 to positive reviews from critics and over \$12,971 worldwide.

In July 2010, *Variety* announced Burton would have a recurring arc in the USA Network crime drama series *White Collar* as Sara Ellis, an insurance investigator in the second season. In February 2011, Burton was upgraded to a series regular for the third season which premiered on June 7, 2011. Burton was switched back to the recurring cast in the fourth season.^[8]

On January 23, 2012, Burton guest-starred on the ABC police comedy-drama *Castle*, in season 4: episode 13 titled "An Embarrassment of Bitches" as Kay Cappuccio, a reality television star who is accused of the murder of a famous dog trainer.^[9] In May 2013, Burton had a recurring role in the ABC medical drama *Grey's Anatomy* for the final three episodes of the ninth season, as Dr. Lauren Boswell.

In August 2013, Burton had a recurring role on the short-lived CBS drama *Hostages* as Samantha, the mistress of Brian Sanders.^[10]

In July 2015, Burton had a recurring role on CBS sci-fi drama *Extant* as Anna Schaefer where she reunited with *One Tree Hill* co-star Tyler Hilton.

Personal life

During her time on *One Tree Hill*, Burton resided in Wilmington, North Carolina, where the show was filmed.^{[11][5]} In 2004, Burton married *One Tree Hill* assistant director Ian Prange, son of executive producer Greg Prange, they divorced in 2009.^[11]

In May 2007, Burton ranked #77 in *Maxim*'s "Hot 100 List of 2007".^[12] She also appeared on the cover of the November 2006 edition of *Maxim* with *One Tree Hill* co-star Sophia Bush. In previous years, Burton ranked #2 on *Femme Fatales*' "The 50 Sexiest Women of 2005", and #12 on *Much Music*'s "20 Hottest Women of 2003".



Burton holding an M4 carbine during a USO visit.

In 2007, Burton created her own production company called Southern Gothic Production (SoGoPro) along with Nick Gray, Kelly Tenney, James Burton and Meg Mortimer.^{[13][14][15]}

Burton began a relationship with actor Jeffrey Dean Morgan in 2009. In March 2010, she gave birth to their son Augustus ("Gus").^{[16][17]} In a July 2015 interview with *The Philippine Daily Inquirer*, Morgan said that despite media reports to the contrary, he and Burton were not yet married but that they intended to wed when he could get enough time off from work.^[18] In September 2017, it was announced that the couple is expecting their second child, a girl.^[19]

Amid the Harvey Weinstein scandal in October 2017, Burton retweeted a video clip from *TRL Uncensored*, in which she is seen recalling how Ben Affleck "wraps his arm around me, and comes over and tweaks my left boob" during an interview in 2003. Burton said, "I didn't forget [about it] ... I was a kid." Affleck responded on Twitter shortly afterward, stating, "I acted inappropriately toward Ms. Burton and I sincerely apologize."^[20] When asked about the incident on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* in November 2017, Affleck said, "I don't remember it, but I absolutely apologize for it. I certainly don't think she's lying or making it up. As men, I think as we become more aware of this we need to be really mindful of our behavior and hold ourselves accountable

and say, 'if I was ever part of the problem, I want to change, I want to be a part of the solution.'"^[21] In November 2017, Burton also spoke out in light of charges that *One Tree Hill* creator Mark Schwahn had sexually harassed some of the female crew, alleging that she had also been sexually harassed by Schwahn.^[22]

Discography

Soundtracks

- *The Road Mix: Music from the Television Series One Tree Hill, Volume 3* (2007)

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2005	<u><i>Our Very Own</i></u>	Bobbie Chester	Film debut
2007	<u><i>Normal Adolescent Behavior</i></u>	Ryan	
	<u><i>Solstice</i></u>	Alicia	
2008	<u><i>The List</i></u>	Jo Johnston	
	<u><i>The Secret Life of Bees</i></u>	Deborah Owens	
2009	<i>The True-Love Tale of Boyfriend & Girlfriend</i>	Boyfriend	A Southern Gothic Production
2010	<u><i>Bloodworth</i></u>	Hazel	

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2000–04	<u><i>Total Request Live</i></u>	Herself	Co-host
2002	<u><i>Dawson's Creek</i></u>	VJ Hilarie	Episode 5.19 " <u>100 Light Years from Home</u> "
2003–09	<u><i>One Tree Hill</i></u>	<u>Peyton Sawyer</u>	Main cast 130 Episodes (Seasons 1–6)
2003	<i>MTV's Iced Out New Year's Eve</i>	Herself	Host
	<i>MTV Does Miami</i>	Herself	Co-host
	<u><i>MTV Diary</i></u>	Herself	Alongside <i>One Tree Hill</i> cast
	<u><i>The Real World: Las Vegas</i></u>	Herself	Reunion Host: <u>7 The Hard Way</u>
	<i>Pepsi Smash</i>	Herself	Host
2005	<u><i>Unscripted</i></u>	Herself	
2008	<u><i>Little Britain USA</i></u>	Lesbian Student 1	Episode 1.06
2010–13	<u><i>White Collar</i></u>	<u>Sara Ellis</u>	20 episodes Main cast (Season 3)

Year	Title	Role	Notes
			Recurring role (Seasons 2 and 4)
2012	<i><u>Castle</u></i>	Kay Cappuccio	Episode 4.13 " <u>An Embarrassment of Bitches</u> "
	<i><u>Naughty or Nice</u></i>	Krissy Kringle	<u>Hallmark Original Movie</u>
2013	<i><u>Grey's Anatomy</u></i>	Dr. Lauren Boswell	Recurring role Episode 9.22 "Do You Believe in Magic" Episode 9.23 "Readiness Is All" Episode 9.24 "Perfect Storm"
	<i><u>Hostages</u></i>	Samantha	Recurring role Episode 1.02 "Invisible Leash" Episode 1.03 "Power of Persuasion" Episode 1.04 "2:45 PM" Episode 1.11 "Off the Record"
	<i><u>Christmas on the Bayou</u></i>	Katherine "Kat"	<u>Lifetime Original Movie</u>
2014–15	<i><u>Forever</u></i>	Iona Payne / Molly Dowes	Episode 1.08 "The Ecstasy of Agony" Episode 1.16 "Memories of Murder"
2015	<i><u>Surprised by Love</u></i>	Josie Mayfield	<u>Hallmark Original Movie</u>
	<i><u>Extant</u></i>	Anna Schaefer	Recurring role Episode 2.02 "Morphoses" Episode 2.03 "Empathy for the Devil" Episode 2.05 "The New Frontier" Episode 2.06 "You Say You Want an Evolution" Episode 2.07 "The Other" Episode 2.10 "Don't Shoot the Messenger" Uncredited
	<i><u>Last Chance for Christmas</u></i>	Annie	<u>Lifetime Original Movie</u>
2016	<i><u>Togetherness</u></i>	Kennedy	Episode 2.03 "Advanced Pretend"
	<i><u>Summer Villa</u></i>	Terry Russell	<u>Hallmark Original Movie</u>
2016–2017	<i><u>Lethal Weapon</u></i>	Karen Palmer	Recurring role

Music videos

Year	Title	Artist	Role
2005	" <u>The Mixed Tape</u> "	<u>Jack's Mannequin</u>	<u>Peyton Sawyer</u>

Awards and nominations

Year	Association	Category	Work	Result
2004	<u>Teen Choice Awards</u>	Choice Breakout TV Star – Female	<i><u>One Tree Hill</u></i>	Nominated
		Choice TV Actress: Drama/Action/Adventure		Nominated
2005		Choice TV Actress: Drama		Nominated
2006	<u>Sarasota Film Festival</u>	Outstanding Ensemble Acting	<i><u>Our Very Own</u></i>	Won

Year	Association	Category	Work	Result
2008	Teen Choice Awards	Choice TV Actress: Drama	<i>One Tree Hill</i>	Nominated
	Hollywood Film Awards	Ensemble Acting of the Year (Shared with cast)	<i>The Secret Life of Bees</i>	Won

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