VOICES OF INCLUSION & INTERSECTIONALITY

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FOR YOUR CAMPUS
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UPCOMING EVENTS
HAVE YOU STARTED PLANNING?
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER // Hispanic Heritage Month
NOVEMBER // Native American Heritage Month
JANUARY 21ST // MLK Jr. Day
FEBRUARY // Black History Month
MARCH // Women's History Month
MAY // Asian Pacific-American Heritage Month
JUNE // LGBT Pride Month
Campuses and workplaces have always mirrored our larger society, facing the same issues, challenges and divisions. In this thought-provoking presentation, unconscious bias and diversity expert Howard Ross and his colleague, Dr. Johnnetta Cole, President Emerita of Spelman and Bennett Colleges, examine the evolution of the racial and diversity conversation in America.

What does it take to create real and lasting change? How have diversity and inclusion efforts advanced social justice and equality? With sights set on a future that will be increasingly diverse and global, these two diversity and inclusion veterans from very different personal backgrounds guide us through the challenges to come. At a time when the level of racial tension and polarization is so high, these two longtime colleagues present a hopeful example of how people can bridge across race, gender and religion to create true ally-ship and organizational environments of inclusion, trust and collaboration.
As President Obama’s personal aide, Ferial Govashiri, who had emigrated from Iran as a child refugee, spent ten years as the gatekeeper to the Oval Office. Veteran newsman Ray Suarez looks at the issues from all angles, examining their impact and the role of the press. Blessing Offor, a standout blind musician from The Voice, immigrated to the U.S. from Nigeria in hopes of building a better future. Diane Guerrero is an accomplished actress who watched her family be deported when she was only 14. Award-winning ABC News correspondent Jim Avila shares his deep knowledge of immigration issues and the role of the media in shaping public opinion and policies. Pulitzer-winning journalist Sonia Nazario wrote the bestseller Enrique’s Journey, the chronicle of a Honduran boy’s odyssey to reunite with his mother in the U.S. Journalist John Quiñones, a seventh-generation Texan and one of our country’s most prominent Mexican-Americans, calls for our nation to build bridges, not walls. Maria Hinojosa, a trailblazer in news and investigative journalism, anchors NPR’s Peabody-winning Latino USA. Erika Andiola, an undocumented woman with an undocumented family, is passionate in her fight for immigrant and human rights as political director of Our Revolution. Paola Mendoza, critically-acclaimed film director and author, continues to shine the spotlight on the effects of immigration on women and children.

Together, these speakers approach immigration and DACA from multiple perspectives, providing invaluable insight into our national debate.
Can we debate the most polarizing topics of our day without shouting, attacks or insults? Conservative Republican Alice Stewart and progressive Democrat Bakari Sellers show us how it’s done. From immigration and taxes to guns and abortion, Stewart and Sellers take on the issues of the day with intellect, passion, respect and collegiality. This provocative program—with an equally powerful audience Q&A—celebrates diversity of opinion with a rousing demonstration of what political conversation in our nation can (and should) be.
Black Lives Matter. Racial tensions over police abuse. #MeToo, gender inequities and reproductive freedom. Immigration. America has rarely been so polarized as in the era of President Donald J. Trump. With our extreme political differences shaping our political climate, shouting matches have replaced informed, rational and constructive conversations.

Enter Conrad Tillard and Rich Lowry, bringing insight and respect to the most contentious topics of our time. Both Tillard, a minister in the tradition of MLK and Malcolm X and Lowry, a National Review editor and Fox News analyst in the tradition of William F. Buckley, have earned respect from both ends of the spectrum for their moderate and tolerant views. This exciting—and often entertaining—program brings together two engaging Obama generation thought leaders who throw away the left and right talking points to thoughtfully examine the most important social, political and ethical issues of the day.
Laila Ali  
Boxing Champion, Beauty & Lifestyle Brand CEO, Author
The daughter of boxing icon Muhammad Ali, Laila is a world-class athlete, television host and passionate health advocate who encourages others to live an active lifestyle.

Maryum Ali  
Social Worker, Activist & Author
The eldest child of boxing legend Muhammad Ali, Maryum is a social worker dedicated to delinquency and gang prevention. She is also a spokesperson for the Parkinson’s Unity Walk.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar  
NBA Legend & NY Times Best-Selling Author
A global icon that changed the game of basketball, Abdul-Jabbar is a Presidential Medal of Freedom winner and civil rights advocate working to bring more opportunities to underserved communities.

Donzaleigh Abernathy  
Daughter of Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Actress & Writer
Born into the American Civil Rights movement, Abernathy shares personal accounts of Martin Luther King Jr. and her father with powerful insights into today’s discussions on race and equality.

Harry Belafonte  
Civil Rights Icon, Actor & Entertainer
Belafonte has been called the consummate entertainer. His distinguished career spans music, film, TV and the stage, and he is a passionate keynote speaker on civil and human rights.

Dr. Rich Benjamin  
Author, Essayist & Adventurer
A sharp observer of modern society and politics, Benjamin’s cultural and political analysis appears regularly in public debate and major media.
African-Americans

Regina Benjamin
18th U.S. Surgeon General
The first female African-American AMA board member, Benjamin is a healthcare disparity expert who continues to advocate for the health and wellness of all families.

Mary Frances Berry
Former Head of U.S. Civil Rights Commission
As co-founder of the Free South Africa Movement, Berry helped to end apartheid. Today, she is one of the most respected activists in the cause of civil rights, gender equality and social justice.

Donna Brazile
Democratic Political Strategist
The first African-American to run a major presidential campaign, Brazile is a CNN commentator and served as interim chairperson of the DNC.

Roslyn M. Brock
NAACP National Board of Directors Chairman Emeritus
The youngest-ever chair of the NAACP, Brock works to secure economic justice, equal rights, and access to education and affordable healthcare for all.

Mara Brock-Akil
Television Producer & Writer
A trailblazer for women in TV, Brock-Akil is the creator of Girlfriends, The Game, Being Mary Jane and her latest show, Love Is on OWN. She inspires audiences to find—and use—their voice.

Cornell William Brooks
Former Head of the NAACP
As an activist and former leader of the nation’s oldest and largest grassroots-based civil rights organization, Brooks works to secure political, educational, social, and economic equality for all.
Howard Bryant
Senior ESPN Writer, NPR Correspondent, Author
Bryant is the author of eight books on sports and legendary black athletes. In his latest work, he examines the intersection of race, sports, politics and patriotism in a divided America.

Valeisha Butterfield-Jones
Political Strategist & Head of Black Engagement at Google
A political organizing veteran who worked on Obama’s presidential campaign and in the White House, Butterfield-Jones is an activist and CEO of the Women in Entertainment Empowerment Network.

Grace (Gealey) Byers
Actress on the Hit TV Show, Empire & Children’s Author
Born in the Caymans and raised by two deaf parents, Byers lends insights into challenging social and cultural experiences, reminding us all to have compassion and show grace for each other.

Tony Byers
Former Director, Global Diversity & Inclusion, Starbucks
A sought-after change management specialist, Dr. Byers helps communities and organizations drive engagement and innovation through global diversity and inclusion.

Geoffrey Canada
Inner City Youth & Education Advocate
Founder of the Harlem Children’s Zone, Canada addresses inner city poverty and violence. His model was featured in Waiting for Superman and has been replicated across the U.S.

Kim Crenshaw
Civil & Women’s Rights Activist
Known for coining the term “intersectionality,” Crenshaw offers a critical examination of how social structures interact with gender and race on multiple levels, resulting in social inequality.
AFRICAN-AMERICANS

Angela Davis
Feminist & Writer
Drawing from her experience on the FBI’s Ten Most Wanted List and the ensuing “Free Angela Davis” campaign, Davis delivers riveting messages of tolerance.

Fania Davis
Leading National Voice on Restorative Justice
A long-time social justice activist, civil rights trial attorney, writer, professor and scholar, Davis speaks on the power of restorative justice and search for healing.

Dr. Sampson Davis
Physician & Inspirational Leader
One of three young men raised in poverty that made a pact to become doctors, NY Times best-selling author Davis told his story in The Pact and wrote Living & Dying in Brick City and The Stuff.

Wade Davis
Former NFL Player, Equality Advocate & Educator
A thought leader, advocate and writer on gender, race and orientation equality and intersectionality, Davis is the NFL’s first LGBT consultant and works with numerous pro teams.

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson
Public Intellectual & Best-Selling Author
Featured on NPR and MSNBC, Professor Dyson melds scholarly insight with contemporary culture and examines civil rights and race relations. His thought-provoking talks foster social change.

Dr. Aprille Ericsson
Rocket Scientist, Technologist & STEM Educator
Named one of the top 50 minority women in science and engineering, Ericsson is the first African-American woman to receive a Ph.D. in engineering from NASA’s Goddard Flight Center.
James Forman Jr.
Professor, Yale Law School & Pulitzer Prize Winner
Author of Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America, Forman is a legal scholar, former public defender and charter school founder focused on the future of race and criminal justice.

Kirk Franklin
Businessman, Leading Gospel Singer & Motivator
The first gospel artist to go platinum and multi-platinum, Franklin has transformed the genre. He inspires audiences across generations with his touching story and views on faith and culture.

Sybrina Fulton
Mother of Trayvon Martin
After the death of her son made national headlines, Fulton channeled her loss to become a gun control law activist and motivational speaker.

Henry Louis Gates Jr.
Emmy-Winning Filmmaker, Cultural Critic & Journalist
Harvard professor and host of the popular show Finding Your Roots, Gates is one of the country’s most influential thought leaders on multicultural and African-American issues.

Sylvester James Gates
Theoretical Physicist Known for Supersymmetry
A pioneer in advancing our understanding of supersymmetry, supergravity, and string theory, Gates captivates with his ability to explain complex theories in a fun, accessible way.

Nikki Giovanni
Poet, Educator & Best-Selling Author
Named a “living legend” by Oprah Winfrey, Giovanni is an NAACP and Langston Hughes Award winner. Her keynotes on diversity are highlighted with poetry.
Haben Girma
First Deafblind Graduate of Harvard Law School
Named a White House Champion of Change by
President Obama, Girma is a consultant and advocate
for equal opportunities for people with disabilities.

Louis Gossett Jr.
Academy Award-Winning Actor & Activist
Oscar winner Gossett, best known for roles in Roots
and An Officer and a Gentleman, founded the Eracism
Foundation to fight racism, ignorance and social apathy.

Christopher Gray
Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Scholly
Raised in poverty and determined to help others go to college,
Gray sparked the biggest fight in Shark Tank history with Scholly,
his breakthrough app that helps students find scholarships.

Ernest Green
Member of the “Little Rock Nine”
One of the nine students that integrated Central High School
in 1957, Green speaks out on the vestiges of past injustices,
connecting them to present-day issues of race and education.

Hill Harper
Actor, Youth Advocate & NY Times Best-Selling Author
Known for his roles on CSI: NY and Covert Affairs, Harper
wrote four best-sellers and founded the Manifest Your Destiny
Foundation to empower underserved youth through mentorship.

Wil Haygood
Acclaimed Biographer & Pulitzer Finalist
New York Times best-selling author and cultural historian Haygood
tells the story of America through the lens of history, politics,
sports, race and the lives of change-making African-Americans.
Marc Lamont Hill  
Journalist, Scholar & Activist  
A professor at Temple University, BET News host and CNN contributor, Hill speaks on youth, the achievement gap and the intersecting injustices of American racism.

Freeman Hrabowski  
President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore  
Award-winning educator and diversity expert Hrabowski transformed UMBC with his enthusiasm for STEM. Partnering with businesses, UMBC fosters skills to ensure employability.

Charlayne Hunter-Gault  
Award-Winning Journalist  
Civil Rights trailblazer Hunter-Gault discusses her historic entry into the University of Georgia as its first black female student and the road she took through the Jim Crow South to get there.

Karine Jean-Pierre  
Senior Advisor & National Spokesperson at MoveOn.org  
Progressive activist Jean-Pierre’s professional experience has ranged from presidential campaigns and working in the White House to grassroots activism and local politics.

Daymond John  
Branding Expert on Shark Tank & Founder/CEO of FUBU  
Branding visionary and urban fashion mogul John inspires with his self-made story. His motivational talks foster diversity and inspire leadership, initiative and creativity in others.

Jeff Johnson  
Activist, Journalist & Host of BET’s Mancave  
A communications specialist and former NAACP National Youth Director, Johnson is as comfortable in front of the camera as he is behind the scenes as an activist and corporate strategist.
AFRICAN-AMERICANS

Clarence B. Jones
Advisor & Speechwriter for Martin Luther King Jr.
An influential confidant of Dr. King, Jones played a pivotal role in drafting the “I Have a Dream” speech. He delivers passionate presentations on the challenges still facing civil rights.

Feminista Jones
Intersectionality Expert, Author & Award-Winning Blogger
Named one of the Top 100 Black Social Influencers and 25 Most Inspiring Women on Twitter, Jones is feminist thought leader and social media influencer honored for online activism.

John B. King
Secretary of Education Under President Obama
King is an inspiring educational leader whose own story is proof of the transformative power of education. He shares a passionate message about access to opportunity and America’s future.

Spike Lee
Filmmaker, BlacKkKlansman
An outspoken social critic, Lee has directed critically acclaimed, socially conscious films such as Do The Right Thing, Malcolm X, When The Levees Broke, 4 Little Girls and his latest, BlacKkKlansman.

Patrick “Blake” Leeper
Olympic/Paralympic Games Medalist & Recovering Addict
Having faced seemingly insurmountable odds, American Blade Runner Leeper—who broke Oscar Pistorius’ 400m record—inspires us to overcome obstacles and achieve success.

Ndaba Mandela
Grandson of Nelson Mandela, Founder of Africa Rising
Carrying his grandfather’s torch forward during the centennial of his birth and beyond, Mandela empowers today’s youth to inspire meaningful change for justice and equality.
Roland Martin  
Host/Managing Editor, TV One Cable Network  
A dynamic and influential voice on the intersection of politics, social justice and race, Martin gives a voice to the voiceless and speaks truth to power on the issues of the day.

Tracy Martin  
Father of Trayvon Martin & Community Activist  
Since the death of his son, Martin has committed his life to transforming tragedy into social change and awakening the nation’s conscience.

James McBride  
National Book Award Winner & Musician  
McBride uses music and writing to share powerful stories such as The Color of Water, The Good Lord Bird and Miracle at St. Anna, which was adapted by Spike Lee.

Terry McMillan  
Best-Selling Author  
One of America’s most beloved authors, McMillan became the empowering voice of a generation of women with her NYT #1 bestsellers Waiting to Exhale and How Stella Got Her Groove Back.

Malcolm Mitchell  
Former New England Patriot & Children’s Author  
Recognized for his visits to elementary schools to read to students and talk about literacy, Mitchell is an avid reader, author, and award-winning athlete and community volunteer.

Wes Moore  
Best-Selling Author & CEO, The Robin Hood Foundation  
Moore energizes audiences with his remarkable personal story of overcoming adversity through education, embracing personal responsibility and emerging as an inspirational leader.
AFRICAN-AMERICANS

Kenneth Morris
Co-Founder, Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives
A descendant of two of the most influential names in American history, Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington, Morris continues his family's legacy of anti-slavery and educational work.

Diane Nash
Civil Rights & Peace Activist
A pioneer of the Civil Rights Movement, Nash helped form the Nashville Student Movement and the Freedom Rides to protest segregation. Her work was featured in the PBS film Freedom Riders.

Jinah Parker
Dancer, Choreographer, Playwright & Educator
A multifaceted creative force, Parker is an artistic mirror for our past and present political and social climates. Her “choreoplay” She, examines sexual violence against women and girls.

Steve Pemberton
Chief HR Officer, Globoforce & Best-Selling Author
Pemberton overcame abuse and neglect as an orphan in foster care to become a corporate executive and inspiring leader. He chronicled his story in A Chance in the World, now a film.

Kevin Powell
Writer, Humanitarian & President of BK Nation
A political activist, poet, journalist, essayist, hip-hop historian and entrepreneur with a compelling life story of overcoming adversity, Powell motivates, builds bridges and inspires civic engagement.

Donisha Rita-Claire Prendergast
Granddaughter of Bob & Rita Marley, Filmmaker & Poet
Continuing her grandparents’ legacy and message, Prendergast offers an inside look into her family’s life and speaks on how to embody the idea of “One Love” in the community.
Tracee Ellis Ross  
**Actress & Youth Volunteer**

A Golden Globe-winning and Emmy-nominated actress, Ross stars in *Black-ish* and starred in *Girlfriends*. She encourages audiences to tap into their own creativity and inner joy.

Bakari Sellers  
**CNN Political Analyst, Lawyer & Activist**

Sellers made history when he became the nation’s youngest African-American elected official. He cites education, civil rights and equality as cornerstones of our nation’s future.

Ilyasah Shabazz  
**Daughter of Malcolm X, Professor & Author**

Sharing the legacy of her parents, Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz, Ilyasah is an inspirational role model, youth advocate and champion of women and girls empowerment.

Ntozake Shange  
**Award-Winning Playwright & Poet**

Best-known for her landmark Obie Award-winning play *For Colored Girls...*, Shange is considered one of America’s greatest living writers—an acknowledged master of drama, fiction, memoir and poetry.

Dia Simms  
**President at Combs Enterprises**

An entrepreneur, philanthropist and creative force, Simms has worked with Sean “Diddy” Combs since 2005. She oversees business activities across his multiple companies and investments.

Michael Sorrell  
**Transformative College President & Higher Ed Innovator**

Ranked by Fortune as one of the world’s greatest leaders, Sorrell is known for his Urban Work College Model that transformed struggling HBC Paul Quinn College into a higher ed innovator.
Shaun T  
**Celebrity Fitness Trainer, Abuse Survivor & Motivator**  
Best known for his #1 at-home workout “Hip Hop Abs,” author, entrepreneur and “trainer for the people” Shaun T motivates people to transform their lives, bodies, mindsets and businesses.

Blair Taylor  
**Former Head of Global HR at Starbucks**  
One of the nation’s most recognized business leaders, Taylor has spent his career innovating with some of the nation’s biggest consumer and philanthropic brands.

Susan L. Taylor  
**Founder & CEO, National CARES Mentoring Movement**  
The visionary that built the *Essence* brand, Taylor left the magazine to found an organization devoted to breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty among African-Americans.

Nontombi Naomi Tutu  
**Race & Gender Justice Activist**  
The daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Naomi carries on the family legacy to heal the wounds of racism and promote understanding through truth and reconciliation.

Jessie T. Usher  
**Actor, *Survivor’s Remorse* & *The Boys****  
Currently working on the new Amazon series *The Boys* and the upcoming *Son of Shaft*, Usher is known for his roles in *Survivor’s Remorse* and *Independence Day: Resurgence*.

Iyanla Vanzant  
**Lawyer & New Thought Spiritual Teacher**  
From welfare mother to *New York Times* best-selling author, NAACP Image Award winner Vanzant is one of the most influential and acclaimed spiritual life coaches of our time.
Alice Walker  
**Author, *The Color Purple & Activist***

Dr. Cornel West  
**Provocative Public Intellectual & Author***
A groundbreaking author and champion for racial justice, Dr. West weaves together the traditions of the Black Baptist Church, progressive politics and jazz in his powerful keynotes.

Juan Williams  
**Emmy-Winning Journalist & FOX News Commentator***
Covering American politics for four decades, Williams has championed civil rights with *Eyes on the Prize* and his latest book, *What The Hell Do You Have to Lose?: Trump’s War on Civil Rights*.

M. Quentin Williams  
**Business Advisor & Crisis Management Consultant***
An attorney, author, educator and former FBI agent and federal prosecutor, Williams has held positions as an NFL and NBA executive. He shares vast legal, business and community advocacy expertise.

Saul Williams  
**Spoken Word Artist***
Star of the first hip-hop play on Broadway, “Holler If You Can Hear Me,” musician and slam poetry legend Williams wows with his one-man spoken word performance.

Talithia Williams  
**Big Data Expert & Host of NOVA Wonders***
A popular TED speaker and passionate STEM education advocate, Dr. Williams deploys data in unusual and insightful ways, viewing subjects ranging from health to diversity in a new light.
HISPANICS & HISPANIC-AMERICANS

Jim Avila  
Correspondent for ABC News & Fusion  
Award-winning journalist Avila shares fascinating insights into the role of the media in shaping public opinion and policies on national issues including immigration.

Richard Carmona  
17th U.S. Surgeon General & Vice Chairman, Canyon Ranch  
Having gone from high school dropout to serving as our nation’s top doctor, Carmona instills in audiences that anything is possible through commitment and determination.

Lt. Colonel Olga Custodio, USAF (Retired)  
America’s First Latina Fighter Pilot & STEM Advocate  
Turned away from flight school because she was a woman, Custodio went on to break barriers (including the sound barrier) as the first Latina USAF pilot and commercial pilot for American Airlines.

Patti Solis Doyle  
CNN Contributor & Political Strategist  
The first Hispanic woman to run a presidential campaign, attorney Solis Doyle explores politics, the rise of women and minorities in politics and issues affecting Hispanic-Americans.

Samantha Fuentes  
Marjory Stoneman Douglas Shooting Survivor  
Still mourning the loss of friends and teachers and carrying bullet shrapnel in her legs and behind her eye, Fuentes is committed to ensuring that no one else is devastated by preventable gun violence.

Juan Gonzalez  
Award-Winning Journalist  
A longtime columnist for The New York Daily News and co-host of Democracy Now, Gonzalez is one of the country’s best-known Latino journalists with a career that spans four decades.
HISPANICS & HISPANIC-AMERICANS

Diane Guerrero  
**Actress, Orange is the New Black & Jane the Virgin**  
At age 14, [Guerrero](#) watched her family be deported. She shares the incredible story of how she was able to remain in the U.S., continue her education and build a successful career.

Maria Hinojosa  
**Emmy-Winning Journalist**  
Anchor and executive producer of NPR’s “Latino USA,” and a panelist on *Meet the Press*, [Hinojosa](#) examines the critical issues that are changing our cultural and political landscape.

Sonia Manzano  
**“Maria” on Sesame Street & Author**  
Having retired her iconic *Sesame Street* character “Maria,” [Manzano](#) now dedicates her time to speaking and writing on education, communication, and Hispanics in the media.

Sonia Nazario  
**Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author & Journalist**  
[Nazario](#) has spent over 20 years writing about social issues including immigration. Her acclaimed book, *Enrique’s Journey*, recounts a Honduran boy’s struggle to find his mother in the U.S.

John Quiñones  
**ABC News Veteran & Host, What Would You Do?**  
A lifetime of “never taking no for an answer” took Quiñones from migrant farm work to the anchor desk at 20/20 and *Primetime*, and creating *What Would You Do?*, the hit show he hosts.

Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa  
**World-Renowned Neurosurgeon & Neuroscientist**  
Mexican immigrant Quiñones-Hinojosa went from migrant worker to head of brain tumor surgery at Johns Hopkins. His incredible story is being developed into a movie by Brad Pitt and Disney.
Gish Jen
Award-Winning Author
Hailed as “one of the most insightful writers of our time,” Jen addresses pressing questions of culture, identity, and globalization with analysis, storytelling, brilliance, wit and warmth.

Maggie Chan Jones
Forbes 15th Most Influential CMO in the World
An industry thought leader in marketing, technology, and fostering gender diversity, former SAP CMO Jones is committed to empowering more women and people of color to reach the C-Suite.

Eric Liu
Best-Selling Author & CEO, Citizen University
A former White House speechwriter for President Clinton, Liu champions the art of powerful citizenship, challenging audiences to think about identity and inspiring civic engagement.

Kim Phuc Phan Thi
Advocate for Victims of War Crimes
The subject of the Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph from the Vietnam War of a young girl running with her skin on fire, Phuc established a foundation to heal those in war-torn areas.

Tak Toyoshima
Creator, “Secret Asian Man” Comic
A self-described product of creativity bred in the midst of multicultural experiences, Toyoshima opens up the dialogue on the challenges that Asian-Americans face in mainstream culture.

Sheryl WuDunn
Pulitzer Prize-Winning Journalist
Co-author of Half the Sky and A Path Appears, WuDunn presents a compelling examination of current economic, political and social issues, urging us all to make a difference in the world.
Wade Davis  
**Former NFL Player, Equality Advocate & Educator**  
A thought leader, advocate and writer on gender, race and orientation equality and intersectionality, Davis is the NFL’s first LGBT consultant and works with numerous pro teams.

Cleve Jones  
**Author, AIDS & LGBTQ Rights Icon**  
From the early days of AIDS activism to marriage equality, civil rights icon Jones has been a driving force behind the most important gains made by the LGBTQ community over the past four decades.

Roberta A. Kaplan  
**Lead Attorney, Supreme Court DOMA Gay Rights Case**  
Kaplan earned national acclaim when she argued—and won—the Supreme Court case that struck down DOMA and produced one of the most important civil rights decisions of our time.

Sally Kohn  
**Columnist & Political Commentator, CNN**  
Ranked as one of the 100 most influential pundits on TV, Kohn is a leading progressive voice. Her inspiring, uplifting keynotes convey a message of connection and compassion for all.

Carol Leifer  
**Writer, SNL, Seinfeld, Modern Family & Curb Your Enthusiasm**  
A trailblazing woman in stand-up comedy and a best-selling author, Leifer shares her views on women’s issues, her Jewish roots, LGBT perspectives and her incredible career.

Anthony Romero  
**Executive Director of the ACLU**  
The first Latino and openly gay head of the ACLU, Romero has transformed the ACLU into an organizational powerhouse championing civil liberties, individual freedom and human rights.
Heather Abbott
Boston Marathon Bombing Survivor & Amputee
Abbott’s life changed forever when she was struck by bomb shrapnel and lost her left leg. She captivates audiences with her incredible story of pain, anger, optimism and resilience.

Paul de Gelder
Shark Attack Survivor & Shark Week Host
An Australian Navy diver who lost two limbs in a brutal shark attack that changed his life, de Gelder now inspires others to overcome obstacles and champions shark conservation.

Temple Grandin
World-Famous Animal Scientist & Autism Self-Advocate
The most accomplished adult with autism in the world, Grandin inspired the HBO film Temple Grandin (starring Claire Danes). Grandin shares the challenges and successes of her fascinating life.

Patrick “Blake” Leeper
Olympic/Paralympic Games Medalist, Recovering Addict
Having faced seemingly insurmountable odds, American Blade Runner Leeper—who recently broke Oscar Pistorius’ 400m record—inspires us to overcome obstacles to achieve success.

Kevin Pearce
Champion Snowboarder & Traumatic Brain Injury Survivor
Pearce went from being a gold medal hopeful to suffering a brain injury that nearly took his life. Known for his contagious optimism, he delivers a powerful message of overcoming adversity.

Ron Suskind
Pulitzer Prize-Winning Journalist, Author
Author of Life, Animated (adapted into the Oscar-nominated film), Suskind shares his journey of connecting with his son, who has autism, through Disney movies.
Zonnie Gorman
Historian & Lecturer
A recognized historian of the Navajo Code Talkers of World War II, Gorman educates people about the rich history, culture, language, and contributions of the Navajo people.

Michael Greyeyes
Award-Winning Actor, Artist, Educator & Leader
Praised for his breakthrough portrayal of Sitting Bull in Woman Walks Ahead, Greyeyes is a proud Nehiyawe (Plains Cree) blazing new trails for indigenous people in film.

Winona LaDuke
Native American Environmentalist & Political Activist
An advocate for frontline native environmental groups and ecological balance, LaDuke was twice Ralph Nader’s Vice Presidential candidate for the Green Party.

Tatanka Means
Native American Actor & Activist
Star of the Emmy-winning miniseries Into the West, Means uniquely uses the history of Hollywood's portrayal of Native Americans as a backdrop to speak about equality and advancement.

Billy Mills
Olympic Gold Medalist & Motivator
A Lakota Sioux raised in one of the poorest communities in America, Mills inspired the film Running Brave. He authored Wokini, a book about finding happiness and satisfaction in life.

Chad “Corntassel” Smith
Former Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation
A force in building self-sufficient Native American nations, Smith speaks passionately about developing leadership, improving education, and preserving cultural values and language.
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