OPENING/CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Biography: Barbara is a humanitarian, motivational speaker, and the Co-Founder and Board Chair of Global Health Corps, an organization that connects young leaders with organizations working on the front lines to promote global health equity. She has fully committed her life’s work to improving access to healthcare in some of the world’s most underserved areas.

Under her leadership, GHC has gained widespread praise through their work in Malawi, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia, and more. Before GHC, Barbara worked in Educational Programming at the Smithsonian Institution’s Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, worked for Red Cross Children’s Hospital in Capetown, South Africa and interned for UNICEF in Botswana. She has traveled with the UN World Food Programme, focusing on the importance of nutrition in ARV treatment.

She is a member of UNICEF’s Next Generation Steering Committee and is one of the World Economic Forum’s Young Global Shapers. She is on the Board of Directors of Covenant House International, PSI, and Friends of the Global Fight for AIDS, TB, and Malaria. She also co-wrote a children’s book, Sister’s First, with her twin sister, Jenna Bush Hager that will be out in October.
Videos:
- World Government Summit 2018
- The Inaugural Pure Land Series London
- Keynote Address at Columbia University

Social Media:
- IG: 1.8M
- FB: 215K
- TW: 765K

Speaking Fee: $$$

Speaking Topic: Children’s mental health advocacy, education, and development

Biography: Goldie Hawn is an Academy Award winning actress, producer, best-selling author, and children’s advocate. Alarmed by increases in school violence, youth depression, suicide, and the failure of school systems to help children cope with stressful lives, she founded The Goldie Hawn Foundation. Along with a team of neuroscientists, doctors, and educators, her foundation uses cutting edge scientific research to create educational programs that support the social and emotional development of children.

Since 2003, MindUP, the signature program of The Goldie Hawn Foundation, has been helping children develop the mental fitness necessary to thrive in school, work and life. MindUP is an evidence-based curriculum and teaching model aimed at providing resources to help children better understand their emotions, reduce anxiety, foster empathy and improve academic performance.

To date, MindUP has trained over 150,000 teachers in 12 countries, and impacted over 6M children. She has authored two best-selling books, a memoir, A Lotus Grows in the Mud and 10 Mindful Minutes, which offers guidance on raising healthy, joyful, and resilient children.
Biography: J.R. is an actor, best-selling author, motivational speaker, advocate, and U.S. Army Veteran. He is the only son of a single working mother who emigrated from El Salvador before he was born. As a way to give back to the country that had given him so much, he joined the Army immediately after high school. When J.R. was 19, the humvee he was driving in Karbala, Iraq hit a roadside bomb and he suffered severe burns to over one-third of his body. During his recovery (which entailed 34 surgeries over 34 months), a nurse asked him to speak to a burn patient, who had just seen his body for the first time and had become withdrawn. After a brief visit, J.R. realized he had a positive impact on this patient and decided to use his own experiences to help others and has since become a highly sought-after motivational speaker.

He has a best selling book, *Full of Heart: My Story of Survival, Strength, and Spirit*, and serves as a spokesperson for Operation Finally Home, as well as for the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, Glasswing International, Free the Children, the Viscardi Center, and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.
Biography: DeRay is a civil rights activist focused primarily on issues of innovation, equity and justice. He graduated from Bowdoin College with a degree in legal studies and government and holds honorary doctorates from The New School and the Maryland Institute College of Art. He has advocated for issues related to children, youth, and families since he was a teen and worked in the Baltimore and Minnesota Public Schools. As a leading voice in the Black Lives Matter Movement and a co-founder of Campaign Zero, DeRay has worked to connect individuals with knowledge and tools, and provide citizens and policy makers with commonsense policies that ensure equity.

Spurred by the death of Mike Brown and the subsequent protests in Ferguson, Missouri, and beyond, DeRay has become a key player in the work to confront the systems and structures that have led to mass incarceration and police killings of black and other minority populations. He is also the host of the award-winning weekly podcast “Pod Save The People”, discussing the most important issues of the week related to justice, equity and identity. He is a board member of Rock The Vote, was named one of the World’s Greatest Leaders by Fortune Magazine in 2015, one of the 30 Most Influential People On The Internet by Time Magazine in 2016.
Monique is an award-winning author and social justice scholar with a distinguished career in education and research. She has lectured widely on research, policy, and practices of improving juvenile justice and socioeconomic conditions for young black girls, women, and their families. Dr. Morris is also the Founder and President of the National Black Women’s Justice Institute (NBWJI), an organization that works to interrupt school-to-confinement pathways for girls, reduce the barriers to employment, and increase the capacity of organizations that combat domestic violence and sexual assault in African American communities.

She has written several books including her 2019 release, Sing A Rhythm, Dance A Blues, which explores a pedagogy to counter the penal discrimination against black and brown girls in schools. She is an executive producer and writer for a documentary film exploring how exclusionary discipline impacts Black girls in the US. She is the former Vice President of Economic Programs, Advocacy, and Research for the NAACP. She has also worked to develop comprehensive approaches and training curricula to eliminate racial/ethnic and gender disparities in justice and educational systems.
**Biography:** Liz is an inspirational speaker and best-selling author. She was born to drug addicted parents, grew up homeless, routinely eating from dumpsters, and supporting her parents since she was 10 years old. When Liz was 16, her schizophrenic mother died of complications related to AIDS and Liz, determined to break free of her circumstances, recognized education as the key to a new future and way of life. After earning her high school diploma in two years while living on the streets of New York, she was awarded and accepted full scholarship from Harvard.

Biography: Reshma is the founder and CEO of Girls Who Code, the nonprofit dedicated to closing the gender gap in tech that has already reached 90,000 girls nationwide. She began her career as an attorney and activist. Being the first Indian American woman to run for Congress, she realized the gender gap in computing classes first hand while on the campaign trail. This inspired her to start Girls Who Code, now leading the movement to inspire, educate, and equip young women with computing skills to pursue 21st century opportunities. Her program’s alumni are choosing to major in computer sciences or related fields at 15 times the national average. She is also the author of three books, including Women Who Don’t Wait In Line – in which she advocates for a new model of female leadership focused on embracing risk and failure, the New York Times Bestseller Girls Who Code: Learn to Code and Change the World, and the forthcoming Brave, Not Perfect.

She is the proud daughter of refugees. She serves on the Board of Overseers for the International Rescue Committee, which provides aid to refugees and those impacted by humanitarian crises, and She Should Run, which seeks to increase the number of women in public leadership.
**Biography:** ‘Unstoppable’ Tracy is a decorated athlete, motivational speaker, humanitarian, and best selling author. Born a 4-way amputee, she has climbed Himalayan mountains, captained a 110-foot tall ship, and won paraskiing bronze. She is exemplifying extraordinary leadership, dedication, and excellence in sports for athletes with disabilities around the world. She is the winner of the 2017 Robert W. Jackson Award [Founder of the Canadian Paralympics], 2017 Ontario Premier Awards, 2017 C-SASIL Lifetime Achievement Award and 2018 Women of Essence Global Award Nominee.

An avid philanthropist, she has taught in Uganda, Jamaica, and Mexico, and volunteered for diversity embracing charities in Nepal, the UK, and all over North America. She also volunteers on the Toronto Accessible Sports Council helping people with disabilities get involved with activities such as sailing, skiing, and scuba diving. She is the author of *Unstoppable YOU; Exceed Uncertainty, Embrace Possibilities, Earn Independence.*
Biography: Josh is an award-winning speaker and youth empowerment expert who has been featured on GMA, 20/20, and Oprah providing commentary on common challenges faced by parents and teachers. Josh was abandoned at birth, in and out of foster homes, sexually abused, addicted to drugs, and was driven to suicidal thoughts, before being rescued by one of his foster fathers, who refused to quit on him when everybody else had, including Josh himself.

His message is centered around his belief that “every kid is ONE caring adult away from being a success story”, a message which he delivers through a combination of heartfelt inspiration and humor. Josh trains other speakers through Youth Speaker University, helping them use their own stories to make an impact.

His social and emotional learning curriculum, Year of Awesomeness, is in use in hundreds of classrooms all around the world. He has written two books: The Grown-Up’s Guide to Teenage Humans, in which he combines his story with a practical guide to understanding troubled teens, and The Teen’s Guide to World Domination. He can be seen on the Lifetime documentary series, Teen Trouble, that followed his groundbreaking work with youth and families.
Biography: Dena is an activist, educator, diversity trainer, and anti-bullying researcher. She grew up in a one-bedroom apartment with her two sisters and immigrant mother in the Bronx, New York where she experienced firsthand the effects of violence, injustice, and inequity before dedicating her life to educating and empowering others. She received her B.A. from Middlebury College and her M.A. and Ed.D. from Columbia University. She currently serves as Assistant Director of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence whose mission is to use the power of emotions to create a more effective and compassionate society.

Simmons is also a leading voice on teacher anti-bullying education, diversity, education reform, and emotional intelligence in K-12 school settings. She was included in the PBS/AOL program MAKERS: Women Who Make America as well as a Beacon Press Book, Do It Anyway: The New Generation of Activists. Her research interests include teacher preparedness to address bullying in the K-12 school setting as well as the intersection of social and emotional learning and culturally responsive pedagogy -- all in an effort to ensure and foster justice and safe spaces for all.
**Biography:** Elizabeth is an abduction and sexual assault survivor, motivational speaker, and child safety advocate. In one of the most followed abduction cases in recent history, Elizabeth was abducted in June, 2002 and was held by her captors for over nine months before being released in March, 2003. Through this traumatic experience, Elizabeth has become an advocate for change related to child abduction, recovery programs, and National legislation. She triumphantly testified before her captor and the world about the very private nightmare she suffered during her abduction, which led to conviction.

She founded the Elizabeth Smart Foundation, and is an advocate for victims of sexual assault, and for child safety legislation such as the National AMBER Alert program, the Adam Walsh Child Protection & Safety Act, and other safety legislation to help prevent abductions. Her experiences continue to motivate parents and lawmakers worldwide.

She chronicled her experiences in her best-selling book *My Story* as well as created a survivors guide, along with other abduction survivors, entitled “You’re Not Alone: The Journey From Abduction to Empowerment” with the Department of Justice. She also published the powerful and inspiring book, *Where There’s Hope* about what it takes to overcome trauma, find the strength to move on and reclaim one’s life.

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**Videos:**
- Tells Her Story at TEDxUniversityofNevada
- Malibu Library Speaker Series 2016

**Social Media:**
- IG: **144K**
- FB: **43.5K**
- TW: **13.5K**

**Speaking Fee:** $$$

**Speaking Topic:** National child safety legislation and sexual assault survivors