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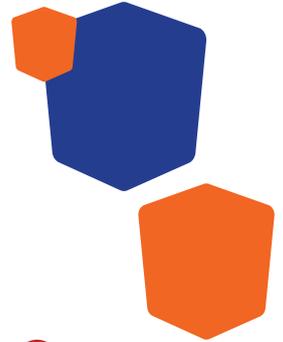
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MICHAEL AYALON

Professional Speaker, Fraternal Leader, Entrepreneur, Author, Podcaster

Michael Ayalon is a professional speaker, author, host of the Fraternity Foodie Podcast, and CEO of Greek University. He has headlined keynote presentations on over 200 college campuses in 35 states to help solve problems such as Sexual Assault, Hazing, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and recruitment for college student organizations. As a speaker, he is able to take lessons learned from helping to build companies from startup to over \$25 Million in annual sales, as well as best practices as the Former Executive Director of Sigma Pi Fraternity with 120 chapters and over 115,000 members, to create dynamic, positive, and results-driven keynotes and workshops that transform people's lives.



Michael

Is the author of the book "From Letters to Leaders: Creating Impact on Your College Campus and Beyond" and the recently released "From Letters to Leaders: Redefining New Member Education and Leveraging Belonging to Eliminate Hazing". He is a graduate of the School of Management at the University at Buffalo, and has a Master's Degree from Cumberland University in Public Service Management. Michael is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Assessment, Learning, and Student Success (Higher Education Concentration) at Middle Tennessee State University and anticipates completion in 2025. Michael is also the recipient of the 2022 Ronald H. Jury Interfraternal Friendship Award from Phi Mu Delta National Fraternity.

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Trey was a college football player with dreams of playing in the NFL when he suffered a traumatic knee injury tearing his ACL, MCL, both medial and lateral meniscus and patellar tendon all in one snap. His life changed in an instance and he had to figure out a way to reinvent himself. Trevon's educational, professional and athletic leadership experiences have allowed him to develop different concepts and perspectives on how to effectively lead through adversity and opposition. Trevon uses his Division-I football experience to motivate and challenge those who have faced any level of difficulty or challenge through their position of leadership. As a Residential Hall Director at the University of New Hampshire, Trevon has worked with students closely through their personal and professional development.

Trey is sharing his message through "Talking with Trey" and is uplifting people all over the world.

KIMBERLY CORBAN

**Certified Victim Advocate, Tedx
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Kimberly Corban grew up in Greeley, Colorado, and still has the pleasure of calling the Rocky Mountain state home. In May of 2006, Kimberly's life was irrevocably changed when a stranger broke into her college-area apartment, held her there for two hours, and raped her. She immediately reported the crime to authorities and served as the key witness in her attacker's trial, successfully garnering a sexual assault conviction.

A graduate of the University of Northern Colorado with a B.A. in psychology and M.A. in criminal justice, Kimberly is a certified crime victim advocate having worked for both the Greeley Police Department and the Weld County District Attorney's Office. Her expertise in trauma-informed media coverage led to the creation of her consulting agency. Her work advocates for consent- based coverage of crime survivors and their families.

Kimberly has been featured on many major news networks including CNN, Fox News, MSNBC. She often lends her voice to syndicated radio programs and print media including The Washington Post, Cosmopolitan Magazine, Elle Magazine, MSN.com, the New York Times, among many other online publications. Today, she has followed her life's passion and tours the country speaking to campuses and organizations about sexual assault education and victim advocacy. Her recent TED Talk "How My Sexual Assault Was Hijacked by Politicians and Lobbies" has received high praise and sparked both timely and timeless conversations about survivors of abuse.

A mother to four young children, Kimberly stays plenty active and has no shame in singing Disney songs at full volume with her kids. Her husband Michael is as fiercely supportive as he is quick to roll his eyes at her "punny" sense of humor. Kimberly is an Alpha Phi sister, hates running yet does it anyway, loves all things that have to do with llamas, is a serious movie quoting buff, and is not very sarcastic.

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DR. SHEENA HOWARD

Sheena C. Howard, is an award- winning author, filmmaker and scholar. In 2014 Sheena became the first Black woman to win an Eisner Award for her first book, *Black Comics: Politics of Race and Representation* (2013). The Eisner Awards are considered the ‘Oscars of Comics’. She is also the author of several critically acclaimed books and comics books. In 2017, Sheena published the *Encyclopedia of Black Comics*, which is the first book of its kind, profiling over 100 Black people in the comics industry. The *Encyclopedia of Black Comics* was named the 2018 American Library Associations’ Outstanding Reference Source.

In 2014, Sheena published *Black Queer Identity Matrix and Critical Articulations of Race, Gender and Sexual Orientation*. Sheena is the co-writer of the comic book, *Superb* about a teenage superhero with Down Syndrome.

She has appeared on NPR (National Public Radio), ABC, BBC, PBS as well as other networks and documentaries as an expert on popular culture, politics and social justice. Sheena is the subject of a 2018 Emmy-nominated episode of *State of the Arts*, which airs on NJTV and WHYI.

In 2016, Sheena directed, produced and wrote the documentary *Remixing Colorblind*, which explores the ways the educational system shapes our perception of race. Parts of the documentary were filmed at West Catholic High School in Philadelphia, Lehigh University and Drexel University. The film premiered at The Ritz Landmark theatre in Philadelphia. Sheena organized and hosted a talk about race and education at the Philadelphia Main Library in 2017 as a part of her documentary tour in which proceeds from the event went to local non-profit organizations.

Sheena has twice received a Proclamation from the City of Philadelphia for her literary work, social justice and creative projects. Sheena was born and raised in Southwest Philadelphia. She now has one child, is a Professor at Rider University in the Department of Communication and Journalism. Outside of her full-time job, Sheena spends time writing and speaking to organizations and educational institutions on a variety of topics including social justice, diversity, and representation.

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Dr. Jason L. Meriwether

Dr. Jason L. Meriwether is an experienced leader in higher education with research interests in hazing prevention, enrollment management, student retention, digital learning tools, adult student success, and social media engagement. In 2016, Jason was named to the Southern Indiana Business Source 20 under 40 Class of 2016. In 2014, Jason was selected to Louisville Business First's Top Forty under 40 and as one of Business First's 20 People to Know in Education and Workforce Development. In 2014, Jason received the award of Outstanding Kentuckian and was commissioned to the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.



Jason is editor of *Dismantling Hazing in Greek-Letter Organizations: Effective Practices for Prevention, Response, and Campus Engagement*.

A native of Guthrie, Ky., Jason earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication from the University of Louisville. He earned the Master of Arts Degree in Psychology from Fisk University and earned the Ph.D. in Educational Administration with a Specialization in Higher Education Leadership from Indiana State University.

Jason currently serves Campbellsville University as Vice President of Enrollment Management.

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Erica N. Music is a mother, educator, athlete, an active community volunteer, and the first in her family to earn a college degree. A native of Lexington, Kentucky, Erica earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Marketing Communication from Midway University in 2017. Erica's career journey has included sales, higher education, and K-12 education. Erica currently serves as Registrar at her high school alma mater, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Lexington, KY where she set records as a student athlete in track and competitive cheer. Erica cheered professionally for the NFL and Arena League football teams for four years, including cheering for the Tennessee Titans.

Erica began college in 2000 at the University of Louisville as a traditional college student where she was a two-sport Division 1 college athlete on a full academic scholarship. Family responsibilities and a health crisis with one of her parents forced her to delay her educational goals. Resuming her dream of earning a college degree after a 13-year hiatus since withdrawing, Erica briefly enrolled at Kentucky State University before transferring to Midway University, where she earned her degree.

As an adult learner, Erica pursued her degree while working a full & part time job and taking evening and online courses as a full-time student. Erica's path to graduation included raising two extremely involved and active children who played sports, instruments, and participated in many academic programs in their schools.

TISH NORMAN

Tish Norman is the lead trainer and founder of Transforming Leaders Now, Inc., a consultancy specializing in diversity, equity & inclusion, and corporate training solutions. A skilled “edutainer” with instructional experience at every level, Tish has experience working with leading brands in the career development industry, with a primary focus on DE&I and Interpersonal Skills.

Tish is a highly regarded international workshop presenter on a variety of educational circuits, which is why her learning and development experiences have become favorites among several universities and leadership conferences. She is venerated for delivering tailored, measurable training solutions for corporate, government, and non-profit organizations of all sizes.

Her most popular presentations include “Mindset & Motivation to be Successful in College”, “Dismantling Bias in Fraternity & Sorority Life,”& “Memory and Black Fraternalism”.

Tish is a contributing author of several published articles, five books, and has received a variety of awards including the Daniel Bentley Communicators Award, the Ross Szabo Speaker Award, & a finalist in Campus Activities Magazine’s Speaker-of-the-Year.

Tish has delivered over 1000 paid talks throughout her career and has presented her research at the Dr. Joseph H. McMillan National Conference on The Black Family in America and the National Council for Black Studies. Having spoken in 45 states and 14 countries, Tish maintains an active speaking schedule, keynoting at dozens of leadership conferences and campuses every year.

Tish serves as an adjunct professor of African American History at Kentucky State University, which is also her alma mater. She has a Master of Arts in Education from Pepperdine University and resides in Atlanta, Georgia.



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EDSON O'NEALE

When you see Edson O'Neale walk into a room your first perception might be that he is a strong, confident, empowered man, but there's more to Edson than meets the eye. His stature may seem imposing to you, but he has felt small. His voice is clear as a bell, but he's often felt unheard. He is very present, but he has been made to feel invisible. Yet, through it all he has continued to defy the odds, own his story, and to shape his narrative.

During Edson's time as a former Director of Student Activities, many of his students told him that he should become a speaker because of all of the advice that he shared with his students. They felt his services and experience would be so valuable to other students at other campuses. After finally listening to his students Edson and eventually his heart, decided to begin his journey in becoming a speaker in 2019.

The why, the how and the way, he shares in his speaking engagements, workshops, and consulting about leadership, vulnerability, bullying, communication, collaboration, and history.

So let me ask you a question. Are you compelled to rewrite your story and change perceptions? Dare to challenge the status quo? Tired of everyone trying to build your narrative and your life? Tired of living within your shadow? Tired of looking into the mirror and you cannot recognize who that person is? Then you need to work with Edson today and discover:

- A dynamic thought leader focused on values and self-worth.
- Your supportive accountability partner for achieving future goals.
- Your champion for consistent growth.

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DR. LOUIS M. PROFETA

Dr. Louis M. Profeta is a nationally recognized, award-winning writer, TED Talk speaker, and Emergency Physician at St. Vincent Hospital of Indianapolis, a level 1 trauma center. He has cared for more than 60,000 patients. He is the best-selling author of the critically acclaimed book *The Patient in Room Nine Says He's God*. He is a dynamic and sought-after public speaker and frequent guest on TV and radio. He has gained critical acclaim for his poignant essays and writings for LinkedIn Pulse Magazine on topics such as our national heroin crisis in *When the Lion Kills Your Child*, end-of-life care in *I Know You Love Me Now Let Me Die*, and dozens of similar essays. In 2015, 2016, and 2017 he was named LinkedIn Top Voice for readership in health care.



His scathingly sarcastic but passionate essay *Your Kid and My Kid Aren't Playing in the Pros* was honored as one of the best articles on sports by the Society of Professional Journalism. In 2018, he was honored by the National Society of Newspaper Columnists for outstanding contribution to online media. His essays entitled *A Sunday Talk on Sex, Drugs, Drinking and Dying* and *A Very Dangerous Place for a Child is College may be the most read and shared essays in history on the topic of drugs, sexual assault, and alcohol abuse on college campuses*, having been read by millions. His 2018 essay *I'll Look at Your Facebook Profile Before I Tell Your Mother You're Dead* has become one of the most read articles in the world on social media.

Following the success of *A Sunday Talk on Sex, Drugs, Drinking and Dying*, Dr. Profeta has been invited to speak all over the country on this topic. Dr. Profeta has told hundreds of parents their children have been killed over his career and he brings this reality to campuses across America. Some have described this as the most brutal, realistic, and impactful presentation ever given on the topic. He is rapidly becoming recognized as one of the most widely read opinion essayists in America today, including LinkedIn Top Voice in Health Care in 2020. Dr. Profeta is a proud member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.

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Joseph Thompson is a student affairs professional with 8+ years experience focusing on furthering the fraternity/sorority movement, facilitating student leadership and personal development, and advocating social justice issues. He is the Assistant Director of Student Development at Stockton University.



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BRITT TURPACK

**Mental Health Advocate, Tedx
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A Representative Of NAMI**

Hi friends! My name is Britt Turpack and I am a Los Angeles based mental health advocate, TEDx Speaker, movement teacher, Delta Gamma sorority sister, and a representative of NAMI. I am on a mission to make the world a better place by helping people prioritize their mental and spiritual health as much as they do their physical health. I am passionate about sharing my personal journey and connecting with you while being of service to others. Health is everything to me! Brain Health, Body Health, Soul Health, and all that I do and teach is to help others bring their mind, body, and soul into alignment to live their best life...and have some fun in the process!

I am so grateful that my journey has led me here— to the keynote stage, where I can embrace the conversation of MENTAL HEALTH and teach audiences positive ways to take care of their brain! From overcoming vices and bad habits to establishing habits and practices that lead to success, my message is perfect for anyone who wants to unlock their achievement at a personal or organizational level. If you want a keynote speaker that will spread joy and help you spread your abilities around the world, I am your girl!

What You Can Book Britt For:

- Keynote Presentations
- Breakout Sessions
- Retreats/ day and half day
- Pilates
- Yoga
- Meditation

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GREG VOGT

Greg Vogt is a Professional Mental Health Speaker with Greek University and is Mental Health First Aid Certified. He also speaks in partnership with Active Minds, the nation's premier nonprofit organization for mental health among young adults. Greg is the author of "The Battle Against Yourself," and serves as a Board Member for the Depression & Bipolar Support Alliance (California). His keynote addresses include mental health during life transitions, suicide prevention, strategies to start a conversation, and how to seek support.

All the programs below are available either virtual or in-person.

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DR. JAMES WILKERSON



James Wilkerson is a native of New Albany, Indiana. He holds his master's degree from Bellarmine University. He also holds a Bachelors in English and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Louisville. While in law school, Wilkerson founded Greek Law as a student government project that developed sexual assault education directed specifically for fraternity and sorority members. Wilkerson would combine his personal experiences as a fraternity man, with elements of the law to deliver lectures that were not only educational, but also captivating, entertaining and practical. Greek Law has won several awards including the UofL's Spirit of Service award in 2018. The program has since evolved into a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization.

In 2020, Wilkerson began writing for the online legal journal, "I Taught the Law". His column, "The Title IX Guy" breaks down legal issues in the realm of sexual assault in layperson terms. He also writes a version of "The Title IX Guy" for the LEO Magazine in Louisville, focusing on rape culture and masculinity in a local lens. His lecture "Fruit of the Poisonous Tree" has been selected for inclusion in the April 2021 TedxBloomington event entitled "The Big Questions." His first book, "The Title IX Guy: Several Short Essays on Rape Culture, Masculinity (the good kind and the bad kind) and Other Things We Totally Should Be Talking About", is set for publication in late 2021.

Wilkerson currently serves as Indiana University Southeast's Director of Staff Equity and Diversity as well as their Deputy Title IX officer. He is a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon board of advisors for the Omicron Sigma chapter in New Albany. He was also named on of Louisville Business First's "20 People You Should Know in Law" in 2020.

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JAMIE DEVIN WILSON

Jamie is on a mission to end sexual violence, educate others on active bystander intervention, and uplift the fraternity and sorority life experience. She cares deeply for the development and growth of not just college students but young professionals in the field of higher education. She is a wife, sister, sorority woman, survivor of sexual violence, and student affairs professional in higher education.

Jamie has been working with college students for over 10 years in a variety of roles including working for an inter/national sorority, on college campuses, and through facilitating and speaking. Jamie graduated with a bachelor's degree in Journalism, and a minor in Leadership from the University of Rhode Island. After graduating she spent some time working in sales and for a social media marketing company. Shortly after, she worked for her inter/national organization in a variety of roles as a consultant, membership manager, and house director. After that Jamie went to Northeastern University for her Master's in College Student Development and Counseling.



Most recently, for the past six years (in addition to becoming a speaker and starting her own business!) Jamie has been working at the University of New Hampshire overseeing the Fraternity and Sorority Life community. She is their Director, Off-Campus Engagement and Fraternity & Sorority life.

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ROBERT WILSON



Robert Lawrence Wilson is a speaker, facilitator, and writer with expertise in diversity and inclusion, multicultural outreach marketing and leadership development. Co-founder of the Culture Shift Team, he leads their diversity strategy development and training across all platforms and markets from higher education and non-profit to corporate.

Robert began his journey in diversity and inclusion as an undergraduate at the University of Michigan, where he served as a residence hall diversity peer advisor. He has served in executive roles at Nissan North America, including as the company's first Director of Diversity and Inclusion and as Director of Customer Experience. He developed and led Nissan's diversity practice and multicultural market strategy for the Americas.

Robert serves on the leadership boards of several nonprofit organizations promoting greater access to quality education for the nation's most at-risk student population. He is also co-founder of the Tennessee Diversity Consortium. Robert holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in business administration from Duke University.

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She delivers engaging learning material to folks both in-person and online specializing in well-being & wellness, joy, adult learning, psychological safety, emotional intelligence, and resiliency. She has had the opportunity to provide workshops and trainings for organizations such as AFA, NGLA, AFLV, various inter/national fraternal organizations and collegiate campuses and in the for-profit sector, OLLY Vitamin, Teach for America, Americorps, GEP, AIG, and most recently BASF. She is an accomplished author with chapters written in 3 published books and has co-authored an article on Thrive Global.

Dr. Z earned an Associate's Degree from Middlesex County College, a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Elementary Education from The College of New Jersey, a Master's degree in Student Personnel in Higher Education from University of Florida, and a Doctorate of Education for the Design of Learning Environments from Rutgers University.

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