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Keynote & Featured Speakers

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Michael Horn speaks and writes about the future of education. He serves as chief strategy officer for Entangled Ventures, an education technology studio, and as principal consultant for Entangled Solutions, which offers innovation services to higher education institutions. He is also co-founder of and distinguished fellow at the Clayton Christensen Institute for Disruptive Innovation, a non-profit think tank. Horn is the author and coauthor of multiple books, and articles on education, including *Disrupting Class: How Disruptive Innovation Will Change the Way the World Learns* and *Blended: Using Disruptive Innovation to Improve Schools*. Horn is an expert on disruptive innovation, online learning, blended learning, competency-based learning, and how to transform the education system into a student-centered one. He is on the board of Fidelis Education, Education Elements, Noodle Partners, Everest Education, the Silicon Schools Fund, the National Association of Independent Schools, the Minerva Institute, and the LearnLaunch Institute. He was selected as a 2014 Eisenhower Fellow to study innovation in education in Vietnam and Korea, and Tech&Learning magazine named him to its list of the 100 most important people in the creation and advancement of the use of technology in education. Horn holds a BA in history from Yale University and an MBA from the Harvard Business School.



Amy Blankson is the only person to be named a Point of Light by two Presidents (President Bush and President Clinton). She received a Presidential appointment to serve a five-year term on the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National Service, and was one of the youngest delegates to the Presidents' Summit for America's Future. She received her BA from Harvard and MBA from Yale School of Management. Blankson co-founded GoodThink to bring the science of happiness to life for organizations and individuals. Blankson is currently conducting research in partnership with Google to determine how to make positive psychology strategies stick and create sustainable positive change. She serves as a Visioneer for the Xprize Foundation for Personal Health, and was a featured professor in Oprah's Happiness course. Blankson is the author of two books: *Ripple's Effect* and *The Future of Happiness: 5 Modern Strategies to Balance Productivity and Well-being in the Digital Era*.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Sam Chaltain (@samchaltain) is a partner at WONDER, a global design studio that helps schools and communities reimagine the future of learning at the intersection of space, culture, and story. His work focuses on how individuals and organizations can find and tell stories that capture the emotional center of an idea; build and sustain an audience of supporters over time and leverage both traditional and new media to expand an ideological base of support. His writings have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Education Week* and *USA Today*. A periodic contributor to CNN and *Huffington Post*, he is the author or co-author of six books. He is also a co-producer of the PBS documentary film, *180 Days: Hartsville*; and the 10-part online film series, *A Year at Mission Hill*. He holds a master's degree from the College of William & Mary, and an MBA from George Washington University.



Dr. Cris Clifford Cullinan assists in the development of strategies for increasing equity, and recognizing and eliminating structures, policies and practices that support institutionalized privilege. She focuses her work on helping institutions and other organizations build culturally competent leadership, and implementing strategies to remove barriers to equity. She is the author of "Vision, Privilege, and the Limits of Tolerance," published in the spring 1999 issue of *Electronic Magazine of Multicultural Diversity*, and "Finding Racism Where You Least Expect It", which appeared in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, May, 2002. At the University of Oregon, Cullinan addressed institutional and department level issues and implemented training programs for faculty and staff focusing on equity, supervision, preventing and dealing with harassment and discrimination, and creating respectful and inclusive work environments. During her tenure at the university, Cullinan received both the university's Martin Luther King Award and its award for excellence. She holds a PhD from the University of Oregon in educational policy and management and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Michigan State University.



Edward (Ned) Hallowell, MD, is a child and adult psychiatrist, a *New York Times* bestselling author, a world-renowned speaker and a leading authority in the field of ADHD. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Tulane Medical School, and the founder of The Hallowell Centers in Boston MetroWest, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. He was a Harvard Medical School faculty member for 21 years and now devotes his full professional attention to his clinical practice, lectures, and writing. He has authored 20 books on ADHD, the power of human connection, the childhood roots of adult happiness, forgiveness, managing worry, and managing excessive busyness. He is also the host of "Distraction," a weekly podcast series that explores why we are driven to distraction and how each of us can implement coping strategies that can turn modern problems into new-found strengths. For more information, visit www.drhallowell.com.



David Jakes is a leader in the educational technology field. Jakes focuses on using the design process to support the organizational growth, development and change required to create relevant and meaningful conditions for student learning in schools. His thought leadership includes addressing the need to develop agile, connected, and personalized learning environments that support a contemporary education, and how the use of technology can be reimaged to create boundless opportunities for learning. Before his current position as chief design officer of David Jakes Designs, he spent almost three decades in education as a teacher, technologist, and administrator. His design experience includes working as a digital designer and strategist for CannonDesign and The Third Teacher+, a leading architecture firm and learning space consultancy.



Dr. Tim Jordan is an expert on parenting girls and helping them navigate through normal developmental transformations, allowing them to emerge as strong, happy, and fulfilled women. A developmental and behavioral pediatrician, speaker and author, Jordan demystifies the behavior of tween and adolescent girls to help parents build closer relationships with their daughters based on trust and understanding rather than fear. He has more than 30 years of experience working with girls of all ages through his private counseling practice, support groups, his summer camp and his Strong Girls, Strong World school programs. Jordan trained with the renowned Dr. T. Berry Brazelton at Harvard Medical School, where he developed his proven methods. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Webster University in St. Louis and as a local and national media consultant. For more information visit, www.drjimjordan.com.



Lisa Miller, PhD is professor of psychology and education and founder of the *Spirituality Mind Body Institute* at Teachers College, Columbia University – the first Ivy League graduate program in spirituality, psychology and education. A graduate of Yale and University of Pennsylvania, she is a national expert in spirituality, health, and thriving in development. Miller has authored 100 peer review articles and chapters on spirituality, thriving, and mental health in youth and family and is a fellow of the American Psychological Association and former President of the APA Society of Psychology & Spirituality. She is editor of *The Oxford University Press Handbook of Psychology and Spirituality* and editor-in-chief of *Spirituality in Clinical Practice (APA Journals)*.



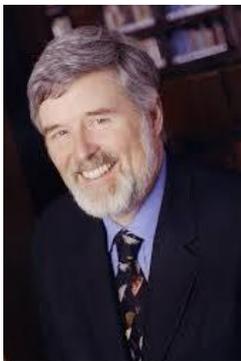
Jeff Shields, FASAE, CAE, has served as president and CEO of the National Business Officers Association (NBOA) since March 2010. NBOA is the premier national association serving the needs of business officers and business operations staff at independent schools. Shields, an active member of the American Society of Association Executives, is a member of the 2008 Class of ASAE Fellows and earned the Certified Association Executive designation in 2002. He currently serves as a trustee for One Schoolhouse, an innovative online school offering supplemental education to independent schools, as well as Georgetown Day School in Washington, DC. He holds a BA from Shippensburg University and an MA from The Ohio State University.



Dan St. Romain, MEd provides training to educators working with students at all developmental levels. St. Romain is passionate about helping educators shift their perspective on behavior and understand the best ways to provide support given the challenges posed in today's classroom. After receiving his Master's in Education, he worked in private, residential and public school settings. His work as a self-contained behavior unit teacher, educational diagnostician, and director of a learning resource center has afforded him experience at all levels, in both general and special education settings. His greatest asset lies in his ability to offer rich insight into the connectedness between educational practices and student behavior. St. Romain is the author of *10 Simple Lessons for Better Behavior*, *10 Simple Songs for Better Behavior*, and his first children's book, *How Ya Feelin' Juan Pablo Chameleon?*



Homa S. Tavangar is the author of the *Growing Up Global: Raising Children to Be At Home in the World*, which is helping audiences from CEOs to kindergartners learn and thrive in a global context. She is the lead author of *The Global Education Toolkit for Elementary Learners*, contributor to *Mastering Global Literacy*, Heidi Hayes-Jacobs, and is currently working on a book series with Yong Zhao on educating creative, entrepreneurial world class learners. She serves as series consultant to NBC Sprout TV's original series, *Nina's World*, which celebrates everyday adventures in a multi-cultural neighborhood and embodies the principles of growing up global. Tavangar serves as adviser to Quiet Revolution, Barefoot Books, and has been education adviser to the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting. She has worked with organizations ranging from the World Bank and USAID to Education First, PBS Parents, and Kidshealth.org. Her writing appears on National Geographic Education, Edutopia, *Huffington Post*, PBS, & *EducationWeek*. Born in Iran, she has lived in East & West Africa, South America and throughout the U.S. She graduated from UCLA & holds a master's from Princeton University. For more information, visit www.growingupglobal.net.



Michael Thompson, PhD is a consultant, author and psychologist, and serves as the supervising psychologist for the Belmont Hill School. His newest book is *Homesick and Happy: How Time Away From Parents Can Help a Child Grow*. He and co-author Dan Kindlon wrote the *New York Times* best-selling book, *Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys*. With co-authors Catherine O'Neill, Grace and Larry Cohen, he wrote *Best Friends/Worst Enemies: Understanding the Social Worlds of Children* and *Mom, They're Teasing Me: Helping Your Child Solve Social Problems*. He has appeared on *The Today Show*, *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *20/20*, *60 Minutes*, *The Early Show* and *Good Morning America*. He has been quoted in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *Time* and *US News and World Report*.



Lisa Van Gemert, MEd (@gifted_guru) shares how to effectively meet the needs of gifted students and serve all students at the same time. Van Gemert is the youth & education ambassador for Mensa, as well as a speaker on neuropsychology & gifted education. She is an expert consultant to television shows, writer of award-winning lesson plans, and author of the children's and teachers' guides to the National Book Festival, as well as numerous published articles on social psychology and pedagogy. Van Gemert holds an MEd and she serves as vice chair of the student advocacy division of the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented.