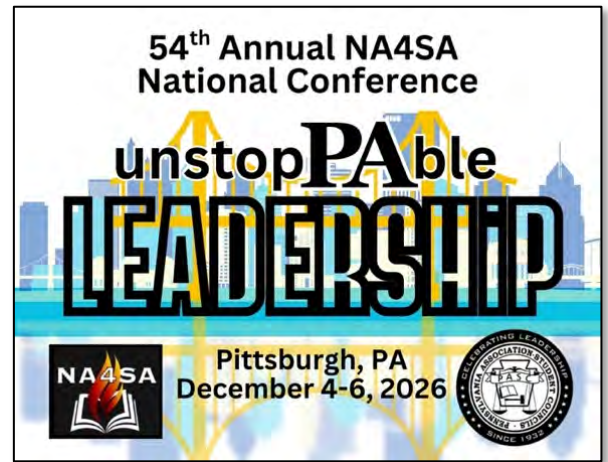


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NASSCED-NA4SA SPEAKER SHOWCASE

Jointly sponsored by NA4SA and the National Association of State Student Council Executive Directors (NASSCED), this year's Speaker Showcase will take place after the NASSCED Winter Meeting ends and before the NA4SA National Conference begins, from **2:30-4:00 p.m.** on Friday December 4. All our attendees are invited to this **FREE** event and meet each of these outstanding speakers, eager to share their message to YOUR school or state!

CAROLINE BENNETT

Known as “CarolineINSPIRES”, **Caroline Bennett** is a speaker, artist, consultant, and coach. A youth development expert, two-time TEDx speaker, and 2024 Central Ohio Social Justice Youth Mentor Award winner, Caroline is a North Tulsa native and first-generation college graduate who uses storytelling, spoken word, music, and interactive engagement to help young people move intentionally through the world. Her personal journey of resilience and empowerment mirrors the spirit of Black Wall Street that she honors through her work, the roots of which are symbolized by her life-size mural in the Historic Greenwood District of North Tulsa.

Over 15 years, she has empowered more than 42,000 students across 19 states while building bridge connections between students, educators, and families. Her mission is to embolden individuals worldwide through speaking, the arts, and mentorship, with a vision to cultivate a world where individuals rise above challenges. You can learn more about Caroline at

<https://CarolineInspires.com>



MICKEY ROWE

A groundbreaking actor, author, and founding Artistic Director of the National Disability Theatre, **Mickey Rowe** is an autistic and legally blind artist who made history as the first autistic actor to play the lead in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* and title role in *Amadeus*.

With a global reputation for advancing inclusive practices, Mickey partners with institutions across borders to help build more equitable, accessible, and culturally relevant arts and education systems. His memoir, *Fearlessly Different: An Autistic Actor's Journey to Broadway's Biggest Stage*, is an award-winning bestseller that chronicles his journey from special education classrooms to center stage.

Author of *Fearlessly Different*, Mickey has been featured on the TODAY show, PBS, and in The New York Times. A keynote speaker at the Kennedy Center, Yale, and Lincoln Center, he inspires audiences worldwide by proving that what makes us different is often our biggest strength. You can learn more about Mickey at

<https://mickeyrowe.com>



DEB HULT

A sought-after youth speaker and trainer, **Deb Hult** is an expert in relational and motivational leadership. Having overcome major childhood tragedies and personal battles, Deb embodies resiliency and shares a realistic, powerful message centered on the mindset of "WHY I CAN."

For over a decade, her enthusiastic, down-to-earth speaking style has inspired thousands of students, student-athletes, student leaders, and educators nationwide. Deb challenges audiences to understand the ripple effect of their daily influence, showing them how to navigate life's challenges without letting those obstacles define their identity.

Deb is the founder of Core Trainings, the author of *How You Can*, the COO of Global Mindset Mastery 360, an advisor on the President's Advisory Committee for Youth with the Maxwell Leadership Team, and a founding member of the Purpose Factor Licensed Facilitator. She has worked with the Boys and Girls Club, the Massachusetts Department of Health, served as a speaker and content expert with Parents Empowered Global Conference and the National Federation of High Schools USA, partnering with educational communities, districts, schools, and state athletic organizations across the globe. You can learn more about Deb at <https://coretrainings.com>



OMÉKONGO DIBINGA

A John Maxwell Team "Top 30 Speaker", **Dr. Omékongo Dibinga** is an international speaker, trilingual poet, TV talk show host, rapper, and professor of Inter-cultural Communication at American University, where he also serves as a faculty affiliate to the Antiracist Research & Policy Center.

Omékongo Dibinga is THE UPSTANDER – "why settle for outstanding when you can be Upstanding?" His life mission is to inspire all across the globe to take a stand when they witness an injustice, no matter how small or large. His Urban Music Award winning work has best been described by Nikki Giovanni as "outstanding, exciting, and new while being very old." His book, *From the Limbs of My Poetree* was described by Essence Magazine as "a remarkable and insightful collection of exquisite poetry that touches sacred places within your spirit."

Omékongo has studied at Harvard, MIT, Princeton, Georgetown, Morehouse, and The Fletcher School, where he earned his M.A. in Law & Diplomacy. He earned his Ph.D. in International Education Policy at The University of Maryland, where his dissertation centered on the global hip-hop phenomenon and Jay-Z. Omékongo was one of 5 international recipients out of 750,000 to win the first ever "CNN iReport Spirit Award", and he has received over one million views on CNN.com. You can learn more about Omékongo Dibinga at <https://omekongo.com>

