

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 **JEFFREY BENSON**



Jeffrey Benson has worked in almost every school context in over 40 years of experience in the field of education:

as a teacher in elementary, middle, and high schools; as an instructor in undergraduate and graduate programs; as an administrator in day and residential schools. He has studied and worked side by side with national leaders in the fields of special education, learning theory, trauma and addiction, school reform, advisory programs, adult development, and conflict resolution. He has been a consultant to public and private schools, mentored teachers and principals in varied school settings, and has written on many school-based issues. The core of Jeffrey Benson's work is in understanding how people learn, the starting point for everything that schools should do. He is a founding member of LeadersAndLearners.org.

Thursday, May 11, 2017 **ASHLIE BRYANT**



Ashlie Bryant is the Co-Founder and President of 3Strands Global. She has been instrumental in creating a human trafficking education program to educate students in middle school, high school and college. To date, 3Strands

Global Break Free Education Program has educated more than 20,000 students about human trafficking.

Ashlie has been a part of multiple coalitions throughout California including Sacramento's Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Coalition and the Bay Area No Traffick Ahead Coalition. In 2013, she was awarded a Resolution by the California State Senate for her dedication in the fight against human trafficking. In 2015, Ashlie was chosen to participate in Stanford's Executive Program for Nonprofit Leaders.



CO-PRESENTER **VANESSA RUSSELL**

Founder and CEO
Love Never Fails



CO-PRESENTER **KENNETH MORRIS**

Founder & President
Frederick Douglass
Family Initiatives

Friday, May 12, 2017 **JOSH SHIPP**



Josh Shipp is an author, global youth empowerment expert, and acclaimed speaker. A former at-risk foster kid

turned youth advocate, he is renowned for his documentary TV series [A&E], that followed his ground-breaking work with teens.

He is the author of the national bestseller "The Teen's Guide to World Domination", and was listed on Inc. Magazine's 30 under 30 list.

He's spoken at universities such as Harvard, Stanford, MIT & UCLA. He is a recognized teen expert for media outlets as MTV, CNN, FOX, The New York Times, 20/20, Good Morning America.

He's worked with groups of parents, educators & mental health professionals plus has spoken to more than TWO Million teens live.

His ultimate goal is to help as many young people as possible. He trains other speakers through Youth Speaker University and his online mentoring program for teens A Year of Awesomeness has a world-wide reach. His free newsletter offers exclusive strategies to parents, educators, and youth workers.

