

Speaker Bios



Daniel Pink

Behavioral Science Expert, Best-Selling Author, and Host of Crowd Control

Daniel Pink is an expert on behavioral science and motivation in the workplace. He is the author of five provocative books about business, work and management – including the long-running New York Times bestsellers *A Whole New Mind*, *Drive*, and *To Sell is Human*. Dan's books have been translated into 34 languages and have sold more than 2 million copies worldwide. He is also host and co-executive producer of “*Crowd Control*,” a new TV series about human behavior that airs on the National Geographic Channel. Dan's articles on business and technology have appeared in many publications, including *The New York Times*, *Harvard Business Review*, *The Sunday Telegraph*, *Fast Company* and *Wired*. He is often tapped to analyze business trends on CNN, CNBC, ABC, NPR, and other networks in the U.S. and abroad. He also advises Fortune 100 companies and startups on recruiting, innovation, and work practices. Dan resides in Washington, D.C., with his wife and their three children.



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Molly Fletcher

Former Top Sports Agent & Author

Molly Fletcher helps organizations develop purposeful cultures and fearless growth. As a top sports agent, she was hailed as “the female Jerry Maguire” by CNN, representing many top athletes and negotiating more than \$500 million in contracts in the high stakes world of professional sports. Molly has been featured in *ESPN*, *Fast Company*, *Forbes*, and *Sports Illustrated*. She is the author of three books, most recently *A Winner's Guide to Negotiating: How Conversation Gets Deals Done*, and is the founder of an e-learning platform that provides coaching for corporations and individuals. A graduate of Michigan State University, Molly resides in Atlanta with her husband, Fred, and their three daughters.



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Tyler Perry

Director, Playwright, Screenwriter, Producer, Actor, Author, & Entrepreneur

Born into poverty and raised in a household scarred by abuse, Tyler Perry fought to find the strength, faith and perseverance that formed the foundations of his much-acclaimed plays, films, books and shows.

Tyler's films have grossed over two billion dollars at the box office and his four television series on OWN continue to break records. He leads more than 400 regular employees at his film studio in Atlanta, where many major feature films and television productions are shot.

A philanthropist at heart, Tyler has given millions to a variety of nonprofit organizations and he is committed to helping individuals who have been wronged by social injustices. Tyler practices what he preaches, which has endeared him to millions of fans drawn to his unique blend of hope and humor that continues to shape his inspiring life story and extraordinary body of work.



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Jim McKelvey

Co-Founder of Square and Founder of LaunchCode

Jim McKelvey is an inventor, entrepreneur, artist, author, and licensed pilot. While perhaps best known for co-founding Square, one of Silicon Valley's hottest startups, Jim is also known as a master glass artist and author, having written the world's most widely read text on the subject, *The Art Of Fire*.

Jim's diverse portfolio of businesses includes founding successful companies in payments, education, scientific publishing, construction, printing, glassblowing, and software. Referencing personal experiences and local challenges, McKelvey offers a fresh, Silicon Valley-approach to problem solving.

Jim is also the author of three textbooks, and he teaches at Washington University in St. Louis where he lectures internationally on art and entrepreneurship. McKelvey, and his wife, Anna (a programmer and attorney), have a four-year-old son.



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Andy Stanley

Leadership Author and Communicator

Communicator, author and pastor Andy Stanley founded Atlanta-based North Point Ministries (NPM) in 1995. Today, NPM is comprised of six churches in the Atlanta area, serving more than 60,000 people weekly, as well as a network of 30 churches around the globe. As host of NBC's *Your Move with Andy Stanley* — which has reached over 36 million viewers in less than two years on the air —, and author of 20-plus books including *Ask It*, *How to Be Rich*, *Deep & Wide*, *Visioneering* and *Next Generation Leader*, he is considered one of the most influential living pastors in America. Andy and his wife, Sandra, have three grown children and live near Atlanta.



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Suzy Welch

Author, TV Commentator, and Business Journalist

Best-selling author, popular television commentator, and noted business journalist Suzy Welch is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *10-10-10: A Life Transforming Idea*. Suzy and her husband, Jack Welch, co-authored the international bestsellers *Winning*, in 2005, and *The Real-Life MBA*, in 2015, and have written together for numerous publications, including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Business Week*.

In 2009, the couple launched the Jack Welch Management Institute at Strayer University, a unique online MBA and certificate program aimed at giving professionals the tools to transform their lives and organizations. During her tenure at *Harvard Business Review*, Suzy was the author of numerous articles on leadership, change, creativity, and organizational behavior, as well as the contributor to several books on management.



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Dr. Henry Cloud

Acclaimed Leadership Expert, Clinical Psychologist, and Best-Selling Author

Dr. Henry Cloud is an acclaimed leadership expert and bestselling author. He draws on his experience in business, leadership consulting and practice as a clinical psychologist to impart practical and effective advice for improving leadership skills and workplace performance. Dr. Cloud has written or co-written over twenty books, including the bestseller *Boundaries*, which sold over 2 million copies. He has an extensive executive coaching background, and experience as an organizational consultant, devoting the majority of his time to improving leadership capabilities of CEOs and their executive teams.



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Jess Ekstrom

CEO of Headbands of Hope

Jess Ekstrom is the 25-year-old founder and CEO of Headbands of Hope, a company she started as a college junior in 2012. For every headband sold, a headband is given to a child with cancer. The company has been featured on the TODAY Show, Vanity Fair, Seventeen, Good Morning America and more. But more importantly, they've donated headbands to every children's hospital in the United States.

Jess is also a speaker, author, and writer for Entrepreneur and The Huffington Post. She believes age should never stop anyone from going after their dreams and becoming leaders in their communities. By sharing her experiences, Jess inspires listeners to crush stereotypes, identify their purpose and create their own definition of success.



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