showcases 2018

NATIONALS
Chase Anthony
Maggie Maye
Tom Thakkar
Irene Tu
Paige Weldon
Preacher Lawson*
Feraz Ozel*

NORTHERN PLAINS
Subhah Agarwal
Stephen Agyei
Steven Briggs
Preacher Lawson
KT Tatara
Chinedu Unaka
Paige Weldon
Chase Anthony*
Olivia Harewood*

SOUTH
Frank King*
Stephen Agyei
Chase Anthony
Matthew Broussard*
Christie Buchele*
Nick Guerra*
Andrew Orolfo*
Erica Spera*

CENTRAL
Frank King*
JR De Guzman
Maggie Maye
Andrew Orolfo
Ester Steinberg
Matthew Broussard*
Nick Guerra*
Quincy Jones*
Feraz Ozel*
KT Tatara*

MID-ATLANTIC
JR De Guzman
Zoltan Kaszas*
Christine Medrano*
Feraz Ozel*
Priyanka Wali*

MID-AMERICA
Students Fight Back
Janae Burris
JR De Guzman
Feraz Ozel
KT Tatara
Irene Tu
Sammy Obeid*
Richard Sarvate*
Erica Spera*
Priyanka Wali*

NORTHEAST
Moe Spencer
Mandal
Feraz Ozel
Richard Sarvate
Sammy Obeid*

WEST
Campus Escapes
Moe Spencer*
Janae Burris
JR De Guzman
Jared Goldstein
Pedro Gonzalez
Opey Olagbaju
Rachel Weeks
Zoltan Kaszas*
Jay Light*
Andrew Orolfo*
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ASH BECKHAM

AUTHENTICITY • LGBT • DIVERSITY • LEADERSHIP

Ash Beckham is a bold, dynamic presenter who speaks about empathy, respect, and the power of having real conversations. Online videos of her TEDx talks “Coming Out of Your Closet” and “Owning Your Duality” and her Boulder Ignite speech “I Am SO GAY” have gone viral with more than 10 million YouTube views. Significantly, her message has also become a topic of global discussion. Ash reaches millions every day as her inspiring speeches are experienced in classrooms, boardrooms, and auditoriums around the world.

With an arresting blend of urgency and humor, Ash takes on topics like the crippling experience of being trapped in a closet, the difference between tolerance and acceptance, and the need to remove the word “gay” as a pejorative from our lexicon. With wildly funny and poignant stories, and a tough yet deeply compassionate stance, Ash tells us how to take off the armor and be our authentic selves. She tells us how to get REAL.

Ash declares to her audiences “Hard is Hard. There is no Harder. There is only Hard.” She gives us permission to relate to each other as direct, authentic, unapologetic human beings. Rather than serving up candy-coated optimism, her stories offer listeners something more tangible. She elevates her audience beyond empathy into the realm of personal discovery, and challenges every listener to take personal responsibility for creating a much bigger societal shift.

Ultimately, Ash advocates for FREEDOM. Freedom to give voice to your truth, freedom to love without limits, freedom to be the person you were intended to be. Ash has delivered keynotes and workshops for universities, organizations, and corporations across the country including Bank of America, Target, Procter and Gamble, GameStop, Vanguard, the US Forest Service, and the FBI.

Programs offered: The Art of Inclusive Leadership • Give Voice to Your Truth • The Art of Taking a Stand • I Am SO GAY!

ASK ABOUT PRICING • AVERAGE PROGRAM IS 60 MINUTES + Q&A
PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT

JONATHAN RAUCH

DIVERSITY • MEDIA & JOURNALISM • POLITICAL ISSUES

Jonathan Rauch is one of the country’s most versatile and original writers on government, society, and gay issues. A senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, he is the author of six books & many articles, and has received the magazine industry’s two leading prizes — the National Magazine Award and the National Headliner Award. Major topics of his writing and speeches include:

• “The Real Roots of Midlife Crisis,” a pathbreaking Atlantic magazine cover article and book
• Gay marriage and gay rights, the subject of his books Gay Marriage: Why It is Good for Gays, Good for Straights, and Good for America and Denial: My 25 Years Without a Soul
• Free speech and political correctness, the subject of his book Kindly Inquisitors: The New Attacks on Free Thought
• Why government is broken and how to fix it, the subject of Political Realism and Government’s End: Why Washington Stopped Working


Programs:
• The U-Curve: The Surprising New Science of Happiness and Age
• Gay Marriage, Gay Rights, and Religious Freedom: What’s Next?
• In Defense of Prejudice, or, If You Hate Me, Speak Up: Why Minorities Should Oppose Speech Codes
• Political Realism: How Hacks, Machines, Big Money, and Back-Room Deals Can Strengthen American Democracy

PRICING STARTS AT $5000 + TRAVEL & LODGING • AVERAGE PROGRAM IS 60 MINUTES + Q&A
ASK ABOUT ADDING AN OPTIONAL BOOK SIGNING
BEAUTY BITES BEAST

WOMEN’S ISSUES • EMPOWERMENT • SELF-DEFENSE

Beauty Bites Beast is a documentary screening with a Q & A/talk back with the Director, Ellen Snortland, that flips ideas about female helplessness as women undertake the transformative experience of learning verbal, emotional and physical empowerment-based self-defense.

You will hear from experts in law enforcement, social work, education, law and more as they address the resistance and cultural opposition to women’s self-defense, as well as those who advocate that verbal and physical self-defense for women should be as universally accepted and available as swimming lessons.

Ellen Snortland is lawyer, teacher, media and first time author book coach. Ellen has been a speaker, journalist and delegate for major United Nations World Conferences: the Women’s conference in Beijing and Conference Against Racism in South Africa, and the Commission on the Status of Women in New York City.

PRICING STARTS AT $2500 + TRAVEL & LODGING • 52, 81, AND 95 MINUTE SCREENING OPTIONS AVAILABLE + Q&A
ASK ABOUT ADDING AN OPTIONAL BOOK SIGNING

JOHN CORVINO

LGBT ISSUES • DIVERSITY • POLITICAL ISSUES

On our campuses, in social media, and in politics, divisive soundbites have replaced real dialogue. Dr. John Corvino can help. Using his trademark combination of logical precision, sensitivity, and humor, he creates space for productive conversations about pressing contemporary issues.

John first delivered the lecture “What’s Morally Wrong with Homosexuality?” in April 1992 and has since spoken at over 250 campuses about sexuality, marriage, religion…and how it’s possible to build bridges across deep moral divides. Today he draws on this rich experience to address contemporary challenges. His current programs include his must-see talk on “Conversation Stoppers in the Culture Wars” — in which he challenges people from all sides to rethink easy assumptions.

John has written for the New York Times, the Detroit Free Press, the Los Angeles Times, The New Republic, The Huffington Post and numerous other publications. He is the author of several books from Oxford University Press and the winner of numerous awards for teaching and public advocacy. His YouTube videos have over 1.5 million views.

John also presents debates in his “Culture Wars” series. How do we balance religious-liberty and free-speech claims with anti-discrimination principles? Should dissenters be allowed to refuse to provide services (such as photography or cake design) for same-sex weddings?

With over 25 years’ experience as a bridge-builder in the culture wars, John Corvino is available for debates and dialogues on these and other hot-button topics. He has participated in dozens of debates with prominent social conservatives such as Sherif Girgis and Ryan T. Anderson, his counterpoint authors for Debating Religious Liberty and Discrimination; Glenn Stanton of Focus on the Family; and Maggie Gallagher of the National Organization for Marriage, his counterpoint author for Debating Same-Sex Marriage. (The only book ever to be endorsed by both Dan Savage and Senator Rick Santorum!) More recently, he and Matthew Lee Anderson, lead writer at MereOrthodoxy.com and a rising young Christian leader, have developed the lively and crowd-pleasing program “A Gay Man and an Evangelical Walk into a Bar: Frank Talk in the Culture Wars.”

No matter the co-panelists, Corvino will work with them to model for audiences how it is possible to disagree passionately while pursuing a respectful and productive dialogue.

PRICING STARTS AT $5000 + TRAVEL AND LODGING FOR JOHN CORVINO & $6000 + TRAVEL & LODGING FOR THE “CULTURE WAR” DEBATES • AVERAGE PROGRAM IS 60 - 90 MINUTES + Q&A
ASK ABOUT ADDING AN OPTIONAL BOOK SIGNING • PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT
MOE SPENCER

LEGAL ISSUES • SOCIAL JUSTICE • POLITICAL ISSUES

Smoke Screen: Under the Influence of Marijuana Politics & Power

Over 800,000 people are arrested for marijuana possession in the US each year and legal marijuana is one of the fastest growing industries in the US. Merwin Moe Spencer is a marijuana attorney and will introduce you to the history of marijuana growth and its use in the US, the political reasons for why it became illegal, the origins of its classification as a Schedule 1 Narcotic, and how drug policy has had far-reaching consequences on areas from the economy to race relations. Moe equips his audience with the historical and legal facts to make up their own minds on this controversial topic.

“I booked Moe for a talk on marijuana at our special 420 event. He was super engaging and did a great job. I would highly recommend him coming to your function or school to speak.” -Julie Westcliff, Assistant Director, Center for Student Engagement & Leadership – Edmonds Community College, WA

PRICING STARTS AT $3350 + TRAVEL & LODGING • AVERAGE PROGRAM IS 60 MINUTES + Q&A
SHOWCASING NACA NORTHEAST AND WEST

ANNA DAVID

ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCE ABUSE • WELLNESS • RELATIONSHIPS

The sex, dating, and relationship expert for G4’s Attack of the Show, Anna David has provided her trademark frank, direct and witty advice to The Today Show, The CBS Morning Show, The Talk, VH1, MTV, The New York Times, Time, The LA Times, Cosmo, Playboy, Women’s Health, among many others.

In “How to Fall in Love (with Herself),” David walks audience members through the process of taking themselves out of the victim role and having the sort of relationships they want and how to become the hero or heroine of their own stories.

In “Surviving and Thriving in an Addictive Society,” David takes the information gleaned from her own first-hand experiences and the books she’s written to talk about how addiction starts, develops and ends, tracking the role self-esteem, families and genetics play. Designed to help college students conquer self-defeating insecurities, deal with family members who are addicted and take the shame out of mental illness, addiction and self-doubt, the program also provides general life lessons on how to cope in a society always gunning for more, more, more.

PRICING STARTS AT $2500 + TRAVEL & LODGING • AVERAGE PROGRAM IS 60 MINUTES
ASK ABOUT ADDING AN OPTIONAL BOOK SIGNING • PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT

JEAN FRANZBLAU

SEX EDUCATION • RELATIONSHIPS • WELLNESS • CONSENT EDUCATOR

Sex After #MeToo: In the wake of #MeToo, students are thinking about their sexual choices in a new light. How do I avoid being a victim? How do I make sure I’m never a perpetrator? Can sex and relationships still be fun? This program is full of practical consent techniques and sexual self care strategies. With an understanding of the serious nature of the subject, sex-positive speaker Jean Franzblau designed Sex After #MeToo to challenge and broaden in an entertaining and engaging program.

The Real Sex Ed is an information-packed session that helps people navigate sexual choices with topics including safer sex, consent, decisions about intoxicants, communication skills and sexual diversity. All discussions are sex-positive and affirming.

Jean has presented at sexuality conferences on both coasts and for audiences around the country and abroad and has been featured on BuzzFeed, Comedy Central and Rolling Stone.

“Jean’s events are the best way to teach consent that I’ve ever seen. And so much fun!” -Maya Novak-Herzog, Education Coordinator – UC Santa Cruz

PRICING STARTS AT $3000 + TRAVEL & LODGING • AVERAGE PROGRAM IS 60 - 70 MINUTES + Q&A
FRANK KING

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Suicide Prevention: You Can Make a Difference and Save a Life
A speaker, TED Talker, and former writer for The Tonight Show, Frank King uses his lifetime battle with depression and thoughts of suicide, as well as his skills as a keynoter, as a vehicle for ending suicide on campus. He begins with signs & symptoms of depression and thoughts of suicide, and finishes with solutions and postvention (what to do after a suicide) techniques. He can do a general session for entire student body, followed by breakout sessions customized for the higher-risk student groups on campus: LGBTQ, Native Americans, Latinos & Latinas, Alaskan Natives, African-Americans, and veterans. Frank can leave a lasting legacy by certifying resident advisors, faculty, and staff with a “Train the Trainer” program.

1100 college students die by suicide every year. The good news is: you can do something about that, you can make a difference, you can save a life.

PRICING STARTS AT $2500 + TRAVEL & LODGING • AVERAGE PROGRAM IS 60 MINUTES + Q&A
SHOWCASING NACA SOUTH AND CENTRAL

IMPACT PERSONAL SAFETY

SELF-DEFENSE • SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION • PERSONAL SAFETY
Bystander Intervention

Knowing you can handle yourself in any physical situation means you carry yourself differently. If you believe your life is worth fighting for, you’re likely to believe your ideas, health and happiness are worth it too. When you are able to communicate clearly what you want or need from any situation, you assess people differently, you value yourself differently, and people listen to you differently. Your personal safety skills turn into healthy communication skills that translate to all areas of your life. We offer dynamic, empowering, self-defense, assertiveness, boundary-setting classes encompassing verbal strategies, awareness skills, and yes, full-force physical assailant defense. Our training is focused on prevention of and recovery from assault as it puts students in touch with their innate power regardless of size, strength, fitness or (dis)ability level. We are women and men working together to say “No” to violence. All of our courses can be offered for mixed or individual gender groups.

PRICING STARTS AT $2000 + TRAVEL & LODGING • INTRO WORKSHOP IS 3 HOURS

“SPEAKING OUT” – STACEY LANNERT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS • WOMEN’S ISSUES • SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS
POLITICAL ISSUES

In January 2009, Stacey was released from prison where she served 18 years for fatally shooting the man who raped her from ages 8 through 18. That man was her father. The governor granted her clemency in 2009 and she began to rebuild her life. Her topics of discussion include: How to spot sexual and emotional abuse and what to do about it; The importance of speaking up, telling the truth and never being ashamed of who you are; The power of hope, forgiveness and helping others; and the legal system that can still be antiquated in how it deals with sexual abuse and women. In May 2009, Stacey brought her message to The Oprah Winfrey Show and she has also appeared on Nancy Grace, 20/20, Larry King Live, Piers Morgan Tonight, The Joy Behar Show, and Montel Williams. Stacey believes that as we work on ourselves and work to heal the world, we all become victors. Her auto-biography, Redemption: A Memoir of Sisterhood, Survival and Finding Freedom Behind Bars was released by Random House in 2011. She is now a practicing attorney in the state of Missouri working to help people her once just like her.

PRICING STARTS AT $3000 + TRAVEL & LODGING • AVERAGE PROGRAM IS 45 MINUTES + Q&A
ASK ABOUT ADDING AN OPTIONAL BOOK SIGNING • PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT
KIMBERLY DARK
EMPOWERMENT • DIVERSITY • BODY LOVE • WOMEN’S ISSUES • LGBT ISSUES
SOCIAL JUSTICE • STORYTELLING • SPOKEN WORD PERFORMER

Kimberly Dark is a writer, sociologist and badass storyteller/performer working to reveal the hidden architecture of everyday life, one clever story, workshop, and performance at a time. Her work uses humor, intimacy, and incisive social analysis to help audiences understand how we receive and change social messages about gender, sex, bodies, and inequality. She’s the author of numerous keynote presentations and lectures that have won awards, been produced internationally, and published in academic & mainstream media.

*The Salt Lake Tribune* in Utah says “Dark doesn’t shy away from provocative, incendiary statements, but don’t expect a rant. Her shows, leavened with humor, are more likely to explore how small everyday moments can inform the arc of our lives.”

- **Becoming the Subject of Your Own Story: Rather Than the Object of Another’s Gaze**
  (Personal power and responsibility, women’s empowerment, body image)
- **Things I Learned from Fat People on the Plane**
  (fat stigma, body image, social responsibility, intersectionality)
- **The Gayness: Love and Hate in America**
  (LGBT, gender, trans)
- **Gender, Race, and Money**
  (diversity, women’s issues, race — understanding America’s class wars)
- **Complicated Courtesies**
  (diversity and personal empowerment)
- **Is that a Dude? Inside Lesbian Gender — it’s more complex than you think!**
  (LGBT, gender, trans)
- **Full and half day workshops** on leadership diversity, facilitation, and how to use creativity to create a more vibrant, fair, and engaged college campus

**PRICING STARTS AT $4500 INCLUSIVE • PROGRAMS RANGE FROM 60 MINUTES TO FULL DAY EVENTS**

PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT

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ESTEBAN GAST
COMMUNICATION • DIVERSITY • EMPOWERMENT • INCLUSION • MEDIA & JOURNALISM

With his background in comedy and his years in the classroom, Esteban is a gifted communicator who loves breaking down complex issues. He has spoken all over the world about the power of entertainment, the importance of diverse storytelling, and taking a data-driven approach to inclusion.

**Story Matters: How Stories Shape Our World On and Off The Screen**

In this talk, Esteban dives into his personal journey and offers a more expansive approach to storytelling, presenting questions to everyone (not just creators) about the stories we believe about ourselves and our work. If stories are how we shape the world around us, how can we be more intentional about finding and telling better stories in our everyday life? In a world where literally everyone has a platform and audience, how can we use that responsibility to heal the world?

**Diversity Matters: New Thinking For a More Inclusive World**

Very soon after his move to LA, Esteban realized Hollywood has a real diversity problem. 87% of film & television writers are white men, and though Latinx/Hispanic audiences buy 25% of movie tickets, only 6% of the speaking roles found in last year’s top-grossing 250 movies were played by Latinx/Hispanic people. Recognizing this, Esteban co-founded the screenplay production platform Scriptd. 90% of scripts optioned from Scriptd have been written by women and people of color. In this optimistic talk, Esteban details his journey into this world. He gives tangible insights on how to think about diversity & inclusion so that we might reconsider how to approach emotionally-charged issues we care about.

**PRICING STARTS AT $2500 + TRAVEL & LODGING • AVERAGE PROGRAM IS 45 - 60 MINUTES + Q&A**

PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT
RON PLACONE
MEDIA & JOURNALISM • ACADEMIC SUCCESS • EMPOWERMENT
Ron Placone is a writer and contributor for the smash political comedy news broadcast The Jimmy Dore Show, and in a previous life, was an adjunct faculty member at Nashville State Community College.

Battling Political Apathy – TIME TO GET ACTIVE, TIME TO BE HEARD
Ron Placone speaks on the importance of civic engagement, political activism, social movements and how to think critically about contemporary media and politics. Ron takes the audience on a tour of the contemporary media structure and political landscape that is bound to challenge the way “we the people” consume the news and engage as citizens with a program that can only be described as “equal parts funny, fascinating and frightening.”

“I am a more informed voter for having heard Ron speak. I learned a lot about the corporate media. One thing that stood out to me in particular was calling it the corporate media and not the mainstream media, that was a really interesting point to make.”
-Jacob Linn, Student, Ball State University

PRICING STARTS AT $2500 + TRAVEL & LODGING • AVERAGE PROGRAM IS 60 MINUTES + Q&A
PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT

BARRY SCOTT
BLACK HISTORY MONTH • DIVERSITY • LEADERSHIP
Barry Scott is recognized as one of the most versatile practitioners of his art and the founder of the American Negro Playwright Theatre at Tennessee State University.

“Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.” – An authority on the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Barry Scott teaches a generation of students about one of America’s most violent and inspiring times and the man who mobilized a generation of people and changed the world. He discusses Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement and actually becomes him recreating some of his most inspiring speeches.

PRICING STARTS AT $2500 FOR MARCH – DECEMBER ENGAGEMENTS
$2900 FOR FEBRUARY ENGAGEMENTS • $3600 FOR JANUARY ENGAGEMENTS
+ TRAVEL & LODGING • AVERAGE PROGRAM IS 60 MINUTES + Q&A
WORKSHOPS CAN BE 1 HOUR UP TO A FULL DAY
TEN-TIME NACA SHOWCASING ACT

THE MUSLIMS ARE COMING!
DIVERSITY • ISLAMOPHOBIA • POLITICAL ISSUES
Can a group of Muslim comedians counter the haters by performing free stand up shows across the Deep South? Can comedy incite social change? Will people show up or even, you know, laugh?

Well, that’s exactly the gist of the The Muslims Are Coming! — a comedy documentary about a band of Muslim-American comedians who tour the country to combat Islamophobia. Throughout the film, comedy icons like The Daily Show’s Jon Stewart and broadcast heavy-weights like Rachel Maddow and Russell Simmons comment on the power of comedy and the political scope of bigotry.

Screenings of the film are followed by a Q&A with directors (and comedians) Negin Farsad & Dean Obeidallah. They both bring with them a depth of social justice analysis that the average comedian might not have, with the hilarity that the average policy maker definitely does not have. This makes for an engaging, educational and above all funny look at the issues facing Muslims and immigrants of all stripes. (Ask about adding a comedy show.)

PRICING STARTS AT $2900 FOR ONE SPEAKER • $5800 FOR TWO SPEAKERS + TRAVEL & LODGING
78-MINUTE DOCUMENTARY SCREENING + TALK BACK/Q&A • COMEDY SHOW ADD-ONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE
PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT
STUDENTS FIGHT BACK!

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS • SELF-DEFENSE
VIOLENCE PREVENTION • BYSTANDER INTERVENTION

At Students Fight Back, we have been leading the conversation about violence prevention for the past 17 years. Our mission is to create stronger and healthier communities, by empowering you to have the confidence to set boundaries that work for you, stand up for each other as a good bystander, listen to your intuition, and use your voices and your bodies to keep yourself safe. We strive to make preventing violence an approachable topic for everyone with our gender inclusive and Title IX compliant program. We also offer our original Girls Fight Back program (geared specifically toward women).

Our programs include these key components:

• Using your intuition
• Safety tips — awareness, eye contact, verbal boundaries
• How to be an active bystander and a good ally
• The definition of consent
• How to support a survivor
• Learning to recognize manipulation techniques and how to combat them
• How to set boundaries that work for you
• Verbal de-escalation skills
• The basics of self-defense
• Plus a review of improvised weapons, ground fighting, and how to sign up for a full-contact adrenaline based self-defense course near you!

Delivered in a fun and “edu-taining” format, the SFB and GFB presentations have been seen by millions of students since 2001. We have countless reports of past audience members saving their lives thanks to what they learned in our program.

It is also important to note that violence prevention is not just physical. It is also about boundary-setting and employing a strong verbal response to avoid escalation to a physical confrontation. The best fight is the one never fought!

Before we come to campus, we will provide you with a list of statistics, national resources, and definitions for various terms related to the issues of violence to combine with your local and campus resources for handouts at your event. We look forward to partnering with your Counseling Center, Campus Police, Women’s Center, Residence Life, Greek Life, and any other group on campus that would like to be present at the program and share resources to ensure that messaging is in step with your current campus safety initiatives.

PRICING STARTS AT $3850 INCLUSIVE FOR STUDENTS FIGHT BACK, FIGHT BACK ON SPRING BREAK, AND GIRLS FIGHT BACK • AVERAGE PROGRAM IS 75 MINUTES + Q&A

SHOWCASING NACA MID-AMERICA AND PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT

“Your work reminds me of this important truth: Everyone might be a target at times, but not everyone must be a victim. I’m honored to be part of what you do.”

– Gavin De Becker, bestselling author of The Gift of Fear

“...truly sensational and inspirational. I love that she didn’t make me fearful of attackers or of being attacked. Instead, it made me aware of my surroundings, and her techniques made me feel safer. This presentation is one that I would definitely see again.”

– Suzanne Smith, Texas A&M University

www.studentsfightback.com

MEET OUR TEAM

BREE SWARTZ
National Speaker

NICOLE SNELL
National Speaker

GINA KIRKLAND POLESETSKY
President/Den Mother

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– Mike Keegan, Director of Student Activities and Leadership Center, South Dakota School of Mines
“The students absolutely loved the (Students Fight Back) program! We had several students and faculty members comment that this was the best program we’ve had. The information that was provided is so essential and was presented very professionally, yet in a down to earth way that everyone felt comfortable with, no matter the gender or age. The students said they felt empowered and more confident in themselves after attending the program. The bystander information was invaluable.

I would enthusiastically recommend this program to all campuses-large and small!”

– Claire Thomason, Director of Student Activities, Lamar State College-Port Arthur

OTHER PROGRAM OPTIONS INCLUDE:

**GIRLS FIGHT BACK!**
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS • SELF-DEFENSE • VIOLENCE PREVENTION
Students Fight Back, but presented just for women.

**FIGHT BACK ON SPRING BREAK!**
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS • SELF-DEFENSE • VIOLENCE PREVENTION
Fight Back on Spring Break! is a customized version of our program that includes proactive strategies for Spring Break, party, and travel situations. Like Students Fight Back, it is gender-inclusive. Added topics include: partying safe, hotel security, avoiding predatory drugs, travel tips and avoiding crime targeted at tourists.

**THE AWKWARD HUG**
HOW TO SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES, COMMUNICATE THEM TO OTHERS, AND LIVE A MORE EMPOWERED LIFE
Have you ever participated in unwanted conversations, hugging, kissing, or even... Relationships? Want to know how to handle the awkward without hurting someone’s feelings? We can all experience social anxiety around setting personal boundaries that work for us, but doing so is essential to living a healthy, happy and empowered life. The tools we will learn can be used every day and their practice can ultimately lead to making healthier choices in our work relationships, romantic and friendly interactions, and our day-to-day social exchanges. It can even help you avoid buying those shoes you really couldn't afford but felt pressured by a pushy salesperson to make the purchase. Join us for an interactive presentation designed to fine tune your intuition and take full control of your choices. This program is an interactive workshop ideal for groups from 10 to 80 people and a perfect add-on to Girls Fight Back, Students Fight Back, or Fight Back on Spring Break.

**A YEAR’S WORTH OF PROGRAMMING IDEAS!**
January – Personal Self-Defense Awareness Month & National Stalking Awareness Month
February – Relationship Wellness Month & Valentine’s Day
March – National Women’s History Month & Spring Break
April – Sexual Assault Awareness Month & Prevention/Alcohol Awareness Month
May – Women’s Health Care Month/End of Year Training
June – Student Safety Month
August/September – Orientation
September – National Campus Safety Awareness Month
October – Domestic Violence Awareness Month & National Crime Prevention Month
November 25 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
December – Identity Theft Prevention and Awareness Month
RICHARD HIGHT’S VISUAL IMPACT

MOTIVATION • STUDENT ENGAGEMENT • COMMUNITY BUILDING

Effortlessly enthralling diverse audiences with his message of possibilities, creativity and “burst out of the box” thinking, Richard addresses and embodies hope and dogged determination. His struggle to overcome dyslexia through school and beyond has especially gifted him to help his audiences understand that the very qualities that make them different can make them great. His visual style and ability to engage audiences are unparalleled; he brings the “WOW” factor every time. Richard’s presentation is a highly practical program that inspires and maps out a clear vision for making a difference. By seamlessly combining art, music and the spoken word, he creates a dynamic message with staying power. His audiences learn, and when the presentation concludes, you keep the original canvas as a visual reminder of the life-changing moments you shared.

PRICING STARTS AT $2500 + TRAVEL & LODGING AND INCLUDES UP TO TWO WORKS OF ART THAT ARE YOURS TO KEEP • AVERAGE SHOW IS 30 – 60 MINUTES WORKSHOPS AND RESIDENCIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE

PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT

STEVIE TRAN

DIVERSITY • TITLE IX • AWARENESS/EDUCATION • TRANSGENDER INCLUSION

Stevie Tran is an attorney, published author, and speaker whose scholarship focuses on the intersection of the struggle for legal and social recognition by the transgender community. Stevie received her Juris Doctor from Hofstra University School of Law. She has experience working for a federal judge, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Her experience ideally situates her to help you, your organization, and your campus find a way for all interested students to have a fulfilling college experience and to access the benefits and activities on campus.

“I’m Not a Boy Anymore”: Understanding the Transgender Identity

This program shines a light on the transgender identity through a personal, first-hand narrative of the struggles associated with finding self-acceptance, rejecting cultural expectations, and overcoming stereotypes in daily life.

Also offered: It’s More Than Just Sports: An Introduction to Title IX and How It Affects You

PRICING STARTS AT $2500 + TRAVEL & LODGING • AVERAGE SHOW IS 60 – 90 MINUTES + Q&A

DANIEL HERNANDEZ

GUN VIOLENCE • FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

While serving as an intern for Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords on January 8, 2011, Daniel took actions for which he is widely credited with saving her life after a gunman shot her and 18 other people. He was an honored guest of the President during the 2011 State of the Union Address. He has conducted more than 1750 media interviews in English and Spanish including: ABC’s This Week, NBC’s Today Show, MSNBC’s Rachel Maddow Show, The Fox Report, Univision’s Al Punto, BBC World Service’s Outlook Program, People, CNN’s Piers Morgan Tonight, CBS’s Early Show, and The Washington Post. Dedicated to public service and advocacy, he has been serving on the Sunnyside Unified District’s governing board since 2011, fighting for quality education and solving inequities in his district — a minority majority district with over 90% of students on free or reduced lunch and many at or below the federal poverty level.

Programs:

- Overcoming Adversity: A First Generation College Student’s Journey
- The Gun Debate Today

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ABOUT SAFE AND SOUND SCHOOLS

Kirkland Productions is proud to partner with Safe and Sound Schools as their exclusive speaker’s representation for a wide variety of speakers on the topic of school safety and wellness. Safe and Sound Schools was founded by parents who lost children at Sandy Hook Elementary with the following mission statement:

Our mission is to support school crisis prevention, response, and recovery, and to protect every school and every student, every day. We have always — and only — focused on school safety. We are firm in our mission and firm in our resolve, and we will continue to provide research-based education, tools, and resources to ensure the safest possible learning environment for the youth of our nation.

MICHELE GAY

CO-FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SAFE AND SOUND SCHOOLS

Michele Gay is the Co-founder and Executive Director of Safe and Sound Schools. Following the tragic loss of her daughter, Josephine, in the Sandy Hook School tragedy, Michele joined fellow Sandy Hook mother Alissa Parker to establish Safe and Sound Schools as a national resource for school safety.

Michele travels across the country sharing her message of inspiration, recovery, and school safety education and advocacy. She conducts school safety workshops and seminars, presenting Safe and Sound’s school safety model and resources, and facilitating school safety development in communities across the country. Since launching the foundation, Michele has spoken before numerous national audiences, including the National Association of School Resource Officers, the Georgia Education Leadership Association, the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency’s School Safety Conference, and at the Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference. Recently, she was honored with the “Champion of Life” award by the BFG Community Foundation of Baltimore, Maryland, for her work as a school safety advocate with Safe and Sound and the “Shining Star” award by the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for establishing “Joey’s Fund” with her husband for families with autism.

Prior to founding Safe and Sound Schools, Michele taught in the Maryland and Virginia Public Schools, where she served as both a mentor teacher and a peer coach, and was awarded “Exemplary Teacher” recognition in the Fairfax County Public Schools. Michele holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Towson University and a Master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction from McDaniel College. Her education and professional and personal experiences have uniquely positioned her to advocate on the national level for safer schools.

Program offerings include: School Safety: A Parent’s Perspective; Beyond Tragedy: Response and Recovery in a School Based Crisis; School Safety: Students First; Reunification for the School Community; Engaging the Community in School Safety: Tools and Ideas for Safer Schools; Developmentally Appropriate Safety Education; Panel Discussions and Q and A Sessions

“We had the honor of having Michele Gay speak at our School Safety Summit to an audience of our district and school leadership. Her presentation ... was both inspirational and educational in providing our schools with great ideas that they could take back to their school and implement immediately. I cannot think of a more meaningful presentation that truly hits home with everyone in the audience.” – Paul Hildreth, Emergency Operations Safety & Security, Fulton County Schools

“Michele’s outstanding keynote address was well received by the 800+ school resource officers in attendance and it truly set the stage for a powerful close to our national school safety conference.” – Mo Canady, Executive Director, National Association of School Resource Officers, NASRO

“It was beyond powerful. The strength and courage that it takes to provide insight and support is immeasurable by any standard. The administrators walked away with a new perspective on not only crisis preparedness and response planning, but also a new perspective of the human connection in our work as educators. Bureaucracy causes us to lose sight of our true mission.” – Jeri Callaway, Director, ROE SchoolWorks

PRICING STARTS AT $6500 + TRAVEL & LODGING
ALISSA PARKER
CO-FOUNDER OF SAFE AND SOUND SCHOOLS
Alissa is a co-founder of Safe and Sound Schools and the mother of Emilie Parker, one of the 20 children who died tragically in the Sandy Hook School Shootings on December 14, 2012. In the wake of the tragedy, Alissa was moved to engage parents in securing the safety of their children in school. She became an active member of the Newtown Public Schools’ Safety Committee and has become passionate about school security and safety, traveling, listening and learning in school communities across the United States. Alissa graduated from Weber State University in her hometown of Ogden, Utah. She is co-founder of The Emilie Parker Art Connection, which supports art programs for kids across the country, and the author of the best-selling book *An Unseen Angel, a Memoir of Faith, Hope, and Healing*. Alissa brings a powerful perspective and passion to our foundation. She is devoted to creating a legacy of safety for our nation’s children in honor of her beloved Emilie.

Program offerings include: School Safety: A Parent’s Perspective; School Safety: Students First; Beyond Tragedy: Response and Recovery Following a School-Based Crisis; Engaging the Community in School Safety: Tools and Ideas for Safer Schools; Panel Discussions and Q and A Sessions

PRICING STARTS AT $5000 + TRAVEL & LODGING

FRANK DEANGELIS
RETIRED PRINCIPAL OF COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL
Frank DeAngelis, retired principal of Columbine High School, served as an educator for the Jeffco School District in Littleton Colorado, since 1979, starting as a Social Studies teacher and filling many roles before becoming the Principal in 1996. Frank has received multiple awards for his teaching, leadership and coaching skills. A national-level speaker, Frank has addressed audiences on the topic of recovery after a school-based tragedy. He has visited, consulted, and assisted school communities across the country following incidents of violence and tragedy, including Platte Canyon, Chardon, Virginia Tech, and Sandy Hook. He retired in June of 2014 after 35 years at Columbine High School. He is presently serving as a consultant for safety and emergency management for the Jeffco School District in Colorado, and continues to travel nationally and internationally, speaking and consulting.

Program offerings include: Leadership Lessons from Columbine and Beyond, School Safety: Students First, Panel Discussions and Q and A Sessions

PRICING STARTS AT $6000 + TRAVEL & LODGING

LISA HAMP
SURVIVOR OF THE VIRGINIA TECH SHOOTING
Lisa Hamp is a survivor of the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007. With her classmates, she built a barricade to prevent the shooter from entering their classroom. Lisa suffered from untreated PTSD for many years after the Virginia Tech incident. She shares her story with law enforcement, EMS, school counselors, social workers, and mental health professionals. She believes that you don’t have to be shot to be injured and is passionate about helping those who have experienced trauma, as well as first responders. She has a Bachelor’s degree in Mathematics from Virginia Tech, a Master’s degree in Operations Research from George Mason University, and a Master’s degree in Economics from John Hopkins University.

Program offerings include: Lessons from a Virginia Tech Survivor, School Safety: Students First, Panel Discussions and Q and A Sessions

PRICING STARTS AT $4000 + TRAVEL & LODGING
C.J. HUFF
EDUCATOR AND CHILD ADVOCATE
Dr. C.J. Huff earned his Doctorate in Education with a focus in Educational Leadership from the University of Arkansas in 2003. His wide range of experiences as a classroom teacher, building principal, and superintendent prepared him to lead his district of 1,100 employees and 7,700 students through the recovery effort that followed the most costly tornado in US History that ripped through the heart of Joplin in 2011 and destroyed or damaged 10 of the 19 buildings in his district...leaving over half of his students without a school to return to on May 23. His declaration that “We will start school on time” just days after the tornado provided a positive light for the community. Since his retirement, Dr. Huff currently serves as a subject matter expert to the US Department of Education’s Office of Safe and Healthy Students and other organizations supporting leaders in the education and safety of our nation’s youth.

Program offerings include: Community Engagement 2.0: A Whole Community Approach to Educating Our Children; School Safety: Students First; From Tragedy to Triumph: The Joplin Schools Story; Crisis Happens: Lessons Learned the Hard Way
PRICING STARTS AT $5000 + TRAVEL & LODGING

JIN KIM
FBI VETERAN/EXPERT ON ACTIVE SHOOTER & WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREPAREDNESS
Mr. Jin Kim is widely known as a subject matter expert and material practitioner in active shooter and targeted violence attacks. He retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 2018 and is a twenty-three year veteran of the FBI’S NY Division where he served as the Active Shooter Coordinator on the Crisis Management Unit. Mr. Kim regularly presents at international association conferences and provides guidance and substantive training to leading corporations and businesses, financial and banking institutions, K-12 schools and higher education universities, hospitals/healthcare facilities, professional sports teams & sporting venues, hotels, non-profit organizations, and public safety departments. Mr. Kim is the Founder & Principal of The PerSec Academy, LLC, specializing in Active Shooter and Workplace Violence Resiliency Management.

Program offerings include: Active Shooter Survival Strategies; Active Safety in Schools and Beyond
PRICING STARTS AT $5000 + TRAVEL & LODGING

PAUL TIMM
AUTHOR OF SCHOOL SECURITY: HOW TO BUILD AND STRENGTHEN A SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM
Paul Timm, VP of Facility Engineering Associates, is a board-certified Physical Security Professional (PSP), the author of School Security: How to Build and Strengthen a School Safety Program, and a nationally acclaimed expert in physical security. In addition to conducting numerous vulnerability assessments, Paul is an experienced Crisis Assistance Team volunteer through the National Organization for Victims Assistance (NOVA). He is certified in Vulnerability Assessment Methodology (VAM) through Sandia National Laboratories and the ALPHAO vulnerability assessment methodology. He is also a member of ASIS International’s School Safety & Security Council and the Illinois Association of School Business Officials’ Risk Management Committee.

Program offerings include: Keys to Providing a Safe Learning Environment; Emergency Preparedness Tabletop Exercise; Preventing & Preparing for the Active Shooter; Raising Awareness: Moving from a Mayberry Mentality to a “See Something, Say Something” Culture ; School Safety Before and After School Hours
PRICING STARTS AT $3000 + TRAVEL & LODGING
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JOHN BAKER
POLICE CHIEF AND SAFETY AND SECURITY DIRECTOR

John Baker serves as the Chief of Police for the Lancaster Lebanon IU13 Police Department and the Safety and Security Director for the IU13 supporting over 90,000 students and 6,000 staff members. Whether teaching situational awareness, how to de-escalate volatile behavior in meetings, or responding to a violent intruder, John is committed to delivering material in an understandable fashion that can be easily applied to people’s lives. He has over 30 years in the law enforcement and public safety industry, undergraduate and graduate work is in Psychology, is an Executive Protection Professional (EP), a graduate of Gavin DeBecker’s Advanced Threat Assessment Institute, and a specialist certified by the Attorney General’s Office of Florida in designing space that supports positive human behavior (CPTED).

Offerings include: Responding to Violent Intruder Train the Trainer Course; Front Line Training; Safe Meetings; Situational Awareness; and Community Based Workers

PRICING STARTS AT $4000 + TRAVEL & LODGING

JOHN MCDONALD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

John McDonald is the Executive Director of Security and Emergency Management for Jeffco Public Schools, and recognized internationally as the architect of the post Columbine High School tragedy security and emergency management plan. He is recognized by the US Department of Education as a subject matter expert on active shooter preparedness and emergency plan development. John has managed or responded to several tragedies and crisis events impacting schools including the 2010 Deer Creek Middle School shooting, the 2012 kidnapping and murder of Jessica Ridgeway, the 2013 Arapahoe High School shooting, and a shooting at Sheridan High School in 2015. In 2011, John founded ERCM Consultants, LLC, and provides threat management, emergency response and physical security assessment consultation services for educational institutions and law enforcement agencies.

Program offerings include: Stop Justifying and Believe the Threat; No Higher Calling; The World Isn’t a Scary Place...But It Is Uncertain

PRICING STARTS AT $3500 + TRAVEL & LODGING

SCARLETT LEWIS
FOUNDER OF THE JESSE LEWIS CHOOSE LOVE MOVEMENT™

Scarlett Lewis founded the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement™ after her son was murdered during the Sandy Hook tragedy in December 2012. Shortly after his death, Scarlett became an advocate for social and emotional learning (SEL) that teaches children how to manage their emotions, feel connected, and have healthy relationships. Scarlett works to promote the Choose Love Enrichment Program™, a free, comprehensive, evidence-based SEL program that empowers educators and their students to choose love for themselves and others. This program teaches children how to handle adversity, have courageous conversations, and to respond with love. Scarlett has been instrumental in changing legislation to incorporate SEL into schools. The Jesse Lewis Empowering Educators Act was introduced by Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal and, in December 2015,

Congress approved Every Student Succeeds Act.

Program offerings include: Choosing Love; Social and Emotional Learning; Cultivating a Healthy Workplace Environment

PRICING STARTS AT $3500 + TRAVEL & LODGING
DR. MELISSA REEVES
PAST-PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, COUNSELOR, AND AUTHOR

Dr. Melissa Reeves, Ph.D., NCSP, LPC is the past-president of the National Association of School Psychologists, a national certified school psychologist, licensed special education teacher, licensed professional counselor, former district coordinator of social/ emotional/behavioral services, and currently an associate professor at Winthrop University. In addition to responding to various crises over the years, she travels internationally training professionals in the areas of crisis prevention and intervention, threat and suicide assessment, the impact of trauma and PTSD on academic achievement, and cognitive behavior therapy in the school setting. Dr. Reeves has twice been awarded the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Presidential Award (2006, 2012) and NASP Crisis Interest Group Award for Excellence (2007, 2011).

Program offerings include: Addressing Mental Health Needs in the Schools; School-Based Crisis Prevention and Intervention; Reunification for the School Community; Psychological Safety: How Can We Help? – The M-PHAT Approach; Threat and Suicide Risk Assessment: Developing a Proactive and Consistent Approach to Evaluating Risk; The PREPaRE Workshops; The DSM-5: Implications for School Psychologists; Cognitive-Behavioral Strategies for Children and Adolescents: Evidenced-Based Interventions for the School Setting; Using Cognitive–Behavioral Strategies with Children and Teens Who Are Anxious or Depressed

PRICING STARTS AT $5000 + TRAVEL & LODGING

TODD SAVAGE
PROFESSOR OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

Todd A. Savage, Ph.D., NCSP is a professor of school psychology, Department of Counseling and School Psychology, College of Education & Professional Studies, University of Wisconsin-River Falls (UWRF). A first-generation college student, Todd earned his bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Minnesota and went on to earn master, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees in school psychology from the University of Kentucky, after having completed a pre-doctoral internship in the Omaha (NE) Public Schools. Todd taught at the University of Kentucky for two years before securing his first faculty position in school psychology at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico; he has been in his current position at UWRF since 2008. Todd has held several leadership positions in the National Association of Schools Psychologists (NASP), a 25,000-member strong professional organization, eventually serving as its 47th president during 2015-2016. Throughout his career, Todd has engaged in scholarly and service activities in the areas of culturally-responsive practice; school safety and crisis prevention, preparedness, and intervention; and LGBTQ+ matters they pertain to education. In fact, throughout the past five years, he has focused his energies on providing professional development for teachers, administrators, school-based mental health professionals, and other school personnel on understanding and supporting transgender and gender diverse students in schools.

Program offerings include: Understanding and Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students in Schools; The PREPaRE Workshops

PRICING STARTS AT $3500 + TRAVEL & LODGING
CARIN WINTER
FOUNDER AND CEO OF MISSION BE, MINDFUL EDUCATION
Carin Winter is the founder and CEO of Mission Be, Mindful Education and has successfully lead the organization to bring mindfulness rooted in social emotional learning into 32 schools from Big Sur, California to Harlem, New York – scaling their impact to over 30,000 students in the first two years. Carin holds a LMSW with a clinical background and 15 years of experience working with youth in schools, foster care and the juvenile justice system. Carin was also clinical therapist for many years and maintained a successful private counseling and healing practice for over a decade. Carin’s clinical background combined with her years of experience as an educator and practitioner of mindfulness make her an asset to the field of school safety.

Program offerings include: Mindful Educator Training; Professional Development, Teachers Pre-K to 12th grade; Faculty Meeting Introduction: Pre-K-12th grade; Parent Mindful Education Workshops: K-6th grade

PRICING STARTS AT $3500 + TRAVEL & LODGING

SCOTT ERVIN
BEHAVIORAL CONSULTANT SPECIALIZING IN AT-RISK, DISTURBED, ABUSED AND NEGLECTED KIDS
Scott Ervin is in his 17th year of working with extremely difficult, at-risk, disturbed, abused, and neglected kids. He has worked exclusively with populations in extreme poverty. He has also been a principal, superintendent, and discipline specialist in schools serving kids from preschool through 8th grade with poverty rates between 84% and 98%. As Founder and CEO of Ervin Educational Consulting LLC, he travels around the country teaching educators and parents and performing teaching demonstrations and common area management with students in schools to show how skills and procedures are used in order to create a safer, more functional, and more positive classroom and school environment.

Program offerings include: The Nine Essential Skills for the Love and Logic Classroom®, Calm/Assertive Procedures for the Classroom, How to Interact with Parents: No Matter How Difficult They Are, How to Effectively Monitor and Bully-Proof Students, You Will Fail Because You Are Not Good Enough (and other words of inspiration)

PRICING STARTS AT $3000 + TRAVEL & LODGING

AMANDA NICKERSON, PH.D., NCSP
PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE ALBERTI CENTER FOR BULLYING ABUSE PREVENTION
Amanda Nickerson is a professor and Director of the Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse Prevention at the University at Buffalo. Dr. Nickerson’s research focuses on school violence and bullying, and how educators, parents, and peers can build social-emotional strengths of youth. She has published more than 65 journal articles and book chapters and written four books. Dr. Nickerson is a licensed psychologist, a nationally certified school psychologist, and a fellow of the American Psychological Association. She is Coordinator of Research for the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) School Safety and Crisis Prevention Committee. Dr. Nickerson has served as associate editor of the Journal of School Violence and is a member of the executive board of the New York Association of School Psychologists.

Program offerings include: The PREPaRE Workshops; School Safety: Students First; Bullying Prevention and Intervention; Promoting Social-Emotional Strengths through Assessment and Intervention

PRICING STARTS AT $3500 + TRAVEL & LODGING
STEPHEN BROCK
NATIONALLY CERTIFIED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST AND LICENSED EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

Dr. Stephen E. Brock is a Professor and the School Psychology Program Coordinator in the College of Education at California State University, Sacramento (CSUS), a Nationally Certified School Psychologists (NCSP) and Licensed Educational Psychologist (LEP), and has worked for 18 years as a school psychologist with the Lodi (CA) Unified School. Dr. Brock is the lead editor of the NASP publication Best Practices in School Crisis Prevention and Intervention (2nd ed.), lead author of School Crisis Prevention and Intervention: The PREPaRE Model (2nd ed.), and author of the PREPaRE Crisis Intervention and Recovery workshop. His academic work has included study of school-based crisis intervention; system level school crisis response; suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention; ADHD; functional behavioral assessment; violence prevention; threat assessment and management; reading; and autism.

Offerings include: Mental Health Matters; School-Based Crisis Prevention and Intervention; Comprehensive School Suicide Prevention; the PREPaRE Workshops
PRICING STARTS AT $4000 + TRAVEL & LODGING

SCOTT POLAND
PROFESSOR/LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST/INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EXPERT ON YOUTH SUICIDE, SELF-INJURY, SCHOOL VIOLENCE, SCHOOL SAFETY, THREAT ASSESSMENT AND SCHOOL CRISIS

Dr. Scott Poland is the Co-Director of the Suicide and Violence Prevention Office at Nova Southeastern University. He is also a professor, a licensed psychologist, and an internationally recognized as an expert on youth suicide, self-injury, school violence, school safety, threat assessment and school crisis and has authored or co-authored five books on these subjects. Dr. Poland is a past President of the National Association of School Psychologists and past Prevention Division Director of the American Association of Suicidology. Dr. Poland is known for his dynamic and practical presentations that include real life experiences on the front line of crisis prevention, intervention, and postvention. Program offerings include: Bullying and Suicide: Keys to Prevention and Resiliency; School Crisis and Liability; Parenting in a Challenging World; School Safety Best Practices: Insights from a National Crisis Responder; Recovering from a Crisis at School: Lessons Learned From the Front Lines to Help Students and Schools in the Aftermath of Tragedy; Non Suicidal Self Injury: Critical Issues; Threat Assessment in Schools; Youth Suicide: Contemporary Issues in Prevention/Intervention and Postvention for Schools
PRICING STARTS AT $4000 + TRAVEL & LODGING

STEFFANIE LORIG
FOUNDER OF ART WITH HEART

Steffanie Lorig is the founder of Art with Heart, a social enterprise that helps children overcome trauma through creative expression. During her 21-year tenure there, the organization helped 155,000 children internationally through the therapeutic activity books, curricula, and training that she either authored or co-authored. Steffanie combines her talent in the expressive arts to teach participants how to use creativity to release difficult emotions, develop self-awareness, and bring attention to inner resources of strength, despite difficult life events. She has led workshops after Hurricane Katrina, the Sandy Hook school shooting, and the Oso Mudslide, helping both children and adults work through difficult emotions through creativity. She works currently as a designer and strategist and in her spare time, practices her own expressive arts through paint and collage.

Program offerings include: Using Art to Find Peace
PRICING STARTS AT $3500 + TRAVEL & LODGING
CAMPUS ESCAPES
Campus Escapes brings the worldwide craze of live escapes to your school, putting you inside the game with a team to physically participate in the story. This activity, besides being novel entertainment and a great way to meet new people, is designed to get a group focused on leadership and team building as they work together using the available tools combined with logic to solve the game in a set period of time. All games conclude with a group picture and a post-game wrap up. The winning groups get a small prize and bragging rights.

We have four rooms to choose from and each has a unique story that unfolds as the participants play. Each room also includes a game operator who additionally serves as an actor in the story to make for an immersive experience. If you choose to bring multiple rooms, you can bring in different stories to provide players the choice of their favorites. We have a total of eight rooms that we can run simultaneously on your campus.

The Philosopher – The final project for Dr. Allister Longbottom’s Intro to Philosophy class is a team paper, but the one member tasked with submitting it has made a disastrous mistake and, embarrassingly, sent the wrong file: a prank copy. Nobody wants Dr. Longbottom to get the last (maniacal) laugh. Your group has managed to solicit the aid of a helpful GA who offers to let you all into Dr. Longbottom’s office, overseeing your attempts to gain access to his computer and delete the offending file. You’ve only got 25 minutes before he’s back for office hours — his angriest time of the day. Can you do it?

The Mystery on Mount Olympus – When a group of you realize that you are descendants from the Greek Gods, you go to Mount Olympus to attempt a takeover. Charon, who ferries people across the River Styx in Hades, is lurking around while the gods are off crashing a festival. With them out of the picture, Zeus’s lightning bolt is ripe for the taking. The precious object is imbued with all of Zeus’ power — enough to install you all as the new 21st century Pantheon. If you win, Charon will expect a reasonable job up in Olympus for helping you. He is tired of being stuck in hell, so he wants you to win. But if you need a hint you will have to bribe him with a gold coin… Charon doesn’t work for free. You’ve got 25 minutes. Let the games begin!

Space Calls: Infinite Horizon – You and your team awaken from cryosleep to discover that a mysterious collision has jettisoned the escape pod you’re currently in, and the life support systems are failing fast! If you can’t reset the navigation computer in 25 minutes, there’s no way you’ll be able to make it back to Earth safely, and repairs are trickier than you would expect. What’s worse, your on-board robot companion, T.A.R.E. — pronounced Tar-ray — a Terrestrial Androgynous Robot Entity, has also sustained damage; it’ll do what it can, but that’s not much… Houston, we have a puzzle.

NEW! Totally Tubular 80s Party! – Your best friend throws, like, the most totally tubular theme parties on campus... Fright Night, Alice in Wonderland, Great Gatsby, it’s a never ending stream of fun ideas that have everyone dressing up in costume for another gnarly night. And tonight’s the “Totally Tubular 80’s Night.” You head over in costume ready to dance out your Pacman Fever, but, whoa, the night was just a bit too bodacious for your own good. Friends, you have partied so hard, you interrupted the time-space continuum and you are now STUCK in 1988. Dude! You have a job interview tomorrow and if you don’t ace it, you can kiss your career goodbye. Way. You have to get back to the Present Day. You are all going to have to work together to figure out how to open up a time portal and zoom back before this party gags you with a spoon.

The format of each of our games is like the spokes of a wheel, not a linear progression: there are several puzzles that can be played by different members of the group at the same time. Each solution produces a piece of a final puzzle that is played as a group. This allows maximum participation and encourages team work.

Teams can be comprised of 2-12 people, each game is 25 minutes long and we run 7 games for a total event time of a little over four hours. At the conclusion of each game, there is a 10 minute break while the team that has just completed the challenge finds out how they did and what they missed (if they didn’t win), takes team pictures, and the room is reset for the next team.
“Operators] Nicole, KT, and Billy were amazing. The escape rooms were fun, challenging, and incredible. Thank you so much for a great night. All the students were raving when coming out of the rooms... Even upon losing. Thank you for helping us make this happen. Out of a possible 252 spaces for students throughout the evening, we probably had 235+ go through! This was fantastic and we will definitely be booking again.”
- Dave Zamansky, Assistant Director of the Memorial Union, University of New Hampshire

“The escape rooms were AMAZING. The students had a blast and had nothing but great feedback about the event. It was truly a pleasure working with y’all from start to finish and we’re already excited for next year!”
- Delaynie Koenig, Community Engagement Advisor, Stanford University

“Your employees were fantastic and patient, always willing to help out. Feedback from the students suggest it was one of their favorite experiences about the entire Orientation Week! I can’t thank you enough for being willing to do this, we will be in touch for next year!”
- Michael Johnson, Student Orientation Coordinator, Marietta College

“Everything went great. The students and staff who went through it really liked it. Several people asked if we could do it again and one staff member said it was the most fun that they have had on campus. I would definitely bring it back should it be in the area again or maybe during one of our late night activities.”
- Kristopher Disharoon, University Unions Programs Coordinator, California State University - East Bay

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Escapables is our mobile escape experience designed for corporations and professionals. Besides being great entertainment, it is designed to get a group focused on leadership and team building. Corporations have found that in addition to developing camaraderie among employees, team challenges can also facilitate participants meeting and working with people they wouldn’t otherwise interact with. Our escapes demand actual teamwork while exploring and highlighting everyone’s unique roles within their team. In addition to being a natural team building exercise, Escapables can also be utilized as a competitive activity between groups or departments. If you have multiple office locations, we can run this event simultaneously at multiple locations for an office to office competition. Times and winning results can be announced via video conference as each office wraps their event. Optionally, we can add the use of a leaderboard presentation to rank the times of all of the playing groups, as well as provide wrap-up sessions focused on group dynamics following each round.
CAMPUS FLIX: DRIVE-IN MOVIES

Smell the popcorn in the air!! Campus Flix Drive-In Movies combines the authentic charm of the classic drive-in movie with the finest in modern technological innovation. Prepare for a joyful surge of nostalgia as your campus is transformed into a drive-in cinema. Indoor or outdoor; single or double-feature, and you choose the feature films. A standard booking includes an on-site technician, an inflatable movie screen with a 13’ x 26’ viewing area, a DVD player, projection equipment, a microphone for announcements, and a sound system with an option for outdoor speakers or FM radio transmission in your car for a genuine drive-in movie experience. Smaller and larger screens are available — up to 60’ x 110’. If video games are popular on your campus, put them on the big screen! Additional fees apply for FM Transmitter, double features, and a generator (if one is required).

PRICING STARTS AT $2500 + TRAVEL & LODGING • AVERAGE PROGRAM IS 2 HOURS

CARL CHRISTMAN – COLLEGE MENTALIST

Imagine hearing people’s thoughts! Now you know what it’s like to be Carl. He is a teacher, author and mentalist who plays with language, psychology and non-verbal cues to entertain audiences. As a socially awkward teenager, Carl became interested in reading people’s minds. He made an intense study of psychology and became a professor at La Sierra University. Standing in front of a room full of students each day gave Carl plenty of opportunity to play with people’s minds and hone his psychic powers. After years of study, he transcended the world of academia to become a master mentalist. Carl is a member of Hollywood’s famous Magic Castle and The British Society of Mystery Entertainers. In recent years, he has become a remarkably popular entertainer at upscale venues and colleges across the country, where audiences marvel at his ability to get inside their minds.

Mind Over Magic: This show is perfect as the centerpiece of your assembly, orientation or family weekend. Carl combines magic, mind reading, comedy and hypnosis in an audience centered exploration of the mind.

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“That was amazing.” - Norco College
“We can’t wait to have Carl back.” - Mt. San Antonio College
“Best show ever.” - Riverside Community College
“A true professional.” - Crafton Hills College
“A huge success.” - Loma Linda University
“The students loved it.” - Mt. San Jacinto College
“Wow!!!” - Central Texas College

PRICING STARTS AT $1800 + TRAVEL & LODGING • AVERAGE SHOW IS 60 MINUTES
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CARTE BLANCHE CASINO NIGHTS

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Choose from these exciting casino games:
Blackjack • Craps • Let it Ride • Texas Hold ‘Em • Poker • Island Stud • Roulette
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PRICING VARIES BASED ON DATE, SIZE, HOURS, AND DEALER CONFIGURATIONS
AVERAGE PROGRAM IS 3 HOURS
MISTER COOL – THE ICE CREAM MAN
The Ice Cream Man is on his way to your campus! Our ice cream truck offers eight tasty options of freshly made products to your guests. See below for flavors. All cups, cones, spoons, napkins, straws, etc. are included. The Ice Cream Truck is 100% self-contained and does not require electricity. It needs a 10’ x 20’ space to set up and the magic begins. This program has a 2 hour minimum but can be booked as long as you like with unlimited ice cream and/or slushies per hour. We can serve 350 items per hour. This is great for large outdoor events!

PRICING STARTS AT $2250 + TRAVEL & LODGING FOR 2 HOURS
PRODUCTION RATE: 350 SERVINGS PER HOUR

COMEDY KILLERS: MURDER MYSTERIES
Each show features a variety of different casts, modern and relevant themes mixed with proven classic mysteries to allow flexibility in both time and budget. Most shows range from a cast of five to six and each can be adapted to be between 90 minutes and 3 hours in length making this a great experience for small groups to audiences of over 400 people. Beginning with a “soft start,” characters mingle with small groups of guests as they arrive. Once all the guests are accounted for, the show takes place in four adaptable parts that are scripted and polished to be sure each and every guest has access and exposure to all the clues needed to solve the crime. Just before the solving of the crime, each guest participate indicating who they think did it. Although there are many possible endings, there is only one clear correct answer per show, but everyone can be a winner depending on the number of prizes you would like to give away (if any). The show concludes by clearing any popular suspects and solving the crime. As every show is different, you never have to worry about seeing the same show twice.

PRICING STARTS AT $3000 + TRAVEL & LODGING • SHOW LENGTH IS ADAPTABLE FROM 90 MINUTES – 3 HOURS • PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT

HIGH FLYING ADVENTURES
HOT AIR BALLOONS
With High Flying Adventures, the sky is the limit! We offer tethered hot air balloon adventures and balloon GLOW events to college and university campuses that can be personalized for your program. Our FAA commercial licensed pilots come to your campus with a beautiful hot air balloon or balloons to offer a unique form of entertainment and adventure. Tethered balloon events require a site with a 150’ radius in, preferably, a low lying area. The standard balloons holds 3 – 6 passengers, depending on weight, and ride up to 30 – 130 feet. Multiple balloons are available to increase the number of participants. This magical and highly visible event is sure to bring excitement to campus and gather a large crowd. It is also well suited to book in conjunction with one of our photo events, to ensure that each passenger has a souvenir from the day.

PRICING STARTS AT $3500 + TRAVEL & LODGING FOR A 2-HOUR EVENT • PROGRAM LENGTH IS FLEXIBLE BECAUSE OF WIND PATTERNS, WE ONLY OFFER MORNING AND EVENING FLIGHTS.

“The hot air balloon event was great! We love working with Brian R. and his team! Students had an amazing time and as always wish it can be longer. We look forward to working with y’all in the future!”
- Sam Mendoza, Coordinator for Student Programs & Activities, Angelo State University
BEAR CREATIONS
Choose from bears, tigers, puppies, cats, horses, and many more. We also include “wishing stars” to stuff inside your animal, as well as a “birth certificate” to authenticate your “new arrival.” We have over 90 bear styles and 150 bear accessory options. In a standard package, you can choose up to 17 different styles. Custom t-shirts, a huge array of clothing and accessories, and fully staffed events are also available at an additional charge. We can custom create larger or smaller packages as well. Specialized themed offerings include: Halloween, winter holidays, Christmas, graduation, sports, St. Patrick’s Day, Easter, Valentine’s Day, Thanksgiving, and more.

Basic Package includes: 204 bears (or other animals) • Stuffing • 204 Birth Certificates • 204 Wishing Stars • Shipping charges

PRICING VARIES BASED ON THE QUANTITY IN YOUR CUSTOM PACKAGE. A STANDARD PACKAGE OF 204 WITH EVERYTHING LISTED ABOVE INCLUDED IS $1975. FULLY STAFFED EVENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

“Thanks so much, we received all our shipment! Just to let you know we have had this activity for several years and your company by far has the best quality animals along with the ample supply of stuffing. Thanks again,”
- Deb Prutsman, Coordinator of Student Activities & Programs, Corning Community College

LUCKY BAMBOO
Lucky Bamboo is very popular as a “good luck” gift for all occasions. Our Lucky Bamboo packages include three stalks of bamboo at different heights, a clear square vase, black gravel, care instruction sheets, a lucky gold tie, and shipping and handling. You can decide how many sets to order in your package.

PRICING VARIES BASED ON THE QUANTITY IN YOUR CUSTOM PACKAGE. A STANDARD PACKAGE OF 200 WITH EVERYTHING LISTED ABOVE INCLUDED IS $1500.

PLANT A TREE KITS
Our Plant a Tree Kits are a very affordable way to get students involved in the environment. Perfect for Earth Day (April 22), these tree kits are fitted with custom labels for your event or campus and can be planted in the ground or grown into bonsai. Each kit contains a biodegradable peat pot with an expandable nutrient soil pellet, seeds, and a 32-page information-packed booklet inside a 2 1/2” x 2 1/2” decorative box. As well as growing instructions, the booklet contains information about the specific tree, “Tree Facts” about the environmental benefits of trees and tree mythology — all printed on high-grade recycled paper with soy inks. Your package will include an assortment of trees including: American Elm, Blue Spruce, Dawn Redwood, Douglas Fir, Flowering Catalpa, Giant Sequoia, Ponderosa Pine, and Red Maple.

PRICING VARIES BASED ON THE QUANTITY IN YOUR CUSTOM PACKAGE. A STANDARD PACKAGE OF 200 WITH EVERYTHING LISTED HERE INCLUDED IS $1120.

WE ALSO HAVE OVER 60 NOVELTIES TO CHOOSE FROM.
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**STEPHEN AGYEI**
Stephen Agyei (pronounced AJ) has the whitest teeth in Denver and a face of a million words. Offering a vulnerable perspective on life’s experiences, Stephen reminds us that we’re in this together. One of Riot LA comedy festival’s Comics to Watch (2017), this Bridgetown Comedy Festival (2017) & Limestone Comedy Festival (2016) alum toured internationally in South Korea and was hand-picked by Duncan Trussell for his “I Am God” tour (2016). Stephen was introduced to a national audience thanks to his TV debut on VICELAND’s Flophouse (2016), and his feature on NPR’s All Things Considered with Roy Wood Jr. (2016).

**SHOWCASING NACA NORTHERN PLAINS AND SOUTH 2018**

**STEVEN BRIGGS**
Steven Briggs has a unique, high-energy style of comedy that keeps his audiences on their toes. His amusing anecdotes are enhanced by his use of beatbox sound effects, act-outs, and well-developed characters. Steven has appeared on MTV in addition to commercials for ESPN, Dodge Ram, Toyota, Google, Oscar Mayer, and many more. Steven’s debut comedy album can regularly be heard on Sirius XM Radio. When Steven is not entertaining audiences across the US, he is performing for our troops overseas in Egypt, Kuwait and Iraq.

**SHOWCASING NACA NORTHERN PLAINS 2018**

**MARY PATTERSON BROOME**
Mary Patterson Broome has performed stand-up comedy at clubs, colleges, casinos, festivals, cruise ships, banquet halls, military bases and countless other random rooms with microphones, for over ten years. She has appeared on Comedy’s Dynamics: Uncontrolled Comedy and the acclaimed web series Soho Haus Rules. Broome has written for AOL Originals’ Emmy-nominated Making a Scene with James Franco and WE TV’s Sex Box. She is a regular contributor to Women’s Health Magazine Online and After Party Magazine. Originally from Mobile, Alabama, she is a graduate of Wake Forest University and now calls Los Angeles home.

**PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT**

**JANAE BURRIS**
Janae Burris is a comedian, writer, and actor from South LA but living in Denver. Her years growing up in one of L.A.’s roughest neighborhoods, plus her training in avant garde theater, make Janae’s comedy and performing style bold and unique. She has been featured at Portland’s Bridgetown Comedy Festival, the Limestone Comedy Festival in Bloomington, Indiana, and Denver’s High Plains Comedy Festival. She is the winner of the 2016 Comedy Works New Faces Contest and makes her Colorado Shakespeare Festival debut this summer in their production of Cyrano de Bergerac.

**SHOWCASING NACA MID-AMERICA AND WEST 2018**

**CURTIS COOK**
Curtis Cook is a 6’7” mixed dude whose politely-militant style and rapid-fire delivery are quickly earning him a reputation in the LA comedy scene. In addition to performing in clubs, colleges, and festivals across the country, Curtis has been featured on Viceland, Portlandia, and was recently highlighted by Comedy Central as one of the network’s “Up Next” comics. Curtis is also currently a writer on Comedy Central's hit satirical news program The Jim Jefferies Show, and firmly believes in the importance of progressive comedy, education, and the Oxford comma.

**PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT**

**23 comedy $1,500 AND UNDER**
JESSE ELIAS
Whenever he gets on stage, Jesse is terrified, overjoyed, and taking you along for the ride. Michael Ian Black once called him “that Asperger’s kid,” which isn’t necessarily nice but counts as a celebrity endorsement. Jesse’s brain might be wired differently, but that’s the accident that gave him his comedy superpowers. Jesse made his network debut on Jimmy Kimmel Live, where he joked about Mulan sauce before Rick & Morty made it cool. Jesse wants to prove it doesn’t matter if you’re shy or different; you are a wonderful, unstoppable thing. Let’s come together and LOL (laugh, overcome, love).

PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT

JARED GOLDSTEIN
NEW TO THE ROSTER
Originally from Long Island, NY, Jared sang a Backstreet Boys song that he dedicated to his mother at his Bar Mitzvah. He also sang in a sketch on SNL written by Tina Fey and on Broadway for two years at Madison Square Garden, but now he’s a waiter at Hamburger Mary’s, the home of Drag Queen Bingo. He is also an LA based comedian/actor who has appeared on Modern Family (ABC), Rizzoli & Isles (TNT) and Counterpart (STARZ). Jared will be thirty this year and has never had a boyfriend.

SHOWCASING NACA WEST 2018

PEET GUERCIO
Peet once hacked into a website to win a Justin Timberlake lookalike contest. He set up a lemonade stand on the highway. He reads emails from ex-girlfriends and his favorite bad Tinder profiles on stage. Hate your roommate? Peet’s got a solution. He can’t wait to share his funniest stories with you. Starring on MTV’s Greatest Party Story Ever, E!’s Hashtags, TruTV’s You Can Do Better, and as touring opener for The Carbonaro Effect, Peet’s silly, inclusive standup act is an infectious hour of fun.

FOUR-TIME PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT

STEVE GILLESPIE
Now a decade into his career, Steve relocated to LA after freezing half-to-death whilst fist-fighting bearded giants in Minneapolis, made a super-cute national TV appearance on Conan, and released his critically-acclaimed second album, Alive on State, which reached #1 on the iTunes Charts. He was also featured in the prestigious Boston Comedy Festival, the Bridgetown Comedy Festival in Portland, OR, and appeared on the Fox TV show Laughs and Seeso’s Guest List. His debut album Stever Fever was named one of the top-ten comedy albums of 2013 by ComedyReviews.com.

PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT

PEDRO GONZALEZ
Pedro is a zero generation immigrant, which means he came to the U.S. with zero English and zero money. He wanted to make sure he’d be the first person to graduate college in his family, which is why he majored in Spanish. He won an award for rolling his R’s better than anybody in his school! Pedro (who gets called Pablo at least once a day) was a semifinalist in the prestigious national competition StandUpNBC in 2017.

SHOWCASING NACA WEST 2018
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ZOLTAN KASZAS
“Is that your real name?” is a question Zoltan Kaszas has heard since he and his mother moved to the US from Hungary in 1991. Zoltan eventually stumbled into the world of stand-up comedy where he developed a unique storytelling style that brings smiles to people across the country. His comedy has been featured on television (Laughs on FOX) and has claimed first prize in multiple competitions, including The Seattle International Comedy Competition. Zoltan’s latest comedy album, Uncle McFat-Fat, is available on iTunes, which should aid his continuing campaign to end the question “Is that your real name?”

SHOWCASING NACA MID- ATLANTIC AND WEST 2018

JAY LIGHT
NEW TO THE ROSTER
Growing up outside of Dallas, Texas, Jay Light had to sneak late-night viewings of Comedy Central and Adult Swim with the volume turned low. His parents would not have approved. Today things have come full circle: He’s appeared on both seasons of Comedy Central’s insult competition Roast Battle, been named a “local eclectic noise maker” by L.A. Weekly, and praised as “one of the best Roasters in Los Angeles” by no less than Comedy Central mainstay Jeff Ross. Jay doesn’t shy from discussing his sheltered religious upbringing or the formative lessons learned along his path to sobriety on the stage.

SHOWCASING NACA WEST 2018

ISMAEL LOUTFI
Ismael Lourfi is a sweet boy with a kind face. Underneath that sweetness lies a deeply acerbic sense of humor — the sort of thing you might develop growing up a Muslim in rural North Florida. He has been a finalist in the Laughing Skull Comedy Festival, a new face at the Just For Laughs Festival, and a finalist in StandUp NBC 2017. He can be seen on the VICELAND series Flophouse and Comedy Central digital and currently writes for Hasan Minhaj’s new Netflix show Patriot Act.

PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT

ANYI MALIK
Anyi Malik once made his cab driver laugh so hard, he crashed into another vehicle. This calamity ignited Anyi to begin his career as a standup comedian. For a decade, Anyi has been performing his clever, conversational comedy up and down the West Coast. Anyi has quickly grown recognition on the circuit for his distinct, hypnotic voice that simultaneously soothes, amuses, and abuses his audiences. Anyi Malik has appeared on Hulu network’s Quicklaffs and hosts the podcast Grits with Anyi Malik, available on iTunes. Also available are his albums Lamb Choppin and Doin’ The Most.

PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT

MANDAL
NEW TO THE ROSTER
Mandal is an Atlanta-based stand-up comedian, writer, and actor. He is known for his energetic performances and absurd sense of humor. He is the cohost for Clown School, a podcast about life’s absurdities, and has opened for comedians such as Tig Notaro, Jamie Lee, and Donnell Rawlings. He has been seen at the Orlando Indie Comedy Festival, Memphis Comedy Festival, Nashville Comedy Festival, and the Laughing Skull Comedy Festival.

SHOWCASING NACA NORTHEAST 2018
MAGGIE MAYE
Maggie has performed stand up on Conan and in festivals such as Moontower Comedy & Oddity Festival, SXSW, Bridgetown Comedy Festival, and FunFunFun Fest. She’s opened for Paul Mooney, Hannibal Buress, and Earth Wind & Fire, and been mentioned in comedy articles in the Huffington Post, Splitsider, The New York Times, and the Portland Mercury. Her comedy is described the same way she is: sassy, charming, and smart. Also, a six-year-old once told her she was the funniest person ever. And kids rarely lie.
SHOWCASING NACA NATIONALS AND CENTRAL 2018

CONNOR MCSPADDEN
A favorite of the college market, Connor has performed at schools nationwide. Connor headlines around the country and, as a feature act, he has opened for Drew Lynch, Chris D’Elia, Doug Stanhope and many more. He stars in the street roasting web series Burn Booth which has hundreds of thousands of views. Online he has been featured on the front page of Reddit, eBaum’s World, and George Takei’s Facebook. As a writer he has contributed to Comedy Central’s Roast Battle, @midnight and The Roast of Rob Lowe. His standup has been featured on Hulu as well as Fox’s Laughs.
PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT

CHRISTINE MEDRANO
NEW TO THE ROSTER
Christine Medrano is a tiny stand-up comedian who was born and raised in the cold streets of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and could best be mistaken for a Canadian Dora the Explorer. A unique point of view has helped make her a finalist for Sirius XM’s Canada’s Next Top Comic, a feature at the Laughing Skull Comedy Festival, and an opening act for Maria Bamford. She has appeared in numerous videos for Cracked, Buzzfeed, Refinery29, Funny or Die, Comedy Central and All Def Digital, and will be appearing on HBO’s Stand up series Entre Nos this Summer and currently lives in Los Angeles.
SHOWCASING NACA MID-ATLANTIC 2018

ANDREW OROLFO
NEW TO THE ROSTER
Andrew Orolfo has been named one of the country’s “top knot” comedians by... don’t even ask, just go with it. An established staple in San Francisco comedy, he has been featured in SF Sketchfest, Bridgetown Comedy Festival, and the “Up Next” SF Showcase. Andrew was born and raised in the Bay Area to Filipino parents. Stand-up comedy may not have been the career option his family hoped for, but like many of us, he’s still trying to figure this whole life thing out, which is reflected in his comedy.
SHOWCASING NACA SOUTH, CENTRAL, AND WEST 2018

FERAZ OZEL
Afghani-Pakistani comedian Feraz Ozel blends hilarious observations, animated act-outs and catchy musical pieces, making him one of the most sought-after comedians today. He’s appeared on national television on 2 Broke Girls, Comics Unleashed and Hulu’s Coming to the Stage. He’s been featured in The LA Times, The Atlantic Magazine, and Rolling Stone. His debut album Chillennial charted in Billboard’s top 10, and iTunes’s top 3. When able to escape the black hole that is Netflix, he tours throughout the country and internationally, often sharing stages with comedy greats like Chris D’Elia, Daniel Tosh, and Aziz Ansari.
SHOWCASING NACA NATIONALS, CENTRAL, MID-ATLANTIC, MID-AMERICA, AND NORTHEAST 2018
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**MK PAULSEN**
MK Paulsen loves ideas. He loves thinking about them and he loves making them come to life on stage. Before throwing himself into comedy, MK worked in politics and developed a love for writing and bringing thoughts to life through words and speeches. After careful consideration, he decided he should be the one talking in public and began pursuing standup comedy. He never stopped and loves connecting with audiences across the country. His viral photo blog can be seen at BurritoMakesThree.com and he has been featured on numerous festivals including the Bridgetown Comedy Festival and the Moontower Comedy Festival.

**RICHARD SARVATE**
New to the roster
Richard is an Indian comedian based in Los Angeles. His dad named him Richard because he wanted him to seem American, but somehow people still found him out. Richard worked as a computer engineer in San Francisco for 10 years before quitting to tell jokes. He’s toured India doing stand-up and runs a San Francisco comedy club called The Setup.

**RILEY SILVERMAN**
Highlighted by VICE for her "wry observational comedy, radical openness, and casually inviting demeanor," Riley Silverman has been seen on Seeso's Take My Wife, Comedy Central's Not Safe with Nikki Glaser, and headlining 2017's Portland Queer Comedy Festival. Her debut comedy album, Intimate Apparel, was a #1 best seller on Amazon. Riley is the head writer for the International Waters comedy panel show podcast, was a body diversity model for the fashion brand ModCloth, and was listed as one of 100 Queer Women We Love by GO Magazine, and “10 Women Comedians Who Smash the Patriarchy” by The Culture Trip.

**STUART THOMPSON**
Stuart Thompson is a Los Angeles based comedian. Starting in San Francisco at 18, he began entertaining audiences while balancing his commitments as a student at UC Berkeley. On-stage, Stuart showcases the performance skills he honed playing trumpet in his college marching band and language skills he developed studying linguistics to create a world full of hilarious impressions, original characters, and personal stories. After graduating, he relocated to L.A., landing writing gigs with National Lampoon and the CBS Diversity Showcase. Stuart currently hosts his own late-night talk show, aptly named "The Late Night Show," at the Hollywood Improv.

**CHINEDU UNAKA**
Chinedu has shared the stage with some of the biggest names in comedy, including: Dave Chappelle, Trevor Noah and Chris Rock. He recently returned from an overseas tour in Greece, Egypt, and Jordan for our troops, and previously toured through India & Dubai. Chinedu was just featured on HBO's The Big Chop, HULU's The Mindy Project, Kevin Hart's LOL Network and Hulu's Coming to the Stage. He's toured colleges nationwide from USC to Cornell, was a finalist on NBC's Stand Up For Diversity competition, wrote for Showtime, and has toured alongside Damon Wayans, Jr. for the past two years.

**SHOWCASING NACA NORTHERN PLAINS 2018**
PRIYANKA WALI
NEW TO THE ROSTER
Hold onto your shaadi.com profiles because you will not want to miss sassy American-born Kashmiri-Indian stand-up comic, Priyanka Wali! Priyanka has been featured on KFOG Radio, Uproxx, Cosmopolitan, and Healthline. She knows what it’s like to have strict parents because, before she started doing stand-up comedy, she graduated from medical school like a good studious child. She is still a part-time practicing doctor in San Francisco but she truly believes laughter is the best medicine.
SHOWCASING NACA MID-ATLANTIC AND MID-AMERICA 2018

RACHEL WEEKS
NEW TO THE ROSTER
Rachel Weeks is a Denver-based comedian and writer from the western suburbs of Chicago. True to her Canadian-Midwestern parentage, Rachel is sweet and approachable with a chewy, judgy center. She is a regular performer at Denver’s famous Comedy Works and has appeared on NBC’s First Look, Seeso’s Hidden America with Jonah Ray, and the RISK! podcast. She produces the Denver chapter of Chicago storytelling favorite We Still Like You and has been featured on High Plains, Limestone, Orlando Indie, and Crom comedy festivals. Both delightfully relatable and sharply critical, Rachel performs each joke with a wink and a nod.
SHOWCASING NACA WEST 2018

PAIGE WELDON
Paige Weldon is a writer, actor and comedian based in LA. You may know her stand-up from Hulu’s Coming to the Stage, Fox’s Laughs or WNYC’s 2 Dope Queens. She has also headlined NerdMelt in LA, opened for Adam Conover and Beth Stelling, and written for satirical women’s magazine Reductress. If you’re looking for more, check out her own online comedy magazine The Higgs Weldon, her EP Uncomfortable at Best, or her funny books from The Devastator. If you need to talk now, you can probably find her at a diner doodling on napkins and tweeting about her feelings.
SHOWCASING NACA NATIONALS AND NORTHERN PLAINS 2018
SUBHAH AGARWAL

Subhah Agarwal, or as her teachers called her “I’m sorry I can’t say this name but talk to me after class,” is an Indian-American from a small town in the midwest. Strict parents in a suburban world led Subhah down a path of exploration that has led to a unique and sharp comedic perspective. She is a comedian and writer for The Jim Jefferies Show on Comedy Central. She has also written for and appeared on TruTv and MTV. Subhah has worked hard at her craft and never disappoints, unless you’re her immigrant parents. They’re always disappointed.

SHOWCASING NACA NORTHERN PLAINS 2018

CHASE ANTHONY

Chase Anthony was born in Atlanta, raised in Minneapolis, and moved to Los Angeles after college. Chase’s style of comedy interjects a unique perspective on life, relationships, and family dynamics growing up with four sisters. But he also deals with some tough topics, such as alcoholism and his absentee father. For the last two years, Chase has traveled the country as opening act for the legendary comedian Sinbad. As an actor, you’ve seen him on hit television shows like Lethal Weapon and Gray’s Anatomy. Sharing his experiences through humor affords him the opportunity to make a difference with a positive message.

SHOWCASING NACA NATIONALS, NORTHERN PLAINS, AND SOUTH 2018

GUY BRANUM

Guy Branum is best known for his segment “No More Mr. Nice Gay” on Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell and his work as the “Staff Homosexual” on Chelsea Lately. You may have seen Guy in the movie No Strings Attached, or his web series The Factuary, produced by Ashton Kutcher. Guy has written for Awkward, Punk’d, Fashion Police, X-Play, and is a regular contributor to The Huffington Post. Mostly he’s just a gay dude trying to make sure people realize there’s nothing that scary about gay dudes.

PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT

MATTHEW BROUSSARD

After winning Houston’s Funniest Person, Matthew Broussard decided to hop in his Jetta and head out to California. Despite a degree in Mathematics and a job as a financial analyst, he has chosen comedy over a 9 to 5. Clever and charming, Broussard keeps crowds roaring with his subtle wit and killer timing. He is also the author of the popular web comic MondayPunday.com. Despite appearances on Conan, Guy Code, Mindy Project, the League, and a Half Hour special on Comedy Central, his Cajun father and Jewish mother still hope he gets an MBA.

SHOWCASING NACA SOUTH AND CENTRAL 2018

CHRISTIE BUCHELE

NEW TO THE ROSTER

Christie Buchele is a Denver-based comedian who “fell” into comedy in 2010 when she went to see a cute guy do an open mic and thought to herself “I can do better.” She was right. Despite being raised by her single father, Todd, Christie made a name for herself by joking about the heart-wrenching and hilarious realities of being a woman with a disability. Christie is a strong stand-up with weak legs and her comedy aims to make the audience think about how they perceive people with disabilities while making them hurt from laughter.

SHOWCASING NACA SOUTH 2018
JR DE GUZMAN
Born in the Philippines and raised in California, JR De Guzman began performing comedy while working as a music teacher, which he quickly learned just meant teaching Taylor Swift songs to teenagers. He has entertained all over the world: Amsterdam, Tokyo, and Montreal’s Just for Laughs Festival. Combining music and comedy, JR serenades the audience into laughter with songs, jokes, and stories of traveling the world, life after college, and family. Winner of the 2016 Stand-up NBC Diversity showcase, you can catch him on Comedy Central’s Kevin Hart Presents: Hart of the City and MTV’s Acting Out.

SHOWCASING NACA CENTRAL, MID-ATLANTIC, MID-AMERICA, AND WEST 2018

NICK GUERRA
Nick is an audience favorite from NBC’s Last Comic Standing and claimed first place in the 2015 NBC Stand Up Showcase. Originally from Texas, he tours all over the country with performers like Jo Koy, Michael Yo, and Cristela Alonzo. He made his Comedy Central debut on Gabriel Iglesias’ Stand Up Revolution and his late night debut on Tonight Show With Jimmy Fallon. With his energetic attitude, he skewers dating, family, and everyday life.

SHOWCASING NACA SOUTH AND CENTRAL 2018

OLIVIA HAREWOOD
Olivia Harewood’s comedy is based on multiculturalism, feminism, enthusiasm, and a distinctly millennial brand of passive aggression, e.g. “ummmmm sure...” And like most talented millennials, she’s presented at a TedX conference. Unlike most, it was a stand-up set. After graduating from Stanford, her playful incisiveness landed her on the Anchor radio app, where she delivers the Entertainment Rundown twice daily. She is also known for her collaboration with YouTube titan David So, Love Fights, and for her role in Issa Rei’s web series/cultural phenomenon The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl.

SHOWCASING NACA NORTHERN PLAINS 2018

DAVID HUNTSBERGER
David Huntsberger brings together stand-up and animation to create starkly unique live shows. Rather than merely watching a man on stage, David’s show employs a projection screen to display vivid animation full of abstract and beautiful images that accentuates his material as he shares it. Paste Magazine named him “one of comedy’s greatest thinkers.” You may have seen David on Amazon’s One Mississippi or as the host of Syfy’s Reactor. You could have heard him on numerous popular podcasts, including Marc Maron’s WTF, Doug Loves Movies, or Alison Rosen is Your New Best Friend.

PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT

QUINCY JONES
NEW TO THE ROSTER
Quincy went to college in Seattle majoring in Philosophy (which, naturally, lead him to comedy). In 2015, Quincy was diagnosed with Stage 4 Peritoneal Mesothelioma and given a year to live. This prognosis was a wake-up call and he had one item on his bucket list: a comedy special. He shared his story on Conan, CNN, Kevin Hart’s LOL Network, You Made It Weird with Pete Holmes, and Marc Maron’s WTF podcast. After appearing on Ellen, she helped Quincy acquire his first HBO special. Quincy’s unique perspective and incredible crowd work generates shared laughter through seeing things from a different point of view.

SHOWCASING NACA CENTRAL 2018
CARMEN LYNCH
Carmen Lynch is an NYC-based comic who made two appearances on The Late Show with David Letterman and has performed several times for the troops in Iraq and Kuwait. If she’s not doing her stand-up in English she’s probably doing it somewhere in Spanish (she speaks fluently). Her other TV credits include The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, Inside Amy Schumer, and Conan. Most recently, she starred in a short film directed by Chloé Sevigny (now on YouTube). Check out her new album Dance Like You Don’t Need the Money.
THREE-TIME NACA SHOWCASING ACT

WILL MARS
Will Mars is a British comedian and a new New Yorker. He was raised as an only child which really annoyed his sister. He was christened into the Church of England at two-years old. When the priest crossed holy water on his forehead he screamed out “I don’t want my hair washed!”
The whole congregation started laughing. It was a great first show! Will made his U.S. network television debut on FOX’s Showtime at the Apollo. You may also know him from appearances on BBC TV’s Stand Up for Comic Relief and BBC TV’s Joke Thieves.

SAMMY OBEID
Lebanese-Palestinian-Syrian-Italian American, Sammy knows a lot about mixin’ it up. After double majoring in Business and Math at UC Berkeley — which is why he does comedy now — Obeid blends his education with his love for being the life of the party, breaking down hip, trending topics. Sammy has appeared on NBC’s Last Comic Standing, America’s Got Talent, and TBS’s Conan. In 2013, he may have even impressed his parents by setting a world record by performing comedy 1,001 consecutive nights, with his story featured in Time and The New York Times. And then he took a nap.
SHOWCASING NACA MID-AMERICA AND NORTHEAST 2018

OPEYEMI OLAGBAJU
Opeyemi “Opey” Olagbaju’s love and commitment to stand up can always be seen on stage. He can be found performing at various comedy clubs and has successfully showcased in several festivals, such as the Bridgetown Comedy Festival, SF Sketchfest, and the World Series of Comedy. He is noted for his observational humor, which stems from his experiences as an immigrant from Nigeria who assimilated into American culture and society. Opey is currently a writer on Sarah Silverman’s I Love You America on Hulu. Through comedy, Opey explores what makes us different and, more importantly, how these differences make us all the same.
SHOWCASING NACA WEST 2018

ERICA SPERA
Erica Spera is the girl next door who’s tall, dark, and one of the guys. After graduating from St. Lawrence University, she went from being a basketball player to working with her family in Carlo’s Bakery. While eating too much cake, she pursued her dream in New York City where she developed into a sharp, observant and clever comedian. Being clean with an edge, Spera describes her days playing sports, relationship struggles, and growing up with a tight-knit family in the millennial world.
You may have seen her on TLC’s Cake Boss, or Gotham Comedy Live! on AXSTV.
SHOWCASING NACA SOUTH AND MID-AMERICA 2018
ESTER STEINBERG
NEW TO THE ROSTER
Ester Steinberg is one of LA's comics to watch. You can see her on season two of the Amazon show *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*. She starred in Oxygen's *Funny Girls*, which won the Women's Image Award. She is a regular correspondent on *TMZ on TV*. She's appeared on NBC's *Meredith Vieira Show*, *Millionaire Matchmaker*, and *Gotham Comedy Live*. You may have seen her in the viral YouTube video “7 Women You Meet on JDate,” or her web series *Esoteric*. She was a New Face at Montreal's Just For Laughs Festival in 2015 and continues to perform at clubs and colleges all over the country.

SHOWCASING NACA CENTRAL 2018

KT TATARA
KT Tatara has been charming college audiences with his extraordinary blend of wit and likability since 2004. KT possesses an uncanny ability to connect with people from urban and rural backgrounds. People are often unsure of KT Tatara's ethnicity. Currently he's of Japanese/Caucasian descent and draws from his heritage to deliver a uniquely insightful and uplifting performance tailored for diversity-focused events. Nobody knows his real age, not even him. KT has made TV appearances on NBC's *Last Comic Standing*, FOX's *Lethal Weapon* and CBS's *How I Met Your Mother*.

SHOWCASING NACA NORTHERN PLAINS, CENTRAL, MID-AMERICA, AND WEST 2018

TOM THAKKAR
Tom Thakkar (formerly Thomas Brady) is a comic and the son of a great, Red Lobster-managing mom and a deadbeat Indian dad, giving him an odd childhood as a poor, pudgy Indian boy in southern Indiana. Tom was named a New Face at the 2015 Just For Laughs comedy festival in Montreal and a “Comedian You Should Know” by *Chicago Magazine*. Tom has been featured on *Doug Loves Movies*, *VICE*, *The Todd Glass Show*, and PBS. You can hear Tom and Nikki Glaser together on their Sirius XM morning radio show or find Tom standing outside of a Chipotle trying to decide if he's earned it that day.

SHOWCASING NACA NATIONALS 2018

IRENE TU
Irene Tu is a queer Asian American millennial comedian (so her parents are super proud of her). A graduate of UC Berkeley, she started comedy in college and decided pursuing this path was the best use of her college degree. Irene frequently jokes about her childhood, what it's like being a minority in modern-day America, and her love of food. Named a “Woman to Watch” by KQED in 2016 and one of the Bay Area's “11 Best Stand-Up Comedians,” Irene has been featured on Viceland and Seeso. She has never met Ellen but holds out hope that one day she will.

SHOWCASING NACA NATIONALS AND MID-AMERICA 2018

PRASHANTH VENKAT
Prashanth Venkat is an Emmy-nominated writer and comedian who served as head writer for the 2017 *White House Correspondents’ Dinner* and the 2016 *Radio and Television Correspondents’ Dinner*. He also wrote and performed on *Bill Nye Saves the World* which debuted on Netflix in 2017. There’s no question that Prashanth's comedy is raucous yet poignant. With material covering an expansive range of his cultural roots, sharp commentary about social conventions, and the political atmosphere, Prashanth is able to strike a chord that resonates with all audience members during his show.

PAST NACA SHOWCASING ACT
PREACHER LAWSON

One of the most likeable, animated characters you’ll ever see perform, Preacher Lawson has been bringing his brand of goofy, high-energy comedy to the stage since he was seventeen. Preacher’s clean, energetic style will keep you on your toes and, more importantly, laughing: that’s why he was selected as a New Face for the 2017 Montreal Just For Laughs festival. Preacher was a breakout performer on the summer 2017 season of America’s Got Talent, a semi-finalist on Comedy Central’s Up Next, and the winner of both the 2016 Seattle International Comedy Competition and the 2015 Florida’s Funniest Comedian Competition.

SHOWCASING NACA NATIONALS AND NORTHERN PLAINS 2018

“Preacher was excellent – one of the best college comics I’ve had before. He packed our theater with 380 guests and they were rowdy and excited for more.” - Dustin Lewis, Associate Director of Student Involvement, Xavier University

“Preacher’s show was incredible. He was very prompt in his arrival and reached out to both myself and Lindsay when he got here to let us know he was on campus. The second he went on stage he was 110% energy and charisma the entire show, engulfing the audience with his contagious energy as well. Preacher received some of the most positive student survey reviews that any artist has received so far this year. Will always be a memory I am going to hold onto as well as those that were present for the performance. Thanks so much again!”
- Grant Summers, UPB Spirit and Traditions Director, James Madison University

“Preacher was an absolute delight to have on campus! We packed the house with 400 students who were laughing nonstop! He was very generous of his time saying hello to anyone who recognized him before the show and taking selfies with the huge line of students post-show. He was wonderful to work with, very easy-going, and was a great way to kick off our programming for the year! Please send him our most sincere thank you.”
- Bernadette Strausbaugh, Director of Student Activities and Orientation, Walsh University

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JASON WEEMS

A native of Baltimore, Jason Weems’ engaging and conversational style on stage leaves audiences feeling like they’ve just finished talking to a close friend. Jason has been seen at the Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal and on two separate seasons of NBC’s Last Comic Standing. His first hour-long comedy special, titled Vol. 1: Intellectual Property, was filmed in his hometown and released independently. In 2017, Jason was a finalist at the HBO-sponsored American Black Film Festival Comedy Competition in Miami. His live show is truly one of a kind, and tailored to fit each unique crowd.

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MIKE E. WINFIELD

He was a warehouse worker on NBC’s The Office, has his own pop culture show on the LOGO Network, and can be seen on the Netflix Special Brad Paisley’s Comedy Rodeo. Mike’s standup consists of real-life stories told in a way that connects with college students, and it makes him shine on every campus. He’s a funny-looking, interesting, intelligent performer — especially in Andy Samberg’s mockumentary Popstar. Often referred to as “fun to watch,” Mike will leave a refreshing impression.

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