

Ash Beckham

Ash Beckham is a bold, dynamic presenter who speaks about empathy, respect and the power of having real conversations. Ash never intended on being a public speaker. She graduated from The Ohio State University in 1996 with a Baccalaureate Degree in Business Administration— featuring a concentration in International Business— from the Fisher College of Business. She moved to Colorado planning on attending graduate school, but the lure of the mountains were too much for the lifelong flatlander to resist.

Before she started speaking, she was a successful entrepreneur, organizing and managing events: from youth sports tournaments to music festivals to trade shows. In 2013, she felt a deep desire to make an impact in her community. In February 2013 she gave her first public speech at Ignite Boulder, addressing the pejorative use of the word "gay." The message resonated far beyond Boulder with over half a million views and still ranks as the most viewed Ignite talk of all time. The course of her life was changed forever.

With over 300 public talks under her belt, including Harvard University, Proctor & Gamble, and the CIA, Ash is now a highly sought-after diversity, inclusion, and leadership keynote. Online videos of her TEDx talks "Coming Out of Your Closet" and "Owning Your Duality" have gone viral with more than 8 million YouTube views. Significantly, her message has also become a topic of global discussion. Ash continues to reach millions as her inspiring speeches are experienced in classrooms, boardrooms and auditoriums around the world.