

IATDP Chicago 2010 Conference Speakers



Franklin P. Schargel

Educator, Author, Motivational Speaker, Trainer, Consultant

Franklin Schargel, a native of Brooklyn, New York now residing in Albuquerque, NM, is a graduate of the University of the City of New York. Franklin holds two Masters Degrees: one in Secondary Education, from City University and a degree from Pace University in School Administration and Supervision. His career spans thirty-three years of classroom teaching, school counseling and eight years of school supervision and administration. In addition, Franklin taught a course in Dowling College's MBA Program. Franklin served on the Guidelines Development Committee for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in Education and was an examiner for the Baldrige Award for two years. In addition, he served as a judge for the Secretary of the Air Force Quality Award and as a judge for the USA Today/RIT Quality Cup. He served as Chair of the American Society of Quality's Education.



Christian Moore is an internationally renowned author, speaker, and advocate for at-risk youth. At an early age, Christian was diagnosed with Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder, conduct disorder, and severe learning disabilities. Despite overwhelming obstacles, Christian rose from special education to receive a master's degree in social work. His WhyTry Program—using visual analogies and music—has proven to be one of the most effective ways to teach the critical social and emotional skills that determine the success and happiness of individuals and youth facing life's challenges.

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LaMarr Darnell Shields

President, Co-Founder, Urban Leadership Institute, Baltimore, MD

LaMarr is a co-founder and president of the Urban Leadership Institute and also founder of the Paul Robeson Academic International School of Excellence (PRAISE), an educational model for working with African American boys. Due to his poor academic performance and mischievous behavior in school, he was not expected to succeed. However, in spite of these personal obstacles, LaMarr successfully created the PRAISE model and developed innovative educational tools such as “Rhyme and Reason,” a hip-hop curriculum that educators and youth service-providers use to reach and teach youth.

Hip Hop" as a Change Agent in Communities utilizes the music favored by youth to educate and empower for success. The institute provides youth service providers and educators with a greater understanding of the music and its implication for addressing the behaviors of youth. LaMarr has been featured in numerous media outlets for his achievements in the education and motivation of young people. Before Urban Leadership Institute, Shields taught at the third oldest high school in the country, lived in Latin America, spoke at the White House, wrote several books and articles, founded the Paul Robeson Academic International School of Excellence (PRAISE), hosted a teen television show, and taught at the prestigious Johns Hopkins University.



Dr. Stephen R. Sroka is an internationally recognized speaker, trainer, author, teacher and educational consultant on school safety, drugs, disease and violence prevention education, brain-based learning, alternative education, parenting, and dropout prevention. He has keynoted many conferences including recent programs in Hawaii,

Trinidad, and Dubai. He also keynoted the First International Swine Flu Conference in Washington, DC. Dr. Sroka is an Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Medicine, Division of Adolescent Health, Case Western Reserve University and President of his company, Health Education Consultants. He has worked in schools (K-12) worldwide for over 30 years dealing with diseases. Dr. Sroka received the Outstanding School Health Educator Award from the American School Health Association, was selected the Disney Outstanding Health Teacher of the Year, and was inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame.

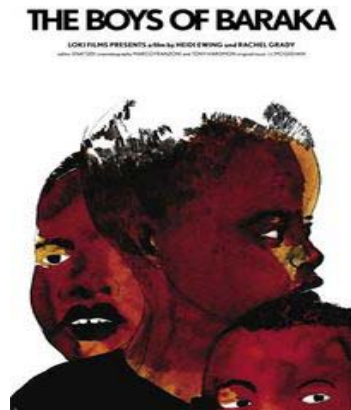
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Victor M. Woods

National Speaker, Author, Motivator, U Can Make It (UCMI, LLC),
Bloomington, IL

Victor Woods is a nationally recognized speaker and the founder of the Victor Woods Corporation. However, Victor's beginning is what makes his story so remarkably powerful. At the age of nineteen, a task force of sixty detectives arrested him for masterminding an armed robbery ring. After his release from state prison, Victor was arrested for orchestrating a 40 million dollar credit card fraud conspiracy. Today Victor has appeared on National Television, Newspapers, and radio stations including ABC News, Ebony Magazine, and Bill Orielly's factor. His autobiography is published by Simon and Schuster and currently a movie deal is being negotiated about his life. Victor is dedicated to leaving a legacy for men and women that aspire to beat all odds and dare to be the star of their own destiny.



Devon

The Boys of Baraka is a 2005 documentary film produced and directed by filmmakers Heidi Ewing and Rachel Grady (both of whom also made *Jesus Camp* in 2006). Twenty at-risk boys from Baltimore attend the seventh and eighth grades at a boarding school in Kenya. The documentary follows them in Kenya and in Baltimore, before and after attending the Baraka School in Kenya. It also mentions that 76% of African Americans in Baltimore don't graduate High School.

It premiered at the South by Southwest Film Festival in 2005 winning a Special Jury Prize. The film also won the Audience Award Best Feature Film at the 2005 Silverdocs Festival at the AFI Silver Theater in Silver Spring, Maryland. The film also won the Gold Hugo at The Chicago Film Festival, won the NAACP Image Award and was nominated for an Emmy.

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LUCILLE ADAMS JOHNSON

Mrs. Johnson's work in the field of education – elementary through college – spans three decades. Throughout her twenty - year administrative career, she also served as Adjunct Professor for several universities and colleges. She has lectured both nationally and internationally, including Capetown and Johannesburg, South Africa and Ghana, Africa. A conference with the Minister of Education in Africa, specifically detailed technological uses in student achievement. In Washington D.C., 2003, Mrs. Johnson participated in the Congressional Children's Caucus (CCC), briefing on *Promises to Keep: Educating the Next Generation of African American Students*.



Mrs. Johnson has received recognition from Timothy J. Magrier, Deputy Director, Office of Educational Technology, US Department of Education, Washington, D.C. She has presented at the America Education Research Association Conference (AERA) in Montreal, Canada and conducted a technological educational symposium to leaders from the United Kingdom. She was one of two Chicago area Principals asked to speak on *Technology in Education* at the 2005 National Conference for State Legislative Leaders.

Her passion for education emanates from the voice of children: *You Can't Have My Mind, If You Don't Have My Heart*. The voice of the child is a dominant theme in her presentations, articles, papers, and book. Mrs. Johnson has received numerous awards and recognitions. Highlights include

- New Faith Baptist Church *Leadership Recognition Award* where she served as Chairperson of the Leadership Council.
- The IOTA PHI LAMBDA Sorority, Inc. Alpha Beta Chapter *Outstanding Business Woman of the Year Award*
- The Exemplary Award by the Illinois South Cook Education Consortium Technology Summit for *Innovative Uses of Technology in Impacting Illinois Learning Standard Awareness and Technology on Student Achievement*

Mrs. Johnson holds membership with the *Research Association for Minority Professors (RAMP)*, and currently serves on the editorial board. She continues her work in educational initiatives to formalize *educational portals by developing "Educational Summit Solutions" for America's Schools*. Commiserate with this initiative, Mrs. Johnson's book, *The Metamorphosis of America's Schools: Developing A Relational Pedagogical Mindset (RPM)*, sums her work in education in these words:

Children are Living Messages that we send to a Time that we Will Not See.

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Carl Friedman, Past President of the International Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention

"How to Improve student Attendance through Student Ownership" (Career Planning and Exploration CP&E)"

*Picture and bio forthcoming

Melissa Ada Schlinger, Centric Solutions

“Resilience: The key to improving graduation rates”

*Picture and bio forthcoming

Corry Higbee, PATHFINDER, LLC

"Wrap-Around Education"

Starfish Academic Improvement for Life (SAIL©) program and its "Wrap-Around Education" approach is in direct alignment with the objectives of this conference, and is supportive of your organizational mission statement and goals. Please send me any additional information regarding the conference at your earliest convenience, including available information on booth and/or exhibitor opportunities. We look forward to hearing from you and we must commend the International Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention for addressing the needs of so many students.

*Picture and bio forthcoming

Paul Pottinger, Ph.D., Director

Center for Criminal Justice Solutions, LLC

“Attendance Improvement Management (AIM)”

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April 15, 2010 - KSAT San Antonio recently did a feature on Justice of the Peace Rogelio Lopez and his use of the AIM program to reduce school truancy in the area. “If we don’t do something to keep our kids in school, we’re going to lose an entire generation,” Judge Lopez told KSAT. Three school districts in San Antonio currently have the AIM program running in their system, and all have seen attendance figures and grades move in positive directions over the last year.

Megan Horan, Program Manager

“Albany Truancy Abatement Program”

The City of Albany Truancy Abatement Program is distinguished by the collaboration between city agencies, school districts, police force, and county probation department and community agencies with the shared goals of increasing school attendance, reducing juvenile crime, and gang alternatives.

Truancy’s truancy model has received numerous state and national inquiries seeking program information in order to implement similar truancy initiatives around the country. Recent site visits have included “teams of officials” from the cities of Schenectady, Troy, Geneva and Rochester, New York.

The Truancy Program is completing its fifth year and is fully funded by a grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services.

*Picture and bio forthcoming

Dr. Sterling Culp: Internationally Acclaimed Musician and Teacher

“My experience with improving the lives of students in Africa through music.” (he still working on title)

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