

FEATURED SPEAKERS

EZRA KLEIN

WASHINGTON POST POLITICAL COLUMNIST



Ezra Klein is a columnist for The Washington Post and Bloomberg and oversees “Wonkblog” at The Washington Post. He is a regular contributor and policy analyst for MSNBC where his commentary focuses on as Klein describes it “domestic and economic

policy-making, as well as the political system that’s constantly screwing it up.”

Prior to joining *The Washington Post* and *Bloomberg*, Klein was an associate editor at *The American Prospect* and a columnist at *Newsweek*. In addition to appearing and hosting on MSNBC, he has also appeared on *Charlie Rose*, *Real Time with Bill Maher*, *The McLaughlin Group*, *The Colbert Report* and many more. *The Economist* named him one of the “Minds of the Moment.”

In 2010, Klein was named Blogger of the Year by both *The Week* magazine and the Sidney Hillman Foundation for his extensive coverage of the healthcare debate and Congress’ passage of the Affordable Care Act.

In 2011, *TIME* named his blog one of the 25 best financial blogs and the Society of American Business Editors and Writers named Klein as their 2011 Opinion Columnist of the Year. In 2012, *GQ* named him to their 50 Most Powerful People in Washington list saying “as proprietor of the *Post*’s Wonkblog, Klein has become a singular journalistic force.”

SIMON SINEK

RENOWNED LEADERSHIP EXPERT AND AUTHOR



Simon Sinek believes in a bright future and our ability to build it together. Described as “a visionary thinker with a rare intellect,” Mr. Sinek teaches leaders and organizations how to inspire people. With a bold goal to help build a world in which

the vast majority of people go home every day feeling fulfilled by their work, Mr. Sinek is leading a movement to inspire people to do the things that inspire them.

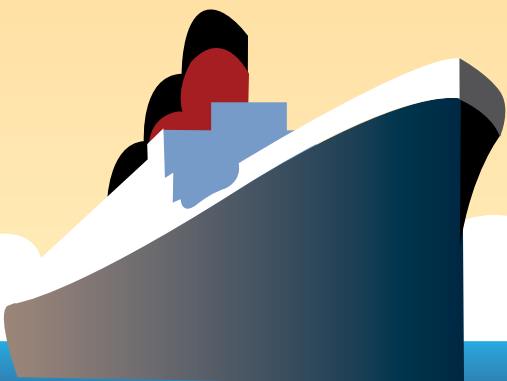
The author of *Start With Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action*, Mr. Sinek has held a life-long curiosity for why people and organizations do the things they do.

Fascinated by the leaders and companies that make the greatest impact in the world, Mr. Sinek has discovered some remarkable patterns of how they think, act and communicate. He has devoted his life to sharing his observations in order to help leaders and organizations inspire action.

Mr. Sinek is best known for discovering his theory of the “Golden Circle,” a naturally occurring pattern grounded in the biology of human decision making, which explains why we are inspired by some people, leaders, messages, and organizations over others.

His unconventional and innovative views on business and leadership have attracted international attention and have earned him invitations to meet with leaders and organizations in a wide array of industries.

Mr. Sinek is an adjunct staff member of the RAND Corporation, one of the most esteemed think tanks in the world.



MIKE STAVER

MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER



Mike Staver is an internationally respected coach and speaker. He has been interviewed for many publications on his signature speaking and writing topic “Leadership Isn’t for Cowards” and how to build high-performance organizations. His message

is centered on his fundamental belief that each person and every organization has the potential to achieve outstanding results.

With a master’s degree in counseling psychology and a bachelor’s degree in business administration, he has found a way to make complex ideas simple, memorable and immediately applicable.

Mr. Staver is a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP), a designation held by fewer than 10 percent of the members belonging to the International Federation for Professional Speakers. He is a best-selling author and award-winning speaker. Most recently he was chosen as one of the 40 hottest business speakers in America by Meetings and Conventions magazine.

He is the owner of The Staver Group, a team of professional business coaching consultants that have dedicated their efforts to assisting organizations and individuals to achieve and attain the highest results in business and life.

DR. LOWELL CATLETT

ECONOMIST AND FUTURIST



An internationally known speaker, Dr. Lowell Catlett is an exciting futurist whose knowledge of technologies and their implications on the way we will live and work is addressed in his varied and upbeat presentations. He serves as Regents Professor in Agricultural

Economics and Agricultural Business and Extension Economics and Dean of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at New Mexico State University.

Dr. Catlett received his doctorate in Economics from Iowa State University, and has twice received the Don C. Roush Award for Excellence in Teaching. He is also a recipient of the prestigious Burlington Foundation Faculty Achievement Award for Outstanding University Teaching.

In addition to his selection in 2002 as a member of the original class of six New Mexico State University Regents Professors, Dr. Catlett has received every teaching award the university offers, including the Westhafer Award for Teaching, New Mexico State University’s top honor. Dr. Catlett recently received the College of Agriculture and Home Economics Advisor of the Year as well as Teacher of the Year at New Mexico State University.

He is a consultant to the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, the Interior, Defense and Labor, as well as many Fortune 500 companies.