



***STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS:
Challenging Conversations to Enhance School Climate
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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



JO ANN BURKHOLDER

Jo Ann Burkholder is the Director for the Office of Student Services at the Virginia Department of Education where she has also served as the Student Assistance Systems Coordinator in the Office of School Improvement and Coordinator of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program. She has a Master's degree in counseling and human development and is a licensed school administrator and supervisor. Her career spans over twenty-five years in education as a Student Assistance Coordinator and Administrator and ten years working in mental health and substance abuse treatment services. She served on the executive board for the National Network for Safe and Supportive Schools State Coordinators and is past-president of the National Student Assistance Association. She was a consultant to the New York Times "Newspaper in Education," the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and has provided training nationally and internationally on a variety of topics that enhance student support services through tiered systems frameworks.



MICHAEL FOWLIN

Dr. Michael Fowlin, better known as Mykee, is no stranger to the stage. He has been formally acting since age 11, but started creating voices (via prank calling) at age 9. In addition to his talents on stage, he has an undergraduate degree in psychology from Evangel University, in Springfield, Missouri and, in the fall of 2001, he attained a doctorate degree in clinical psychology from Rutgers University. Oddly enough, he suffers from delusions of grandeur, for, while performing, he is convinced that every audience member is his patient. His programs combine both his professional acting talents and his psychological training. His mission is to create an atmosphere of worldwide inclusion, not just tolerance, of all people. He has worked extensively with all age groups in the United States and in other countries. His work has included peer mediation, diversity trainings, gender equity workshops, and violence prevention seminars. He hopes that all audience members will leave his performance with that wonderful, awakening feeling of beauty: the beauty within one's self and the beauty within others; the celebration of our differences, and the acceptance of our shared experiences.



TERESA GOOCH

Teresa P. Gooch joined the Department of Criminal Justice Services' senior management team in 2011. She is currently the division director of Law Enforcement and Security Services. Ms. Gooch has extensive experience in and knowledge of law enforcement and the criminal justice system. She was a career employee with the City of Richmond's Police Department, serving as the Assistant Chief of Police responsible for coordinating all operational activities for Uniformed Operations, Investigative Operations, Organized Crime, Research and Planning, Personnel and Training, and Administrative Operations. Prior to her role as Assistant Chief of Police, she served as an Interim Chief of Police, Deputy Police Chief, Police Captain, and Police Lieutenant. Ms. Gooch managed all aspects of police operations and has extensive experience interacting with other police and law enforcement agencies, public officials, community officials, and the media. Ms. Gooch earned a Bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice from Guilford College, and a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Virginia Commonwealth University. She has completed ongoing professional training from Harvard University, Boston University, and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Institute.



JEANINE HARPER

A licensed social worker with a Master's Degree in Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University, Jeanine Harper has served as Executive Director of Greater Richmond SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) since 1999. She has more than 30 years of experience in nonprofit management. Ms. Harper serves on FACT's (Family and Children's Trust) Child Abuse and Neglect Committee. She has also been a field instructor for graduate interns from the VCU School of Social Work since 1990 and was a VCU adjunct faculty member from 1999-2009. Ms. Harper was recognized as the 2007 Social Worker of the Year by the Virginia Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and received an award in 2008 from the Governor's Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect. Her colleagues identify her as a dedicated leader able to make a difference in the community by identifying key issues affecting disadvantaged people, engaging others in her causes, and implementing innovative, strategic solutions. In 2011, the Better Housing Coalition awarded her with the Creative Collaborator award for her work to create change in our community to better children and families. In October of 2016, Jeanine was named the 2016 Carol S. Fox MAKING KIDS COUNT Award Honoree, recognizing exceptional efforts to better the lives of Virginia's children.



JIM HARRIS

Dr. Jim Harris is the owner of Opportunities Consulting Services and the Associate Director of the West Virginia Autism Training Center at Marshall University. He has worked with children and families throughout his career as an early interventionist, parent educator, educational consultant, and behavioral health therapist. Dr. Harris has presented at a variety of conferences from the local to the international levels on such topics as behavioral intervention, parenting, positive behavior support, trauma-informed care, organizational change, and many more. He is the creator of "10 Things You Need to Know About Kids", an audio program that helps parents and teachers be more effective in their work with children. He has also worked with a variety of public and private entities including the Fred Rogers Company, United States Department of Education, the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children, and many more. For more information about Dr. Harris visit www.ocshelps.com.



DONNA MICHAELIS

Donna Michaelis has been working in the area of school safety since 1985. She began her career as one of the first Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) officers in the Commonwealth of Virginia with the Chesterfield County Police Department. She also served as the county's first Child Safety Coordinator working in 37 elementary schools and 11 middle schools developing the Success Through Education and Proactive Policing (STEPP) prevention curriculum. In 1998, she joined the Department of Criminal Justice Services as a youth safety specialist in charge of school resource officer training. She is currently a manager within the Law Enforcement and Security Services Division of DCJS overseeing Public Safety Training which also incorporates the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety and the Office of Campus Policing and Security. Throughout the years, Donna has worked with many state agencies to partner and collaborate for the school and campus safety professionals she serves. She has also worked on many Governor's initiatives to include 4SAFE VA, KIDSafe Virginia, Prevention Comes First, Governor McDonnell's School and Campus Safety Task Force, and most recently Governor McAuliffe's Task Force on Combatting Campus Sexual Assault.



BRIAN MORAN

Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Brian Moran, has a passion for public service, particularly in the area of public safety, and social justice issues. His unique combination of experience as a practicing attorney, a Democratic leader, former state legislator and as an association executive give him a multi-faceted perspective on how organizations function. Leadership skills are an important part of making any enterprise succeed and Secretary Moran has a demonstrated record of motivating and focusing people in both business and volunteer environments. He draws on his experiences as a local County prosecutor and his twelve years serving in the Virginia legislature. Secretary Moran began his career as judicial law clerk in Arlington, Virginia learning the intricacies of the court system. In 1989 he started his career as County prosecutor where he prosecuted a variety of crimes including murder and rape. He was popularly elected seven times to represent the 46th legislative district comprised of 73,000 citizens in the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County. While in the legislature, Secretary Moran served on the Courts of Justice Committee, the Virginia State Crime Commission and the Board of the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program and the Secure Virginia Panel. As a legislator he focused on numerous public safety issues. He championed and sponsored legislation in the areas of: child abuse, domestic violence, drunk driving, drug interdiction and elder abuse. He forged bipartisan coalitions and support to pass numerous pieces of legislation. Most notably: Alicia's Law, which provides law enforcement the necessary tools to stop internet sexual predators from preying on our children.



FRED ORELOVE

Fred Orelove is Professor Emeritus of Special Education and Disability Policy at Virginia Commonwealth University. He coordinated the teacher preparation program in severe disabilities from 1981-2011, and served as executive director of the Partnership for People with Disabilities from 1991-2011. During that time, Dr. Orelove secured a federal Project of National Significance grant to design training modules on maltreatment of individuals with disabilities for law enforcement personnel, child protective services personnel, and families. He is former chair of the CASA/Children's Justice Act Advisory Council. Since his retirement from VCU, Dr. Orelove has worked closely with Greater Richmond SCAN, including volunteering with their Circle Preschool Project and co-chairing the TICN's Trauma-Informed Schools Committee.



KAMI PATRIZIO

Dr. Kami Patrizio is a qualitative researcher and leader educator with over 20 years of experience in schools, non-profits, and universities. She has conducted evaluations and professional development for federal, state, and district-level school reform initiatives. Kami also consults with superintendents, principals, and teachers about data-based decision-making, school reform, and classroom assessment. She is currently Co-Principle Investigator on the \$914,241 National Institute for Justice Comprehensive School Safety Initiative grant (NIJ-2015-CK-BX-0007) "A Multiple Perspectives Analysis on the School to Prison Pipeline in Virginia". Kami's research focuses on school safety, collaborative partnerships, and globalized leadership preparation. She relies on qualitative and mixed methodologies to examine the intersection of theory and practice, particularly as it relates to issues of global awareness, group process structures, and collaboration. She has been published internationally in top tier journals. Her teaching is closely linked to her research and has garnered her awards, including recognition as Virginia Tech's Teacher of the Week. Kami's masters and doctoral level courses in leadership, personnel supervision, policy, school culture, instructional leadership, curriculum, and research methods rely on arts-based methodologies to promote the critical thinking skills necessary for globally aware leaders. Dr. Patrizio's service is also connected to her research. She played a leadership role in developing the EDEL Program's UCEA Program Accreditation and serves on the Advisory Board for the Qualcomm-Virginia Tech Partnership. She is also a member of the Virginia Tech School of Education's CAEP Advanced Standards Advisory Committee.



NUBIA PEÑA

Ms. Nubia Peña received her *Juris* Doctorate from the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law in May 2016. She was selected as one of 25 law students in the nation to be recognized and highlighted for her social justice activism in the *National Jurist*, a leading news source in legal education. Ms. Peña has actively sought to bring awareness to issues of violence and systemic oppression through her personal and professional endeavors. She has close to a decade's experience assisting survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and victims of violent crimes as a Law Enforcement Victim Advocate. Since 2007, Ms. Peña has been the Training and Prevention Education Specialist at the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault (UCASA) where she developed trainings on Teen Dating Violence, Latino Youth Empowerment, Assisting and Empowering Immigrant Survivors, and Understanding Rape and Sexual Assault. Her most recent endeavors include bringing awareness across the U.S. to the intersections of violence prevention and the School-to-Prison Pipeline, a national epidemic that targets our most vulnerable youth with disproportionate school discipline practices that streamline them into juvenile detention centers. In addition, Ms. Peña is the Program Coordinator for the Racially Just Utah Coalition which has a mission to positively and proactively ensure racial equality in Utah through policy reform, accountability, and education. Ms. Peña received a Bachelor's in Sociology with a Criminology emphasis and graduated with Summa Cum Laude honors from the University of Utah in 2006.



DIETRA TRENT

Dietra Trent was appointed as Secretary of Education by Governor McAuliffe in 2016. She had previously served as Deputy Secretary of Education. She also served as Deputy Secretary of Education in Governor Tim Kaine's administration, and as Director of Constituent Services and Director of the Council on Human Rights under Governor Mark Warner. Dr. Trent earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice from Hampton University, and completed her master's and doctoral degrees in Public Administration and Policy from Virginia Commonwealth University.