

Bios for Keynote Speakers

Adam D. Drummond, EdD, has served as a consultant, manager, director, and keynoter for the International Center for Leadership in Education (ICLE). Adam's servant leadership and passion for making change in the world has offered him the opportunity to work with students, teachers, and leaders across the country and internationally. Adam's mantra—*100 percent of the students, 100 percent of the time*—offers the opportunity to engage teachers and leaders in helping them build their own leadership capacity and skill set to ensure all students receive the very best education possible every single day.

Adam's recent book, *The Instructional Change Agent: 48 Ways to Be the Leader Your School Needs*, was released in June 2019.

Sherry St. Clair is passionate about coaching leaders and teachers to best meet the needs of all students. As a national consultant, she draws from her rich experience at various levels of public education to provide expertise in leadership, effective classroom practices, walkthroughs, use of data, balanced literacy, science, and guidance on how to create a culture of college and career readiness. In addition, Sherry has developed virtual instructional workshops for the CTE Technical Assistance Center of New York. In partnership with the Successful Practices Network, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, and the School Superintendents Association, Sherry latest book, *Coaching Redefined: A Guide to Leading Meaningful Instructional Growth*, was released in 2019.

Erica Battle is an educational powerhouse and innovative thought leader for today's youth, parents, and educators. A former middle-school teacher, Erica's mission is to empower the narrative among young people, their parents, and their teachers to facilitate personal and academic growth. Erica is the author of *Who Are You? A Guide to Help Adolescents Navigate Through the Social and Emotional Issues of Life*. This self-discovery book inspires preteens and teens alike to become more self-aware, personally motivated, and committed to personal and academic excellence.

Patricia Starek has been working both in and out of the classroom to support struggling learners for nearly twenty years. For the past eight years, she has worked for Scholastic and HMH, first as an implementation manager for professional services and now as development director for the Intervention Solutions Group. She has consulted for the Children's Literacy Initiative in the Newark Public School District and for All Kinds of Minds in the New York City Public School District, where she also taught middle school special

education students. Patricia is a certified Orton- Gillingham therapist and holds a master's degree in special education from Bank Street College of Education.

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