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### **IDEAL SPEAKER FOR**

(In-person & Virtual)

Keynotes | Workshop Facilitations
Panels | Hosting/Moderator | Professional Development

### **AUDIENCE**

K-12 Students | College & University
Girls & Women | Educators & Youth Stakeholders | Faith-based

#### **TOPICS**

First-Generation | Youth Advocacy | Motivation & Inspiration Girls & Women Empowerment | Academic Success Overcoming Adversity | School Culture | College & Career Prep.

# Biography

CarolineINSPIRES is a 2x TEDx Speaker who has used her gift of gab and artistic genius to captivate and transform the lives of over 30,000 youth, young adults, and their stakeholders, across more than 16 states, virtually and in-person. As a native of North Tulsa, Oklahoma, her lived experience is a catalyst for her transformative inspiration as a speaker, educator, and artist. Her unapologetic and authentic voice has allowed her to become a force who transforms the spaces of non-profit organizations, correctional institutions, news stations, TEDx stages, primary and secondary schools, higher education institutions, and corporations across the nation such as GirlTrek, NBC4, and The Ohio State University. CarolineINSPIRES is sure to be a light who unapologetically and authentically illuminates every space she occupies which is reflective in her #BE #YOUR #MARK Collection, an apparel line that combines her invigorating inspiration and colorful legacy.

















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As a 2x TEDx Speaker, and 3x TEDx Performer, capturing and transforming the lives of over 30,000+ youth across more than 16 states, virtually and in-person, CarolineINSPIRES Bennett is surely a sought after unapologetic authentic force whose transformative inspiration you would not want to miss! As a speaker, artist, and educator- CarolineINSPIRES uses her gift of gab and artistic genius to Captivate, Create, and Connect with all who she comes in contact with. As her face was featured on shirts for the international retail corporation, Abercrombie & Fitch, For Justice For Joy Mural Tee, CarolineINSPIRES is a highly regarded multifaceted cross cultural influencer, entrepreneur, philanthropist, artist, speaker, author, and educator.

As a native of North Tulsa, Oklahoma, CarolineINSPIRES, often tells people, "my environment was not an excuse to quit but rather it was a reason to keep going!" CarolineINSPIRES is a two-time loan and debt-free first generation college and master's degree school graduate. Having received a Bachelor's degree in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma, and a Master's degree in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality studies from The Ohio State University, she has been intentional about her work inside and outside of academic spaces. Her work is rooted in the community, driven by love, and sustained by faith, creativity, and purpose.

CarolineINSPIRES prides herself in advocating for those who come from communities that mirror the one she grew up in. With more than 10 years of experience in youth and community outreach efforts, she has inspired and served over 5,000+ youth and more than 1k+ families. Her imprint of inspiration, through her educational and community endeavors, has procured over \$37,000 of donations and other essential needs for youth and their families such as food, utilities, furniture, and health services. In her first curated documentary, This Girl! That Smile. Her Spirit, and in her forthcoming books, she endeavors to document the journeys of youth while empowering them to re-write their narrative.

She has unapologetically transformed the spaces of non-profit organizations, correctional institutions, news stations, TEDx stages, primary and secondary schools, higher education institutions, and corporations across the nation. Through her artistic gifts, CarolinelNSPIRES has even left her mark at award shows, festivals, concerts, and TV commercials. She has shared the stage with award winning artists such as Eric Roberson, The HamilTones, Zacardi Cortez, Big Daddy Kane, Da Brat, Musiq Soulchild, and Sa-Roc.

Continuing to use her gifts in exponential ways, Caroline INSPIRES has also achieved the titles of Miss Black OK US Ambassador 2015, Miss Black US Ambassador 1st Runner-Up 2015, and Miss Black Ohio 2019 (resigned). In addition to those achievements, she has also been awarded the 2019 Future History Makers Award and the 2020 Next Up Columbus Award presented by CityPulse Columbus.

Currently, CarolineINSPIRES resides in Columbus, Ohio, where you can find her imprint throughout the city and beyond. Further embodied in her #BE #YOUR #MARK Collection, an apparel line that combines her invigorating inspiration and colorful legacy, she is sure to be a light that unapologetically and authentically illuminates every space she occupies.







