



# Speaker Bios



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# Horst Schulze

A legend and leader in the hotel world, Horst Schulze's teachings and vision have reshaped the concepts of service and hospitality across industries.

Mr. Schulze's professional life began more than 65 years ago as a server's assistant in a German resort town. Throughout the years he worked for both Hilton Hotels and Hyatt Hotels Corporation before becoming one of the founding members of The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company in 1983. There Mr. Schulze created the operating and service standards that have become world famous.

During his tenure at The Ritz-Carlton, Mr. Schulze served as president and COO, responsible for the \$2 billion operation worldwide. It was under his leadership that The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company became the first service-based company to be awarded the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award—twice.

In 1991, Mr. Schulze was recognized as "corporate hotelier of the world" by HOTELS magazine. In 1995, he was awarded the Ishikawa Medal for his personal contributions to the quality movement. In 1999, Johnson & Wales University gave him an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree in Hospitality Management. Most recently, Mr. Schulze was honored with the "Legacy of Innovation and Inspiration Award" by Historic Hotels of America.

After leaving The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, Mr. Schulze went on to found The Capella Hotel Group. This luxury hotel company managed some of the most elite properties worldwide and gave Mr. Schulze the opportunity to further define the luxury hotel industry, receiving countless awards and recognitions.

Today, Mr. Schulze serves as Expert in Residence at Arch + Tower, a boutique, organizational strategy consulting firm. He serves on numerous boards and is a sought-after keynote speaker. He also recently completed his first book, "Excellence Wins." In 2022, Auburn University announced its school of hospitality would forevermore be named The Horst Schulze School of Hospitality Management.







# Jace Rabe

Jace Rabe currently lives in Monroe, GA, with his wife and business partner, Sarah, and two of their four children. He shares the business philosophy of Henry Ford, who said, "*A business that only makes money is a poor business.*" Jace is passionate about creating businesses that impact people and their communities in both practical and spiritual ways. His approach to business is to cast vision, explain the *why*, develop people, and give them opportunities to empower others. Started in 2004, he founded and remains president of Universal Commodities, a US-based food commodities brokerage company. Universal Commodities manages multiple commodity positions for the largest retail chains and brands in the US, Canada, and Mexico.

Jace is also founder and president of Tolaro Global, a cashew nut processor in Benin, West Africa, which employs 650 people, has 7,000 farmers in its network, and has developed two food brands sold on the international market. Tolaro Global is among the top 20 largest employers in Benin and was recognized as the "Best Place to Work" in 2019. In 2023, Tolaro Global was recognized by the Benin government as "the organization contributing the single biggest impact on the country of Benin in 2022." In addition, Jace serves as chairman of the board and co-founder of *Projects for Progress*, a 501c3 non-profit focused on four main pillars: clean water, small business development, education, and healthcare. He has a desire to see businesses leveraged for the advancement of the Kingdom and for business leaders to walk in their complete calling to lead and change the world through their giftings. Jace loves God, loves people, and desires to use his ventures to serve both!



# Natalie Born

Natalie Born is a key speaker, founder, innovation consultant, and the author of “Set It On Fire: The Art of Innovation.” She is the host of the Innovation Meets Leadership podcast and the Thrive Today podcast. Prior to innovation consulting, Natalie was the Senior Vice President of Business Development at a marketing technology firm.

Natalie is an accomplished executive with two approved US patents under her belt and over 18 years of experience leading product development teams. Natalie has worked with organizations such as CareerBuilder, First Data, IHG, and ADP, leading major initiatives in over 18 countries. She currently serves as the Executive Director of Strategy and Marketing for Victory Church in Atlanta, GA. Natalie is married to Aaron and has two daughters.





# Quentin Florence

Dr. Quentin Florence is a co-founder of Coplanar Capital, LLC, where he serves as the Chief Investment Officer. Dr. Florence plays a pivotal role in overseeing the management of the Black Men's Health Tech Fund, which strategically invests in cutting-edge biology and health companies dedicated to combating the CDC's published list of the Top 10 killers of black men.

With an extensive background spanning over two decades in the biotechnology industry, Dr. Florence brings a wealth of experience to his current role. He has held influential positions and made significant contributions to the advancement, quality assessment, and production of research products specifically focused on Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Florence's expertise spans various domains, including market research, product manufacturing, technology transfer, customer relations, research and development, and other administrative and scientific activities.

In addition to his professional achievements, Dr. Florence has made notable contributions as a board member and advisor to multiple companies, including GeneCapture LLC, 100xInvestments, and Share Capital LLC. His valuable insights and expertise have played a pivotal role in shaping the strategic direction of these organizations.

Dr. Florence is the host of the podcast series DR Dialogue (Double-Result Dialogue), where he conducts compelling and insightful interviews with influential guests. The podcast serves as a platform for renowned individuals to share heartfelt stories and personal tributes to men who were tragically lost too soon, inspiring listeners, and fostering a collective commitment to improving health outcomes for black men.

Beyond his professional pursuits, Dr. Florence cherishes his enduring marriage to his beloved wife, Natalie, which has thrived for 18 years. He is a devoted father to his spirited six-year-old daughter, Abigail, who brings boundless joy and energy to his life.



# Stacey Speller

Stacey Speller grew up solving murders. Born in Philadelphia, she is a wife, a twin, a mother, and a lifetime Christian. Her dad was an undercover homicide detective; it was from him that she first learned the importance of solving problems with swift action and clear intention.

Her mission is to teach other women what they are truly capable of, that they are powerful beyond belief, and how they can live a truly Unwavering Life. Drawing from her own experience and faith, Stacey passionately believes that with God all things are possible.

Stacey is also passionate about equipping transformational leaders and helping them become impactful players in a multicultural world. A fierce advocate for bold leadership, Stacey models empowerment through her willingness to have tough conversations with vulnerability and authenticity.

As a Life Strategist for Women Who Lead, Stacey has been privileged to travel throughout North America, Europe, Asia, and Africa in league with bestselling author Dr. John C. Maxwell. She has delivered keynotes and ministered in many of the largest churches and corporations in the region.

Stacey teaches and motivates with transparency and wit that pushes the limits of a leader's potential. As a global problem-solver, Stacey thrives on creating disruptive solutions for bottom-line breakthroughs.

She is the co-creator of *LeaderShift for Women*, a program based on John Maxwell's bestselling book, as well as a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., the International Coaching Federation, and the International Speakers Association. Stacey is married and resides in Atlanta, Georgia.