Leading with Unstoppable Positivity
The world can be a very challenging place—school, our jobs, starting a business, and life in general can all seem impossible to deal with at times. That is why the world needs positive leadership more than ever to overcome the very real challenges that can get in our way. In this talk, Shola will introduce three questions that every positive leader must ask him/herself on a daily basis, while also providing three key techniques to help participants overcome life's inevitable barriers (e.g., difficult people, complacency, burnout, and personal drama, to name a few) and to ensure that they stay committed to positive leadership long after this talk is over.

Tiana Sanchez
Failure is the New Success
This raw presentation helps attendees overcome negative behaviors due to failures in career and life. As unexpected situations occur, causing a rift in our plans, we need to learn how to change our outlook in order to change our outcome. Tiana uses practical tools and first-hand experience to demonstrate positive ways to approach challenges and offers a unique insight into dealing with failures. This “un-cut” message is a spin-off of Tiana's book Undefeatable: Conquering Self-Defeat. Tiana unveils the truth behind failures and teaches the audience how to embrace failures as progressive moments and life-enhancing experiences.

Vernette Doty
Advancing Positive Change in Your Community
The idea of advancing change in a community can be a little overwhelming. How do you go about making your one little voice heard in all the noise around you? The answer is just to speak. It sounds easy, but we all know it’s not. Discover some fun, impactful and inspiring ways you can make your world a better place and be a part of advancing positive change in your community, large or small.

Jackie Ryle
Positive Conflict Mediation
In all organizations you will encounter conflict. Depending upon how those conflicts are handled, they can lead to frustration or to a more positive workplace. Leaders learn to accept the fact that conflicts will naturally arise and that it is possible to deal with them in a way that ultimately strengthens their organization. This session presents the positive side of conflict, and outlines methods for managing and resolving conflict of all types in a wide variety of settings.
James Liu

How to be a Good Mentee
This presentation will focus on building and maintaining relationships with mentors and influential people. You will learn how to receive the maximum benefits from your mentors and how to make these relationships mutually beneficial. A good mentee puts together an action plan, follows through, and builds a long-term relationship. Utilizing the skills discussed in this session, participants will be able to develop their relationships with mentors into life changing experiences.

SESSION 2 | 12:30PM-1:15PM

Shola Richards

The Spirit of the Ubuntu: 8 Keys to Creating a Team That Will Positively Change the World
The African word Ubuntu is often translated to mean “I am, because we are,” This simple, but powerful message will serve as the core message of this talk on creating highly-positive and highly-effective teams. Shola will introduce the 8 keys that must be present on any team that wants to leave a positive impact on the world, while also detailing how to positively cultivate these keys on any team.

Jill Stratton & Jenna Lindbo

Joy and Flow: How to Thrive, Part 1
What brings you alive? When do you thrive? You are invited to attend an engaging workshop, which will explore how individuals and communities thrive. Using positive psychology as a framework, this interactive workshop will encourage students to identify their passions, strengths, and the activities that put them in “flow” and will introduce practical ways of identifying, increasing, and sustaining both joy and flow. The session will utilize writing, dialogue, music, reflection, and other tools to connect students with their passions and their overall happiness and explores how this understanding can lead to effective leadership, positive team work, and future career success.

Renessa Boley Layne

Fast Lane, Wrong Direction: Insider Secrets to College and Career Success
College moves so fast that many students find themselves in the fast lane going in the wrong direction on campus—ill-prepared to capitalize on what could be the time of their lives! In this discussion, Renessa helps students experience “fast lane, right direction” in their career, leadership, and personal life design. Students will be equipped to achieve more, dream bigger, and make a positive impact in college while simultaneously leveraging essential, real-world strategies to position themselves for success after college. These strategies will catapult you leaps and bounds ahead of your peers by graduation.

SESSION 3 | 1:25PM-2:10PM

Brian O’Bruba

Making Teams Click
High-performing teams—those that “click”—pull toward shared goals, and pursues performance excellence through shared leadership, collaboration, open communication, and a sense of accountability among its team members. Participants will learn how to develop and understand the six transformational roles in a high-performing team through the Organizational Performance Model.
Joy and Flow: How to Thrive, Part 2

This workshop builds on the research and applied strategies presented in Joy and Flow (Part 1). We will dive deeper into the principles of positive psychology and the concept of flow as it relates to leadership and team work. Those looking to align their lives and leadership with purpose and heart are encouraged to participate in this workshop, which will utilize writing, dialogue, music, reflection, and other tools. By challenging ourselves to let our lives speak, we will not only increase our joy and create deeper meaning within ourselves, but we will also increase contributions to the communities in which we live, lead, and serve.

Communication: The Importance of Frames of Reference and Mind

Reframing is a way of viewing and experiencing events, ideas, concepts, and emotions to find more positive alternatives. This session presents the concept and application of reframing for yourself and with others to achieve clarity and successful outcomes for communicating effectively. Attend this session if you are hoping to have a more positive impact communicating as a leader.

How to be Irresistible in Leadership and Life

Leadership at the college level is less about the number of positions students hold and more about your ability to harness passion, influence and effectiveness to mobilize people to support a cause you believe in. In this discussion, Renessa shares personal magnetism principles key to connecting with peers, professors and prospective employers. You will develop a confidence and personal power that opens more opportunities for influence and leadership than any other skill student leaders can master!

Get Internships. Succeed After College

Hear personal stories of how Lauren Berger made the most of her opportunities and manages 15 internships during her four years of college. Hear her take on the internship application process, resumes, cover letters, interviews, social media, internship trends, managing a job and an internship, handling paid versus unpaid internships, making the most of an internship, and turning an internship into a job like NO OTHER! Just as students leave her presentations motivated, career centers see an increase in internship participation.