

The National Speakers Association (NSA) Certifies 53 Speaking Professionals

TEMPE, ARIZONA, USA, July 22, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The National Speakers Association® (NSA), the leading organization for the professional speaking industry, is proud to announce 26 professional speakers have earned the [CSP®](#) ([Certified Speaking Professional™](#)) designation in 2021 and 27 professional speakers earned the CSP designation in 2020. Established in 1980, the CSP is the speaking profession's international measure of speaking experience and skill. Only about 17 percent of the speakers worldwide hold this professional designation.

The CSP designation is conferred by NSA on accomplished professional speakers who have earned it by meeting strict criteria. CSPs must document a proven track record of speaking experience and expertise, as well as a commitment to ongoing education, outstanding client service, and ethical behavior. Due to the prior year's annual conference ([INFLUENCE](#)) being held virtually, NSA honored both the 2020 and 2021 CSP recipients during a ceremony at the conference this year on July 10-12, 2021, in Las Vegas, Nevada.



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CSP Class of 2020

“The CSP is the highest earned designation that can be achieved by a member of the National Speakers Association or Global Speakers Federation member associations,” said the NSA Board Chair Mike Staver, CSP. “I’m incredibly proud of all the current and past recipients. Earning the CSP is no small task. To achieve this designation, the professional speaker must show documented proficiency over a minimum of five years, must receive positive evaluations from their clients, and must be evaluated and affirmed through a peer-review process. When meeting

professionals wish to hire a speaker with a high-level of expertise and competency, superior speaking ability, and a proven track record of professionalism and success, they can rely on those who hold the Certified Speaking Professional designation to deliver.”



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*NSA Board Chair Mike Staver,
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Introducing the 2021 Class of Certified Speaking Professionals:

- Gwen Acton, CSP
- Lorri Allen, CSP
- Ryan Avery, CSP
- Katherine Eitel Belt, CSP
- Sheryl Bindelglass, CSP
- Leigh Brown, CSP
- Richard Bryan, CSP
- Carolina Caro, CSP
- Courtney Clark, CSP
- Amy Climer, PhD, CSP

- Lou Diamond, CSP
- Omékongo Dibinga, PhD, CSP
- Melisa Galasso, CSP
- Don Gilman, CSP
- L. Lavon Gray, PhD, CSP
- Valerie Grubb, CSP
- Tyler Hayden, CSP
- Kelli Hildebrand, CSP
- Spencer Horn, CSP
- Matthew Johnson, CSP
- Jeffrey Kortés, CSP
- Rick Lozano, CSP

Annie Meehan, CSP
Mark Schulman, CSP
Carl Seidman, CSP
Tracy Spears, CSP

Introducing the 2020 Class of Certified Speaking Professionals:

Traci Brown, CSP
April Callis Birchmeier, CSP
Maria Church, PhD, CSP
John Edwards, CSP
Darren Ford, CSP
Mike Foster, CSP
Felipe Gomez, CSP
Merle Heckman, EdD, CSP
John Iannarelli, CSP
Ryan Jenkins, CSP
Samuel Jones, PhD, CSP
Alan Mallory, CSP
Michaela Merk, PhD, CSP
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Bob Phibbs, CSP
Marc Pitman, CSP
Michel Poulaert, CSP
Brett Pyle, CSP
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David Rendall, CSP
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Cara Silletto, CSP
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Cynthia Zhai, CSP

For more information on the CSP designation, please call NSA headquarters at (480) 968-2552, or visit our website at www.NSAspeaker.org.

About the National Speakers Association

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for professional speakers.

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