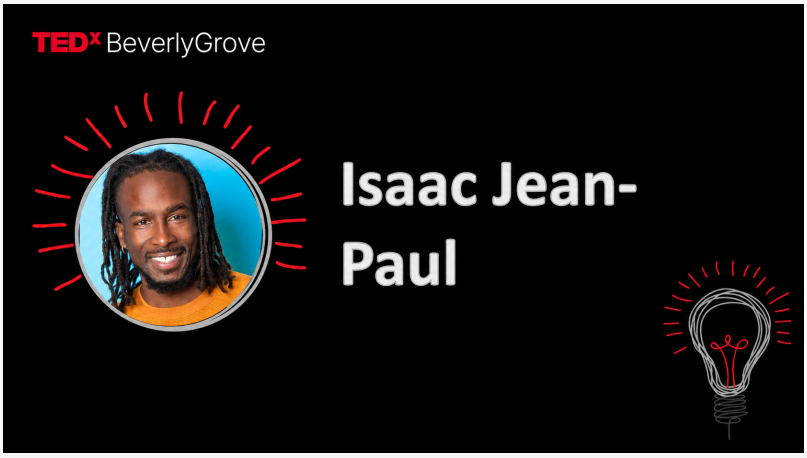
TEDx Talks Releases Isaac Jean-Paul's TEDxBeverlyGrove Talk on Disability, Standards, and the Kindness Ceiling

Isaac Jean-Paul's parents were told not to hold him back. Out of love, they almost did. His TEDxBeverlyGrove talk on the Kindness Ceiling is now live.



Isaac Jean-Paul, a two-time Paralympic medalist and world-record-setting high jumper, TEDx Speaker.

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA, UNITED STATES, October 9, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Isaac Jean-Paul, a two-time Paralympic medalist and world-record-setting high jumper, has released his TEDxBeverlyGrove 2026 talk, "The Kindness Ceiling," naming a pattern he has watched unfold across sport, school, family, and leadership: the moment help quietly lowers the standard instead of raising the structure around it.

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Delivered March 14, 2026 at the Marilyn Monroe Theatre in West Hollywood, the talk traces the idea back to Jean-Paul's own childhood, when his parents' fear over his legal blindness nearly kept him off the football field entirely, and to the coaching career he later built at San Diego State working with adaptive athletes.

The talk is now live as part of TEDxBeverlyGrove's full 2026 speaker series distribution, produced by Marvin V. Acuna.

About Isaac Jean-Paul

Isaac Jean-Paul is a two-time Paralympic medalist, winning bronze in Men's Long Jump T13 at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games and silver in Men's Long Jump T13 at the Paris 2024 Paralympic

Games. He is also a 2017 World Para Athletics Champion in Men's High Jump T13 and set a T13 high-jump world record on his way to gold at the London 2017 World Para Athletics Championships. Diagnosed at age two with X-linked juvenile retinoschisis, Jean-Paul is legally blind and has built an elite career in international athletics while competing in the T13 classification for visually impaired athletes. He is an NCAA Division II national champion, All-American, author, filmmaker, and speaker. He is currently training with an eye toward LA 2028 and the rare possibility of crossing from Paralympic excellence into Olympic competition. Beyond sport, Jean-Paul is the author of several children's books, including Mya's Marvelous Day at the Games, Mya's Black Girl Magic, Understanding Disabilities with Mya, and The Guardians of Orisha. He is also a screenwriter and filmmaker developing projects including the animated feature WINGS, inspired by his lived experience of learning to see beyond sight. Through his community work with Ready Set Gold, Olympic Inspire, and Inclusion Matters, Jean-Paul empowers young people nationwide to embrace identity, resilience, and imagination.

About TEDxBeverlyGrove 2026

TEDxBeverlyGrove 2026, "Reimagining the Possible," was held Saturday, March 14, 2026, at the Marilyn Monroe Theatre, West Hollywood, California. The event brought together twelve speakers, sponsors, brand partners, and volunteers for a full day devoted to ideas worth spreading. Speaker talks are being released online as part of the TEDxBeverlyGrove 2026 speaker series.

About Marvin V. Acuna

Marvin V. Acuna is a TEDx Organizer and Producer. In that role, he curates speakers, ideas, and the architecture of a high-trust live stage. Separate from his work as a TEDx producer, Acuna advises leaders, founders, attorneys, and public figures as a speaking coach and talk architect. He helps clients uncover the idea inside their story, sharpen their message, and deliver it with clarity, authority, and impact. He also serves as Head of Business Strategy for The Lawyers Roundtable and is the founder of MoBal Systems.

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