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Don't miss the 2025 NA4SA-NASSCED Speaker Showcase!

Jointly sponsored by NA4SA and the National Association of State Student Council Executive Directors (NASSCED), this year's Speaker Showcase will take place before the NCSA begins, from **3:05-5:00 p.m.** on Friday December 5. We invite all NCSA attendees to attend this FREE event and meet each of these up and coming speakers – who are eager to share their message to YOUR school or state!

Erin Pompa

A native of New Jersey, **Erin Pompa** has dedicated over 20 years to education, empowering students and educators to shift negative thoughts, build resilience, and strengthen mental well-being. With a MA in Dance Education from New York



University, she served as Dance Director at Rosa L. Parks School of Fine & Performing Arts for 15 years and as an adjunct professor at Berkeley College, teaching The Art of Creativity. Erin is certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid and trained in DCR Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions. Her extensive background in education, the arts, and curriculum design fuels her ability to create engaging, high-energy presentations that stick.

As founder of *TruthSpeaks 365*, Erin is on a mission to ensure every student and educator experiences the real, courageous conversations that change lives. Through *TruthSpeaks 365*, Erin leads a team of exceptional speakers – former educators, mental health professionals, and leaders – who use courageous storytelling and interactive experiences to help students build resilience and make choices they're proud of! You can learn more about Erin at https://ErinPompa.com

Jeff Gerber

A member of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers and the Canadian Student Leadership Association Speaker Team, **Jeff Gerber** is a genuine motivator always striving to learn more and do more – to better school and community.



Jeff has a natural way of connecting with people and moving them to action. He was a leader on his high school campus, active in Student Council, won a bronze medal at the Canadian National High School Debating Championships, and was voted by his peers to be Valedictorian of their graduating class.

As an educator, Jeff led one of the largest and most impactful leadership programs in the province of Ontario. His school's inclusive programs to welcome new students were a model for the region, and their Relay for Life events for the Canadian Cancer Society raised over \$640,000. He also coached several varsity sports to league championships, was recognized as Rep Hockey Coach of the Year, and he directed two school musicals. You can learn more about Jeff at https://jeffgerber.ca



Known by students as the "Dude Who Changed My Life", **Justin Boudreau** is ready to take your event to the next level. A former high school teacher, coach of the year, world traveler, author, and musician, Justin brings his insightful "There YOU Are" vision and expertise in



HUM-ERGY (Humor & Energy) to his mission of empowering students to be their best.

Justin exudes a realness that students can't question. On stage, his heart (not his ego) will inspire your leaders to worry less about being cool and more about leading. Justin's words will resonate with the entire audience and motivate students to start accepting themselves and understanding others. He is also the founder & Executive Director of Gear UP for Excellence, offering affordable high quality leadership retreats to non-profit organizations and student associations across the country. Justin is the co-author of the book for teens "Gearing Up: Inside & out for a great life". You can learn more about Justin at https://www.espeakers.com/marketplace/profile/5311/justin-boudreau

Dr. Laura Rizo

A former teacher and school counselor, **Laura Rizo** aims to inspire youth to be boundless in overcoming obstacles and be their true authentic self. She strives to inspire adults to reach hearts before minds and face their own challenges head



on with tenacity, while championing their own well-being.

Born and raised in the projects, Laura Rizo's passions and research focus on overcoming poverty, mental illness, an identity crisis, and a lack of self-love has reached the hearts of youth and adults. As a classroom teacher, her philosophy of education was to teach life before content. As a counselor, she aims to develop connections with students that go beyond academics. She has been a youth mentor for over 20 years with various organizations including Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Extreme Youth Leadership, Project MALES, AVID, and Teens in the Driver Seat. She received three consecutive awards as Texas Sponsor of the Year for Texas Teens in the Driver Seat, Bilingual Teacher of the Year for her former district, and served as AVID Coordinator for a National Demonstration School. Dr. Rizo earned her doctorate from the National University School of Education, focusing on Social-Emotional Learning. You can learn more about Laura Rizo at https://rizospeakslife.com/

Speaker Showcase - Schedule:

- 3:05-3:10 Welcome and Introductions
- 3:10-3:30 Speaker One
- 3:35-3:55 Speaker Two
- 4:00-4:20 Speaker Three
- 4:25-4:45 Speaker Four
- 4:45-5:00 Interaction Time with our Speakers