



Keynote Speaker Bio:

Author, diversity expert Devin James, has overcome insurmountable odds. The Memphis, Tennessee native was raised in poverty and was exposed to gang violence at an early age. Although James dropped out of high school and encountered youthful challenges, he went on to earn a GED and attend college. While attending the University of Memphis, Devin was shot in a robbery at his workplace leaving him with a permanent disability that caused him to withdraw from classes during his senior year.

In 2004, James founded his company and has since flourished as a serial entrepreneur. His national media placements include PR Week, CNN, MSNBC, and Black Enterprise Magazine. As a result of his father's recent near fatal battle with colon cancer, Devin increased his agency investment into disease prevention, public health equity and social leadership issues and spearheaded a national campaign for leading advocacy organization on colon and rectal cancers, Fight Colorectal Cancer.

In 2015, James became an author with the release of his first books on race, empowerment and entrepreneurship, Inside Ferguson: A Voice for the **Voiceless**. The memoir is a multi-pronged thesis on institutional racism, cultural competence implicit bias and other social justice issues. As part of American history, the tell-all details his experiences working with Ferguson officials and Missouri government immediately after Michael Brown was shot. On its way to being a best seller; the book is submitted for the 2015 Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change National Book Award, and received a nomination by the North American Society for Social Philosophy for the 2015 book of the year award which is offered to the book that makes the most significant contribution to social philosophy.



EVENT DETAILS

Saturday April 16th 2016

Reynolds High School

1698 SW Cherry Park Rd Troutdale, OR

8:30 - 3:30 PM

Click Here or Link for Registration:

http://tinyurl.com/2016RSDequity

Reynolds Staff: FREE
All Other Attendees: \$49

Portland State Credit Available!

Light Breakfast and Lunch Included!

Sessions Include:

- Featured Speaker: Donna Maxey, RACE TALKS Founder/Director
- Local and State Presenters Highlighting Best Practices
- Equity Trainers from Color Outside the Lines
- Kate Gigler, Trauma Informed Practices
- Rachel Cunliffe, Restorative Justice Specialist
- Tim Blackburn, Education Northwest
- Expert Educators with Classroom Applications