

# DARRYL BELLAMY

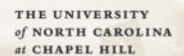
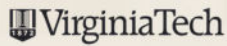
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## PROFESSIONALS & ASSOCIATIONS

**Darryl delivered an engaging and impactful keynote that set the tone for our conference.**

From the very beginning, it was clear that he captured the attention of everyone in the room, regardless of the roles they play in k-12 or higher education. His insights were relevant to both educators and students alike, encouraging us to embrace courage and fear less. In today's world, where everything is scrutinized and the fear of making a mistake can feel overwhelming, his message was timely and empowering. Darryl's keynote was exactly what we needed to hear, and it resonated with all of us.

— MEGAN DORTON

Program Chair, INACAC 2025 Conference



**Our initial phone conversation confirmed Darryl as an ideal speaker for our event.**

His charismatic personality was obvious, even over the phone. As a creative thinker and skilled communicator, Darryl masterfully blends humility with humor to create captivating stories that resonate deeply. His message of transitioning from fearful to fearLESS is powerful and motivating for educational leaders who are always looking for ways to inspire and to ignite positive change.

— BELINDA NEAL, ED.D.

Associate Executive Director of Instruction,  
Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors  
Association (TEPSA)



# "DARRYL YOU WERE **INCREDIBLE** AT NOSS!!!!"

**Thank you from the bottom of my heart for "bringing it!"**

The need for our hundreds of educational professionals to self-reflect and recognize fears, as well as see those around us who have fears, is incredibly important. We truly appreciate you for being a part of NOSS 2024."

— ANNETTE COOK

VP of Events, National Organization of Student Success



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# DARRYL BELLAMY'S PRESENTATION FOR OUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WAS NOTHING SHORT OF EXTRAORDINARY.

From the moment he began speaking, he captured the full attention of our team with his electrifying energy, inspiring words, and compelling message. His ability to connect with such a diverse group of people left us all motivated, empowered, and equipped to tackle the challenges ahead with our students. We were thoroughly impressed with his engaging delivery and the depth of insight he shared. We are incredibly grateful for the impact he made and would be thrilled to have him return to speak with our students in the future.”

— KHRISTI LAUREN ADAMS

Executive Director of Community & Belonging, St. Paul's Schools



## “Darryl Bellamy’s session with our interns was nothing short of transformative.”

His dynamic approach to embracing fear and using it as a catalyst for personal growth resonated deeply with everyone present. Through engaging stories and actionable advice, Darryl empowered our interns to confront their fears and pursue their dreams with newfound confidence.”

**Amway**

— MEDINA IMAMOVIC

Talent Acquisition Specialist, Amway

“The entire presentation was great.  
Really helped reframe some heavy  
things on my mind professionally  
and personally.”



— C.T.

Legal Team, CR

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# **"ELECTRIFYING SPEAKER,**

**exuding boundless energy, engagement, and profound wisdom  
when it comes to fearlessly embracing your authentic self"**

— CASSANDRA WHITLOW

Talent Acquisition, AAA, The Auto Care Group



# **"I'D RATE YOUR PROGRAM A 5!"**

**From the planning process through execution your attention  
to detail was unmatched! Your content resonated with such a  
wide variety of folks, it moved me to tears!"**

— LAUREN LEWIS

Marketing & Event Specialist, Imagine Software

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# **"DARRYL BELLAMY IS THE REAL DEAL**

**He possesses an uncanny, natural and infectiously positive nature  
combined with a wealth of polished skills as a speaker and facilitator."**

— ERIC ROWLES

Owner and CEO of Leading to Change



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## COLLEGE & UNIVERSITIES

LEADERSHIP / STUDENT ACTIVITIES



# DARRYL FACILITATED AN AMAZING AND INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP FOR THE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA.

This conference is designed to provide students with the tools needed to succeed as engaged and active leaders in global community. Darryl definitely fulfilled this need for our students. His energy and passion kept our students engaged and entertained at the same time. Darryl also provided excellent customer service throughout the entire process and even stayed throughout the duration of our day-long conference! I would definitely recommend booking Darryl for any retreat, conference or program."

— RAVEN S. JOHNSON

Coordinator for Student Leadership Programs Center for Student Involvement, University of South Florida



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SOUTH FLORIDA

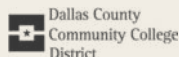
## "DARRYL WAS TRULY THE RIGHT FIT FOR OUR STUDENTS!"

They loved him!!

He was personable, relatable, engaging and the perfect balance between high energy and being mellow. He was flexible enough to smoothly transition from facilitator mode to chill and hang out mode then back to facilitator mode throughout a 12-hour non-stop day of activities."

— KRISTI BATTLES

Student Life Coordinator, Dallas County Community College System



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**“Ball State has had Darryl Bellamy come to campus 5 or more times and there is always a resounding excitement from students each time.**

Darryl takes the time to have conversations with students before and after his talk, and is extremely personable. He is easy to work with and offers a message that is impactful and insightful.”



— **BRIDGET WEBSTER**

Assistant Director of Student Life, Ball State University

**“I have had the pleasure of working with Darryl as a keynote speaker for two different institutions and he has been incredible both times!**

Darryl is incredibly engaging and cares deeply about the students he works with. His focus on overcoming fear is a different take on leadership keynotes and my students enjoyed how much they learned about themselves. I would recommend Darryl to anyone who is looking for a leadership speaker to come to their institution!”



— **NICHOLAS GRANT**

Coordinator of Transitions and Leadership,  
Monmouth University



**“DARRYL WAS  
OUTSTANDING!**

**He challenged our students to think about how they have so much leadership potential and their fears need to be quieted. Our students said this was the best speaker they have ever heard on our campus, and want him back!”**

— **ALY MCKENNA**

Assistant Director for the Student Involvement, Methodist University



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## COLLEGE & UNIVERSITIES

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

# "THIS WAS THE **FOURTH EVENT** IN WHICH DARRYL SERVED AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER..."

(two in-person speaker), and we were **ABSOLUTELY FLOORED** at his ability to engage participants virtually as well. Darryl continues to evolve his delivery each time, making the most of in-person and online events."

—ERIC EDISON

Coordinator of Educational Program, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity

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"Darryl kept our students **incredibly engaged** in the virtual space—to the point that our chat was so supportive for other students and their recognition that it had issues loading!

There were so many great takeaways that our students are still talking about even though the program has ended, and they are looking for ways to create their own Fearless Leader awards."



—KRISTEN KARDAS

Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Indiana State University



"Darryl is high energy and one of the most engaging speakers I have ever seen.

He had our students laughing, singing, snapping and sharing real fears. I have heard nothing but positive responses from our students since."

—NELLIE FORKER

AD of Sorority & Fraternity Life, Bucknell University

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## COLLEGE & UNIVERSITIES

FIRST-YEAR & ORIENTATION

# “DARRYL WAS UPBEAT AND **HAD THE AUDIENCE** **ENGAGED** FROM THE MINUTE HE STEPPED ON STAGE.

He connected with the students and it was interesting watching how they responded to what he was saying. The “I fear” messages were powerful, so powerful that I am having them typed up to give to faculty to show them what our students are dealing with on an everyday basis.”

—JOY BRITTAIN

Director for FYE and Student Support, Mary Baldwin University



“  
**Darryl has been a speaker for our Welcome Week at Marian University for the last two years and we’re looking forward to bringing him back for years to come.**

His “First Year Fearless” program is engaging, fun, exciting, and thought-provoking. Darryl really knows how to get the energize a theater full of college freshmen and give them the confidence to conquer their fears as they enter college. Our students rave about this program and love how Darryl creates an environment where they can be vulnerable with their peers. If you’re looking for a welcome week speaker, we certainly recommend Darryl.”

—TYLER PAUL

Assistant Director of First Year Experience, Marian University, Indianapolis



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# DARRYL REALLY HAS A KNACK FOR **CONNECTING** WITH STUDENTS.

His energy was matched by the crowd. He was able to handle the high-energy crowd but also bring them down to lower energy when needed for the presentation. Students left knowing that they can reach out to him personally is such a strong note that it gives students a feeling that they are not just given this material and have to fend for themselves, they can communicate and ask questions and check back in with Darryl after his presentation is over."

—NICK MIGLIORINO

Director of Student Engagement, St. Thomas Aquinas College



"We've had Darryl at Auburn

## **FIVE TIMES**

and we are always amazed at his ability to transform a group of students from nervous and fearful about what's next to wanting to take on new opportunities."



—JASMINE PRINCE

Assistant Director for Inclusive Excellence,  
Auburn University

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## YOUTH & SCHOOLS

LEADERSHIP / MOTIVATION / RESILIENCE

# "DARRYL BELLAMY WAS ELECTRIFYING!"

Mr. Bellamy had a great sense of what his audience needed and he delivered that brilliantly. His ability to relate to our Beaus & Belles, Kappa Scholars, parents and all 850+ in attendance was nothing short of MESMERIZING."

— RODNEY BYRD

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Committee Chair



"Darryl has an incredible way of connecting with young people.

His energy, enthusiasm and passion for youth empowerment and student leadership is unique and truly inspiring!"



— KELLIE GOODWIN FAULKNER

Program Analyst, California Friday Night Live Partnership

"The decision to bring Darryl Bellamy to speak with our 6th through 12th-grade students was one of the best decisions our organizations has made this year, and possibly ever.

Darryl has such a striking way of connecting with students on a topic that most people shy away from: fear. His presentation of material, upbeat attitude, and dedication to making change happen is inspirational."

— BRITTANY DWYER

Mental Health Association of Fauquier County

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## YOUTH & SCHOOLS

INDEPENDENT, PRIVATE & PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS



**...he entirely held the attention of 600+ students in grades 7-12 for an hour-long assembly (first thing in the morning!),**

and it was incredible to see how courageously they shared their fears. By being vulnerable and accessible himself, he gained the trust of our students. After his presentation, he spent several hours talking with our students during lunch. He is genuinely interested in young people and in helping to remove the stigma of talking about fears so that we can fear less!"

— JEN HAMILTON

Director of Psychology and Counseling, Noble and Greenough School



NOBLE AND  
GREENOUGH  
SCHOOL

**"The kids loved it!**

You were engaging, energetic, and really met our student body where they were. I would highly recommend your program to any school! All of our students had a lot of fun and walked away with a variety of learning opportunities."



FORMAN

— ALLIE MAXWELL

Director of Student Life, The Forman School



**"YES! ABSOLUTELY DO IT.  
HE IS AWESOME."**

**Our students LOVED him** and he was great for our community in naming fear and connecting that back to our overall objectives. He has been a pleasure!

— RAQUEL MAJESKI

Associate Head of School, Lawrence Academy



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# “MR. BELLAMY'S PRESENTATION WAS ACTIVE AND ENGAGING.”

He has a gift for engaging adolescents through his shared experiences and activities. Several student shared with me after the event that he was one of our best speakers. They were able to relate to his story. The information he shared connected with the students. They could relate to the applicability of his message. Particularly helpful was his concept to be fear(less). Not to do stupid things, but to overcome the fear that stops you from achieving your goals and experiencing life more fully.

— MARK,  
School Clinician, Hill School



## “ HIGH ENERGY AND HIGH IMPACT.”

Darryl Bellamy is exactly what we needed! He had a way of talking about issues of wellness, diversity, and community that connected so deeply with our students. He uses humor, deeply personal testimonials, and student voices to deliver a much-needed message: you can overcome your doubts and fears and don't have to do it alone. We are in this together and Darryl Bellamy is now part of our extended village.

— JULIAN K. BRAXTON  
Director of Community and Inclusion, The Winsor School

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## YOUTH & SCHOOLS

TRIO / UPWARD BOUND

"Darryl was energetic and kept the student's attention from start to finish.  
Since the student's opinions matter more than mine..."

Here are a few quotes from our exit tickets:

**"I WISH ALL SESSIONS  
WERE THIS FUN."**

**"I learned about fears most students have & and you  
are never alone in your thoughts. This has been my  
favorite session to date."**

— JORDAN CARTER

Assistant Director TRIO/Upward Bound, Central Carolina Community College



**Our TRIO program was in need of a highly engaging  
speaker who could challenge our students to push through  
the challenges of COVID. Darryl implemented an awesome  
3 Day session with the students tying his keynote topic  
"From Fearful to Fearless" into their personal, educational,  
social and practical aspects of life.**

Many students who rarely respond were actively engaged with Darryl because of his high energy personality. If you're looking for a speaker who meets young people where they are, challenges them to push past who they limit themselves to be, and provides a unique skill set in how to grow into a fearless human being, Darryl is the person for you to connect with!!!

— ANTHONY MITCHELL

Educational Talent Search Coordinator, St. Augustine's University

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