

Opening Conference Speaker



An accomplished business executive, government official and humanitarian, Byron V. Garrett is a true renaissance man. One of the most compelling and inspirational voices of our time, Byron is CEO of the National Family Engagement Alliance (NFEA), a nonprofit dedicated to transforming education through meaningful family engagement. Byron understands the intersectionality of family and community engagement in the context of education having served as K-8 school Principal, former education policy advisor to the Governor of Arizona and a federal program leader for USDA and DHS. Byron served as the Co-Convener of The Helping America's Youth Initiative for The White House. In addition, Garrett served as the CEO of the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and lead strategist for NBC News' Education Nation. Byron is the former Director of Educational Leadership & Policy for Microsoft and Scholastic author.

Author of the highly popular, *The ABC's of Life* and the Byron V. Garrett Social Emotional Learning Collection published by Scholastic, Byron continues to celebrate the success of *There's Greatness on the Inside*, his first children's book and its adult companion, *Motivated for Greatness*. In the fall of 2019, Garrett will release his 10th book, *When Life Gives You Lemons...Turning Adversity, Doubters & Failures into Fuel for Success*.

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Book Signing

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