

Darrius Garrett

Author | Actor | Motivational Speaker | Mental Health Advocate
Original Freedom Writer

"Darrius is an outstanding author and speaker. His story and message paint a realistic view of what it takes to develop a more productive mindset regardless of circumstances. In doing so, he changed how we all see the world and defined the contributions needed to influence everyone around us".

Garrison Wynn – Keynote Speaker/Bestselling Author

PAST ENGAGEMENTS

- * National University
- * Santa Fe Youth Services
- * Youth Links
- * West Seneca Youth Bureau
- * AmeriCorps
- * Century Community Charter School
- * Chester Middle School
- * Youth Empowerment Conference
- * Woodrow Wilson High School
- * Dorothy McKinney Middle School
- * Troy University
- * The Morgan School
- * Onondaga Community College
- * Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility
- * International Elementary School
- * Deerfield Beach Middle School
- * The G.A.P.S Foundation
- * San Antonio High School
- * Outreach Program
- * National Day of Service
- * North Hennepin Community College
- * Hennepin Technical College
- * Minneapolis Public Schools
- * Youth Wellness Conference
- * Bailey Middle School
- * Eastside High School

We would love for your group to be next!

Biography

Bestselling Author, Motivational Speaker, Mental Health Advocate, YouTuber and Original Freedom Writer Darrius Garrett transitioned from the hood to humanitarian, reaching heights he could once only imagine.

As an inner-city youth of Long Beach, California, Garrett could have quickly become a product of his environment but instead rose to become a community pillar. He became a New York Times bestselling author at a young age when he co-wrote *The Freedom Writers Diary* along with his classmates and teacher Erin Gruwell, which inspired the 2007 movie *Freedom Writers* starring Hilary Swank. In the film, Garrett is portrayed as the heart-wrenching character Marcus. He also wrote and performed the song "Change" for the movie's soundtrack. Garrett's most recent works include his personal memoir *Diary of a Freedom Writer: The Experience* expressing his trials, triumphs and failures before, after & during his time as a Freedom Writer.

Motivating his audiences with his story of hope, tolerance, and action, Garrett encourages his audience to become the fire that ignites change as his motto and goal is to Educate, Encourage & Inspire all.

Speaking Topics

Darrius is very open to tailoring his presentation based on the specific goals of your event. His speeches typically utilize a time frame of 1 hour. **(20 min video/30 min speech and 10 min or more for questions)** Yet it can be tailored to fit most time-frames less than or longer than 1 hour. Below are a few examples of programs & talks that Darrius can provide at your next event.

- **Hustling to Hope** - shares his inspiring story of homelessness, struggle & strength that was partly written in the New York Times Bestselling Book *Freedom Writers Diary*.
- **Mayhem to Mentor** - Importance of Youth & Peer to Peer Mentor-ship. How to transfer your pain to passion
- **From a lower level to leadership** - Focus on Great leadership skills & developing interpersonal work
- **Importance of Teachers Who Cares** - Becoming an inspiration through education
- **Mentally Speaking** - Stories of his battles with mental health and the importance of seeking help

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