

Shaun Derik

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About Shaun Derik

For over a decade, motivational speaker, emcee and engagement strategist, Shaun Derik has dedicated his career to helping dreamers young and old reconnect with their passion and natural-born gifts. Through his dynamic message delivery, which is a blend of live music and comedy, audience members are able to locate disruptive patterns, reframe their circumstances, and leave Shaun's presentations feeling motivated and energized; as a result are encouraged to take massive steps towards the achievement of their life-long goals.

Shaun's expertise in effective youth engagement derives from his 15 years in youth development, 10 years in prevention, and 7 years in corporate team-building and philanthropic event planning. His most notable work has been in Character Development serving such worthy causes as The Mississippi Department of Education's Dropout Prevention program, Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York Youth Advocate team training, The National Police Activities League, and ABC Virginia's Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Project. Just months before the major shutdown, Shaun was asked to host the West Virginia Gamechangers Opioid Awareness Conference where he engaged and inspired over 200,000 live via PBS broadcast and over 20,000 people in person.

His work in education, philanthropy, and media has afforded him the opportunity to reach more than 700,000 dreamers globally and has been featured on CBS, NBC, Essence.com, and a host of other media outlets. Whether on stage, in the classroom, or in front of the camera, Shaun Derik continues to outline the key components for how to live a life worth talking about.

Select Keynotes

• Use Your Inside Voices - Middle/High School

Now more than ever young people have the power to change the world. Though advances in technology has made life more convenient for some, social media and reality programming has made mindless behavior, drug abuse, bullying, and a lack of respect for others widely acceptable – making it hard for others. In, Use Your Inside Voices, Shaun recounts how "finding his voice" helped him stand up for himself and others. Shaun Derik outlines the tools necessary for your students to become agents of change in their homes, schools, and communities.

• Dreams & Detours - Middle/High School

Using the metaphor, life is a song, Shaun teaches listeners to pay attention to the music playing in their heads and to be mindful of negative influences and how we treat others. Just like the components of a successful production, this presentation challenges you to learn, practice, and perform positive habits. With a strong background in the performing arts, Shaun combines the importance of vision and an awareness of the world around us with an unbeatable plan of success. He tells the story of his own struggles while exercising his acting muscles, displaying years of conservatory dance training, and ending every conflict-filled story with a powerful message to never give up.

• Back To Your Future - Middle/High School

In High School, the term "Back to School" can take on a whole new meaning: For some of our young people, back to school can mean back to a stressful peer environment: being picked-on on the school bus, sitting alone in the cafeteria, or just not feeling adequate enough to learn. Back to Your Future outlines the importance of being future-minded, increases school spirit, builds camaraderie, and gives your students the momentum they need to start their year off on the right foot.

• Back To Your Future - College

After high school, the term “Back to School” takes on a whole new meaning: a new perspective, diverse surroundings and a crash course in adulthood. Some students will know exactly what they want to do, some will have no idea, but all are sure to experience 3 things in a way they have never experienced before: Independence, freedom, and extreme pressure. This presentation outlines the importance of being future-minded, builds camaraderie, and gives each individual student real life tools needed for them to be on par with their chosen path.

- **Saying Something - Adult (Youth Advocate)**

“Speaking is easy...saying something is the hard part”. Youth empowerment coach Shaun Derik takes you on a journey into the minds of some of the most influential people of our time, exploring the common trait that made them all famous- great communication! With a person-to- person approach, Shaun helps adults learn to be sincere, direct and transparent when dealing with young people. This workshop promotes connecting to youth through meaningful conversation and effective communication that build lasting relationships.

Select Articles

- [Photo Flash: Stars of HAMILTON and More Perform at 'Off the Kuff' New Year's Eve Blowout](#)

The star-studded soirée was hosted by nationally recognized motivational speaker and engagement expert Shaun Derik and TV/film actor and Broadway performer Ephraim Sykes (Vinyl, Leave It On the Floor, Hamilton). BroadwayWorld has photos from the event.

Select Testimonials

“Having worked in youth services for over 15 years, I've seen individuals get burned out. For our Youth Empowerment Worker Conference, Shaun facilitated a workshop that left participants feeling excited, with a fresh connection with their organizations mission and purpose. Unanimously participants rated Mr. Derik's workshop the highest.”

— - Aleesha, MA Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City Associate Program Manager

On behalf of Virginia Union, I would like to formally thank you for speaking at the ABC Conference. Your presentation was interactive, informative, constructive yet entertaining. The use of your talent was mind-blowing."We really enjoyed it and look forward to you possibly coming to speak during our Alcohol Awareness Week. Once again Thank you for everything!"

— Yazmean Reeses Virginia Union, VA