



Caylin Moore

Author, Rhodes Scholar & Aspiring Professor

Celebrated author and sought-after inspirational speaker, Caylin Moore invigorates audiences with wisdom from his journey of overcoming seemingly insurmountable obstacles to striving to leave the world better than he found it. His against-all-odds journey from the cruel poverty of a gang-ridden Los Angeles community to becoming a Rhodes Scholar is detailed in his acclaimed book, *A Dream Too Big: The Story of an Improbable Journey from Compton to Oxford*. His work has been featured by *Good Morning America*, *Sirius XM Radio*, *ABC News*, *NBC LA*, *Home and Family*, *Hallmark Channel*, and *The 700 Club* amongst other media outlets. His book was named a *Good Morning America Anchor's Favorite Books of 2019*, was an Amazon Bestseller in Sociology of Urban Areas and came out in paperback in June of 2020.

A burgeoning thought leader, Caylin seeks to reform the way we think about and respond to gang membership, education and urban poverty. His experiences growing up in Compton and South Central Los Angeles inform his scholarly interests. By taking advantage of the limited educational opportunities in his community, Caylin excelled through high school and college to become a US-UK Fulbright Summer Institute fellow at the University of Bristol and a Public Policy and International Affairs Junior Summer Institute fellow at Princeton University amongst other prestigious academic awards and fellowships. As a student-athlete at Texas Christian University, he became founder and president of S.P.A.R.K. a community outreach organization encouraging youth to pursue education as a means of community uplift. Caylin's sustained mentorship and engagement with disadvantaged communities has led his work with S.P.A.R.K. to be featured as part of his November 2016 ESPN cover story and recognition as a member of the 2017 AllState Good Works® Team.

After undergraduate studies at Texas Christian University, he went on to become a 2017 Rhodes Scholar. Caylin is a 2019 graduate of the University of Oxford in England where he earned his masters of science in Latin American Studies. Caylin is currently earning his PhD in Sociology at Stanford University, aspiring to become a university professor. As a professor, Caylin looks forward to researching the seemingly intractable issues of gang violence, poverty and how they are affected by policies that have been implemented to harm African-American and Latino communities. He also plans to conduct research on gang membership in Latin America,



as well as write about his theory of "Dream Inequality," which illuminates the factors that constrict aspirations for youth in adverse circumstances.

Caylin Moore has garnered much praise for his keynote speaking abilities and his gift of storytelling. He connects with a wide spectrum of audiences, as he works closely with clients to customize his speaking to align with the objectives of a particular event. Whether he is speaking about *A Dream Too Big*, the collaboration between education and community, dealing with pressures to succeed, carving out meaning, navigating higher education as a person of color, or dream inequality, his presentations are rich with actionable takeaways and leave audiences awe-inspired. Caylin has spoken at a multitude of high-impact venues: non-profit organizations such as the NCAA, community organizations such as the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania, and institutions of higher education such as Yale University, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Texas at Austin to name a few.

As a testimony to his power to communicate through writing, notable figures have praised *A Dream Too Big*. #1 *New York Times* Best-selling author Ron Hall called his book "an inspiring tale that should be mandatory reading for every student, parent, and anyone else interested in the success of those who will shape and define our future." *New York Times* Best-selling author Wes Moore said, "Caylin's story is not just inspirational, it is instructional." Emmy-Award Winning Anchor of *Good Morning America* and Pro-Football Hall of Famer Michael Strahan said, "What an inspiring story. How he was able to use his wits and his smarts to stay out of trouble and to excel in life... I thought that this book needed to be put out there in the forefront because you can never have a dream too big to accomplish." Caylin's story proves that there is no such thing as a dream too big.

Topics:

- Dream Too Big: The Story of an Improbable Journey from Compton to Oxford
- Finding My Way & Carving Out Meaning
- Dealing with Pressures to Succeed
- Navigating Higher Education as A Person of Color
- The Collaboration Between Education & Community
- Dream Inequality: It's Difficult to Dream Here
- Pathways Created Through Fellowship & Scholarships