

# Keynote Speaker: Derek Canty



Derek Canty is the CEO and founder of Winning Edge, Inc., a training and facilitation company based in Las Vegas. Winning Edge provides training, consulting and coaching solutions to help individuals and organizations achieve maximum personal and organizational effectiveness. Winning Edge provides comprehensive intervention that supports organizational change, team effectiveness, leadership development, employee engagement and individual performance.

After graduating from Columbia University, Derek harnessed his skills of marketing and business strategy implementation with top Fortune 500 companies Xerox, Procter & Gamble and the New York Life Financial Company. In 1991, he followed his true passion and switched careers, working with youth serving non-profit organizations. Bringing heart, passion and a thirst to heal youth, families and communities, Derek has worked with over 20,000 youth in 30 major cities across the United States and internationally in 3 countries. He has trained and empowered thousands of probation officers, teachers, mentors and youth workers, giving them tools to be more effective with today's youth. Derek was honored by his selection as one of the lead program facilitators for President Clinton's First Annual Young Adult Symposium at Georgetown University in 2003.

Derek is also the co-founder of College Summit, Inc., a national social non-profit organization that is based in Washington, DC with 7 regional offices. College Summit's mission is to increase the college enrollment rates of low income communities across America. Derek designed "Rap Training," a leadership development training program for College Summit alumni that trains them to motivate and coach peer leaders at summer workshops and at their respective schools. Over 200 College Summit staff and alumni have gone through the training program. He has also developed in-school youth development tools for College Summit that are used in classrooms around the country. In 2007, Derek helped spearhead the initial Diversity & Inclusion department for College Summit, where he served as Chief Diversity Officer for 2 years.

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