KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Opening Keynote:

Margaret Sabin

Margaret joined Penrose-St. Francis Health Services as the President & CEO in November 2008. She oversees the daily operations of the 522-bed system, which includes Penrose Hospital, St. Francis Medical Center, St. Francis Health Center, Penrose Mountain Urgent Care Center, Penrose Community Urgent Care, Penrose Urgent Care at Cripple Creek and the Penrose-St. Francis Health Learning Center. In July 2009, Margaret was also named the South State Hospital Group president for Centura Health, overseeing operations at all three Centura hospitals in Southern Colorado, Penrose-St. Francis in Colorado Springs, St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center in Pueblo, and St. Thomas More Hospital in Canon City. Additionally, she serves as chair of Centura Health’s Trauma Council, leading the first integrated health care network nationally to establish a trauma system linked to its own facilities and services with 20 facilities and a variety of essential services. She also serves as chair of Centura Health’s Oncology Council. From 2005-2008, Margaret was the CEO of Sutter Health Partners and Vice President of New Product Development for Sutter Health in Sacramento, Calif. Prior to that, she was CEO of Marin Community Health for five years, which included Sutter Health affiliates Marin General Hospital and Novato Community Hospital. She has also served as CEO of the Yampa Valley Medical Center in Steamboat Springs, Colo. and Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colo. In addition, she has been the Vice President for EMS and Trauma for the HealthONE Corporation. She was named one of the Colorado Springs Business Journal’s “Women of Influence” in 2009, and one of the Bay Area’s 100 Most Influential Women in Business by the San Francisco Business Times in 2003 and 2004. Margaret is also a certified fitness instructor with the American Council on Exercise.

Closing Keynote:

Rhett Laubach

Rhett Laubach has changed the way thousands of people across the nation think about leadership. As a professional speaker, author, presentations coach, Personal Leadership Insight expert and owner of YourNextSpeaker, LLC, he has taught leadership skills for 20 years, to one million audience members and in 47 states, the Bahamas and Canada. Rhett's clients include students, educators and business professionals in the agriculture, sales, human resource, banking, health, transportation and insurance industries. His programs are high-energy and high-impact. Rhett’s primary focus is the development of Personal Leadership Insight: “our ability to positively influence people and situations create value and growth.” This curriculum includes a vast array of assessments, program content and on-line resources. He authors two popular blogs: Personal Leadership Insight is his leadership blog and Authenticity Rules is his presentation coaching blog. Rhett lives in Edmond, Oklahoma and is a dedicated Christian, husband, father and community leader. As a seasoned veteran, he guarantees to make you think, make you laugh, and make you better!

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World Champion Slam Poet:

Theo Wilson

Theo "Lucifury" Wilson is a founding member of the Denver Slam Nuba team, who won the National Poetry Slam in 2011. He began his speaking career in the N.A.A.C.P. at the age of 15, and has always had a passion for social justice. He attended Florida A&M University, where he obtained his B.A. in Theater Performance. Upon graduating, he interned as a full time actor in St. Louis Black Repertory Company, where he was introduced to Slam Poetry, and has never looked back. In 2004, he returned to Denver, winning many local slams against Denver's top competitors. He won the 2007 Erotic Poetry Slam in Austin, Texas, and in 2009, he had the honor of placing 5th in the world at the International World Poetry Slam. He teaches and lectures on poetry with the Art-From-Ashes nonprofit poetry therapy organization, and is a proud resident of Denver, Colorado. Lucifury has opened for performers such as Dead Prez, The Flobots, Bahamadia, Saul Williams, Taylor Mali and Universes.

WHY? – Your Civic Responsibilities – Big Group Activity:

Dr. Martín Carcasson

Martín Carcasson, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in the Communication Studies department of Colorado State University, and the founder and director of the CSU Center for Public Deliberation (CPD). His research focuses on contemporary public affairs and the interdisciplinary theory and practice of deliberative democracy and collaborative governance. The CPD serves as an impartial resource for the Northern Colorado community, dedicated to enhancing local democracy through improved public communication, community problem solving, and collaborative decision-making. Dr. Carcasson trains students to serve as impartial facilitators, who then work with local governments, school boards, and community organizations to design, facilitate, and report on public forums on important issues. His research has been published in *Rhetoric & Public Affairs, the Journal of Public Deliberation, Higher Education Exchange, the International Journal of Conflict Resolution, New Directions in Higher Education, Public Sector Digest*, and the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*.

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