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Leadership and Change in the Modern World
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Schedule of Events

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

- x TED Welcome Video
- x Dr. Ja'Bette Lozupone '04, MBA'10, DOL'20
- x Stephanie Miller '11, M.A.'13
- x Adam Cubbage

6:00 - 6:20 p.m.

- x Intermission

6:20 - 7:30 p.m.

- x Jacob Abuhamada
- x Lily Tanner
- x Dr. Joel Beidleman DOL'22
- x Chris Sparks



Host:

Dr. Lisa Littlefield
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About TEDx, x = independently organized event

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TED Talks videos and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx Program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized.

The History of TED

TED was born in 1984 out of Richard Saul Wurman's observation of a powerful convergence among three fields: technology, entertainment, and design. The first TED, which he co-founded with Harry Marks, included a demo of the compact disc, the e-book, and cutting-edge 3D graphics from Lucasfilm, while mathematician Benoit Mandelbrot demonstrated how to map coastlines using his developing theory of fractal geometry. But despite a stellar lineup, the event lost money, and it was six years before Wurman and Marks tried again. This time, in 1990, the world was ready. The TED Conference became an annual event in Monterey, California, attracting a growing and influential audience from many different disciplines united by their curiosity and open-mindedness -- and also by their shared discovery of an exciting secret. (Back then, TED was an invitation-only event. It is not now -- you're welcome and encouraged to attend.

For more information, visit <https://www.ted.com>.



Dr. Ja'Bette Lozupone '04, MBA'10, DOL'20
Transcending Wishful Thinking to Wishful Doing

Dr. Ja'Bette Lozupone is an educator, writer, and speaker, who has helped countless people transform themselves through her mentorship, coaching, programs, and public speaking. After transforming her own life, from a teen mother to a successful college administrator and business owner, her accomplishments serve as a testimony to our ability to realize our full potential. At Montgomery College, she has led in both the academic and student affairs divisions where she has created and fostered multiple student programs. Along with her official duties, she has led and developed employee initiatives and served as a mentor and board member for organizations benefitting youth from underrepresented populations. She is involved in multiple national and local civic organizations. As a sought-after expert in personal and professional development, she launched Wishful Doing, LLC (wishfuldoings.com) to share her expertise and to empower individuals and organizations to live and lead lives "wishful doing." As a speaker and consultant, she works with non-profit organizations and global companies to translate vision into reality. Dr. Lozupone earned her doctorate in organizational leadership, with a concentration in educational leadership, from Hood College. She also holds an MBA and a bachelor's degree in communications and Hispanic American philology from Hood College.



Stephanie Miller LCPC, RPT '11, M.A.'13

Broken Healers and Why They're Necessary

Stephanie is a proud Hood alum, earning her Bachelor's in English in 2011 and her Master's in Human Sciences in 2013. After her time at Hood, she continued her education at Johns Hopkins University where she earned a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Stephanie currently practices as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and a Registered Play Therapist at a private practice where she helps children, adolescents, and families navigate anything from past trauma to the struggles of every day life. She hopes to continue to raise community awareness about the importance of mental health care while breaking down the stigma of therapy and mental health struggles. Stephanie currently lives in Frederick with her husband, two dogs, and a menagerie of reptiles.



Chris Sparks

Thanks For Playing

Chris Sparks is the owner, puzzle designer, and "Game Overlord" of Surelocked In Escape Games. Winner of the coveted "International Game Master of the Year 2021" award by EscapeTheRoomers, Chris' award-winning escape rooms have delighted Frederick since 2016! Winner of the "Best of Frederick" award for entertainment value 5 years running, one of Frederick Magazine's "People to Watch", and named one of the "Top 50 Under 40" by Frederick's Office of Economic Development, Sparks' passion for games has gone beyond the simple locks of an escape room. From scavenger hunts designed to boost small businesses during the pandemic to massive, immersive experiences that transformed entire cities into one, vast adventure, Chris believes games are the key to unlocking the best of what the future has to offer! Sparks is a Frederick local and discovered his love of games while earning his bachelor's degree at Carnegie Mellon University. He worked briefly as a leadership consultant to Fortune 500 companies before returning home to serve as a Catholic Youth Minister. His time mentoring corporate America and the next generation taught him the power of playing and how to unlock leadership through gamification. Chris Sparks enjoys long games of Risk, short games of Monopoly, and never says no to a good game of chess. He credits his success to his faith, his family, and his fellow Game Masters who make Surelocked In Escape Games possible.



Joel Beidleman DOL'22

The Educational Pandemic of Poverty

Dr. Joel Beidleman serves as principal of William H. Farquhar Middle School in Olney, MD. His varied experiences over the past 20 years as a leader and educator provide value to the diverse community he serves. He is professionally and personally focused on ensuring that his school has a clear understanding and vision to provide a warm learning environment that welcomes students from all backgrounds. He works diligently to create high functioning teams, systems for observing and analyzing teaching, and has stressed the importance of continuous innovation in the area of adolescent mental health and trauma. Through the Covid 19 pandemic he has transformed his school's delivery of content, maintained high expectations for student grades and social emotional well-being. His doctoral research focused on Psychologically Safe School Environments and was published in 2021. This work analyzed 230 Maryland Middle Schools to determine if there is an association between psychological safe school environments and student literacy achievement. His recent achievements include winning the Hood College graduate school 3MT challenge in 2021.



Adam Cubbage

Answer the Call

With decades of experience leading people and organizations, from the combat zone to the C-suite, Adam Cubbage is a unique teacher and mentor of emergent leaders. Passionate about helping others he blends his experience and research to help build right-fit, high-performing teams. After graduating from Penn State University, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He served in elite units, including the 173rd Airborne Brigade and received numerous awards including the Combat Action Badge, the Combat Senior Parachutist Badge, two bronze star medals for valor and gallantry in battle, and a Meritorious Service Medal. In 2009, he left the military to focus on family and start a new adventure. He earned a master's from the University of Maryland and went to work for the Gallup Organization. In 2016, he started Center Point Leadership Development. As an organizational development expert, he delivers workshops, including a nationally accredited foundational leadership program. He uses his authenticity, vulnerability, and energy to coach executives in government and the private sector. Adam is a doctoral candidate at Hood College, an adjunct professor of organizational behavior and leadership, the host of two leadership podcasts. He currently lives in Brunswick, MD with his soulmate/wife and two awesome sons.



Jacob Abuhamada

Mapping the Horizons of the Mind

Jacob Abuhamada is a Hood student in the Interdisciplinary Studies of Human Behavior master's program. He has worked for years on a four-dimensional unifying framework of the mind, the focus of his master's thesis. He is currently conducting a study using an original experience sampling website (cifdb.org) to test his novel framework. He has been motivated by the integration of knowledge since his youth. Of particular interest has been the nature of consciousness/the mind/subjective experience. Originally, this was through the comparative study of religion, inspired by his multiethnic, multi-religious background. He adopted Buddhism at 16 and continued his exploration of religion through leading interfaith clubs for teens, interfaith dialogues, and educational events. This passion for the study of religion led Jacob to his alma mater, Naropa University in Boulder, CO, where he earned a B.A. in Religious Studies. Jacob is also a guitarist with a decade and a half of experience professionally performing, writing, recording, and teaching guitar. He is refining a "freely-improvised instrumental acoustic progressive percussive fingerstyle" that uses flow states to be effective. Inspired by all of these life elements, he has used his experiences to develop his Common Integrative Framework.



Lily Tanner

Water is a Weapon of Mass Destruction

Although Lily Tanner is from North Carolina, she resides in Frederick, MD, and is majoring in Early Childhood Education at Hood College. She has a deep investment in the health of children and in helping to end the global water crisis through her work with the Thirst Project. Contaminated water has claimed the lives of more people than all forms of violence, including war. Every year, 3.4 million people die from water-borne diseases. Lily says, "We are the people that can change that." The Thirst Project currently focuses on the Kingdom of Eswatini in Africa, Kenya, El Salvador, and India. By building freshwater wells in those countries, communities can gain access to safe and clean drinking water. Eighty-eight percent of all disease in the world is caused by a lack of clean water. People in countries like The Kingdom of Eswatini are forced to collect water from streams, rivers, and earth dams, that are contaminated. "My purpose is to spread information about how to stop the global water crisis and the facts about the children and families who must use unsafe water on a day-to-day basis. I hope to bring people together to solve this critical problem that harms so many."