



## **Kelly Barnes**

### Speaker Biography

Our speaker's experience and message about potential, leadership, and success are so sweet he has earned the nickname "SUGAR" from audiences and fans from across the nation.

People from all walks of life love hearing him speak because he's real deal. From the President of the United States to the high school class president, everyone who has had the chance to work with "SUGAR" knows he shares the right ingredients for achieving success and fulfillment.

He knows both the sweet and sour of life. Through determination and grit combined with the opportunities that come from being an active member of a career technical student organization, he has risen above when he otherwise might have been left behind to become another negative youth statistic.

That's why he's dedicated his life to service and to helping youth and people from all corners of society discover their true potential and the happiness within. He uses his storytelling to make you laugh while you learn. He uses his experience to entertain while he educates and encourages.

In addition to being an amazing speaker, leadership coach, and author, he is also a dynamic leader. While earning honors distinction in Oklahoma State University's agricultural leadership program he led more than 26,000 students and managed a \$2 million budget dedicated to youth services and programs. He is also the co-founder of Money Camp Oklahoma where he teaches youth about financial fitness, co-founder of CTSO University dedicated to equipping CTSO teachers with resources and tools to be the most effective educators on campus, and a leading contributor to Personal Leadership Insight leadership curriculum.

He is the recipient of the National FFA's highest honor the "American FFA Degree" and received "Man of the Year" honors from the Alpha Gamma Rho organization. He is also an Associate Leadership Fellow at TRI Leadership Resources. And, he achieved all of this while perfecting his skills as a rapper, an expert on Playstation's "Dance Dance Revolution" and "Guitar Hero!"



Ladies and gentlemen get ready for your SUGAR HIGH with KELLY BARNES!