Shakira D. Abney-Wisdom



Shakira leverages 10 years of experience as an instructor, coach and leader in K-12 and higher education settings and public servant through local and state government agencies to illuminate the need for equity and advocacy. An engaging facilitator, Shakira is able to empower participants through meaningful connection and tangible takeaways. She believes it is our responsibility to share the truth of our experiences as transparency has the power to transform not only ourselves, but the world around us. Her passion for innovative collaboration is grounded in the belief that we can accomplish more, go further together.

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Speaking Topics

Authentic Relationship with Self and Others Establishing and Maintaining Team Culture Creating Safe Spaces and Community for All Socially Just Education The Impact of Intersectionality

" Shakira has the innate ability to ignite hearts, inspire passionate pursuit of one's goals and dreams, and gracefully extract the most beautiful depths of the people she encounters. She is constantly revered as someone who is not just a game changer, but a life changer." -Briana L. Williams