



Darlene Brown is a published author, professional speaker, certified personal development and business leadership coach, and certified training facilitator with more than 40 years of professional experience in business in the technology industry, small business, higher academia, and government sectors.

She provides personal development and leadership coaching, keynote speeches and professional development training for higher academia, small businesses, and corporations across the nation.

Darlene is the recipient of the 2013 Black Wall Street Harlem “The Joe Mann Black Capital Award”; the 2015 “Outstanding Women’s Award”; the 2015 “Metro Phenomenal Women’s Award”; the 2015 Best Speakers

Award recognized in the Examiner; the 2017 Community Involvement Award; the 2018 Bold Brave and Beautiful Unbreakable Spirit Award and the 2019 Total Faith Network Woman of African Descent Sojourner Truth Image Award.

She has a B.S. in Information Systems from Strayer University and is an advocate for life-long learning. In 2013 Darlene received a Leadership Certificate from the Leadership Institute at Prince George’s Community College. She holds a coaching certificate from the Institute for Professional Excellence in Coaching (iPEC); and designed a personal development curriculum providing successful methodologies on harnessing and implementing your personal power thru journaling as a tool for emotional and mental wellness for life transformation. She has a certificate from Yale University on the curriculum - ‘Coping with Work and Family Stress: A Workplace Preventive Intervention and is certified in Stephen Covey’s - ‘Seven Habits of Highly Effective People;’ as well as the ‘Tracom Social Styles’, an ‘Emotional Intelligence and Behavioral Leadership’ training module.

Darlene is a former advisory Board Member for the ‘Diverse Male Student Institute’ (DMSI), and a founding board member for ‘Women of Wisdom’ both programs are in operation at Prince George’s Community College. She is passionate about helping others through sharing her knowledge and leadership expertise. She has served as a committee member for the Women’s Legislative Council for Prince George’s County, and an advisory board member for Women of Prince George's, the Global Women Peace Foundation and for the Family Justice Center Foundation in Prince George’s County.

An eloquent speaker, her words are known to heal, enlighten, empower, inform, and inspire. Her charismatic personality and relatable storytelling have captivated audiences and engages all age groups. Her dynamic messages compel others to take immediate action to improve the quality of their personal and professional lives.

Several of her corporate clients have experienced increased employee productivity and employee engagement through her professional development training. The ‘Life-Skills’ curriculum on healing, transformation and resilience has resulted in improvement in the lives of people for many years at “Adam’s House” in Prince George’s County Maryland – a successful community-based program designed to assist families in distress.

She has had several articles published on health, business and leadership in Today’s Black Woman, Prince George’s Suite Magazine, and The Evolution online publication. Darlene shares her story of trials and triumphs in her chapter “Leading by Example.” in the co-authored “HLIC - Head Ladies in Charge” book released in 2014. The “HLIC - Head Ladies in Charge” film provides a deeper look into the pivotal moments of her life that

served to strengthen her faith, increase her self-esteem, and foster a disciplined thought life with improved self-talk that led to improved decision making.

Ms. Brown's extensive list of professional endeavors includes the launch of BrownIzes Productions in 2001. In 2003 her debut poetry CD, "Lovesick Lessons"; produced by international jazz pianist Bob Baldwin was released to rave reviews. The poetry CD shares inspirational poems delivered against a backdrop of classic and soulful jazz music with the lyrical expression of lessons learned through the journey of learning how to love herself. Her debut riveting live stage performance with Bob Baldwin and his band at the famous "Blues Alley" in Washington, DC was seen later that same year. Darlene is the executive producer of the "Kings and Queens of Poetry" in 2003 at the University of the District of Columbia in Washington, DC.

In 2004, Darlene produced a weekly open-mic poetry show, "What's the Word" featuring poets from across the world at the Sugar Shack Café in Harlem, New York. She went on to be the executive producer and host for "The Next Level" TV-show, airing weekly to an audience of 1.5 million New York City views in 2003 through 2005. Her on-camera roster of interviews with such notable artists as Carl Thomas, Queen Latifah, Erykah Badu, Common, Deborah Cox, Jaheim, Bob Baldwin, Marcus Johnson, Percy Miller aka Master P, Heather Headley, and the late Chuck Brown to name a few. Darlene, then co-executive produced the "Mic-Check" artist showcase where notable artists such as John Legend performed.

Darlene is a proven business success and speaker. She has inspired many on topics ranging from 'Managing Change,' the 'Power of Positive Thinking,' 'Seven Success Principles for Leaders,' 'Designing Your Destiny,' 'Plans to Prosper by Turning Pain into Purpose' and 'Excellence without Excuses.' She has graced the stages of institutions and professional organizations in the United States and abroad.

Her speaking roster includes Milford Mills Academy, The College of New Rochelle, New York City Department of Education, Coppin State University, Thurgood Marshall Academy, Loyola University, Bowie State University, University Maryland at Eastern Shore, University of Maryland at College Park, Prince George's Community College, Delaware State University, Prince George's Public Schools, New Vision Church, New David Baptist Church, Endodontic Consulting Group, The American Classic Association, She Matters Organization, United States Department of Justice, International Peach Foundation, Black Data Processing Associates of Washington, D.C. (BDPA), The Black and Male in America Conference in New York with Kevin Powell, Speak Life Enterprises, The Training Source in Prince Georges County and JI-Solutions LLC.

She has shared the stage with speaking greats such as Les Brown, Dr. George C. Fraser, Dr. Willie Jolly, Dr. Cheryl Wood, Dr. Emma Fraser-Pendleton, and Dr. Jewel Diamond Taylor. Darlene walks in her divine purpose daily and humbly accepts her role as a servant and leader to empower others to become the best person they can be and ultimately fulfill their divine destiny in life.

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