Inspirational. Gracious. Natural Born Leader and Dedicated. These are a few of the words that come to mind when you are in the presence of women and children advocate, community activist and public speaker Shemekka Ebony. As a highly-sought after influencer in community engagement Shemekka Ebony has been engaging and inspiring business owners, non-profit and community leaders from all segments of the world for over two decades.

“Speak for those who can’t speak for themselves”

Growing up in poverty in a small town in Kinston, NC where the crime rate is high, unsolved murder rate is high and the education scores are low would be a deterrent for so many; yet, Shemekka used what many deem a glass half empty childhood as an avenue to empower others and restore love into their community. Being the first to go away to college in her family was one of the most impactful catalyst that spearheaded her desire to connect, engage and inspire those whose voices are often left on the backburner. "It was my lived experience in poverty that shaped my fight for others to get opportunities they otherwise would not have access to acquire."

As a community outreach organizer and program developer Shemekka understands that there is no single approach in gauging the needs of those who want to develop a system of impactful wins in their respective communities.

Her calling to “Speak for those who can’t speak for themselves” is manifested by the plethora of platforms she anchors today such as her ongoing work with 100 Million Healthier Lives, the North Carolina Black Women’s Roundtable, her radio platform Sunday Stacks, and her captivating work as the director of #IAmBrilliant which has made its way to NBC’s TODAY show.

Shemekka’s transparency is as engaging as it is affective in changing the hearts and minds of those within an earshot. With her relatable universal message of inclusion and team building, she breaks down barriers that stifle progress by digging deep into commonalities that tend to be overlooked.

When you invite Shemekka to speak, be prepared for a transformational experience and a message of hope that will lead you to both personally and professionally be the change you want to see in yourself, your community and the world.
Shemekka Ebony’s lifework is all about engaging, uplifting and transforming communities and women to take pride in their brilliance.

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MEDIA APPEARANCES

PAST SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS
- Southeast Raleigh YMCA
- UNC Implementation Science Student Group
- 100 Million Healthier Lives
- Community Health Improvement Leadership Academy
- Communities Joined In Action Conference
- Duke LEAD Program
- NeighborWorks Training Institute
- Southeast Raleigh Promise Collaborative

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

Service and Self Care
Learning the importance of balancing work, serving community and self care with grace and class.

Connecting to A Vibrant Village
Identifying and connecting community leaders in TO-FOR-WITH community engagement practices and methods.

Tell It Sista!
A highly interactive storytelling presentation promising to bring you joy and embolden you to tell your story. From keynotes to small group facilitation, you will walk away with a stronger sense of self identity, tools to heal, and strategies to reshape the narrative of your community and your story.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING...

"Shemekka is a dedicated advocate with strong organizational skills and cultural competency. She is a clear communicator skilled at leading trainings or workshops." - Erica Scott, Social Justice Fundraiser & Campaign Strategist

"Working with Shemekka Ebony and the ‘I Am Brilliant’ Campaign has been a pleasure. Special care is taken to ensure that you not only understand the concepts, lessons or teaching. but that you also are able to grow and further develop your community long after they are gone." - Dr. Jerrod Henderson. University of Houston Cullen College of Engineering

The best way to grow as an Emerging Leader is to be transparent about your failed attempts before you got it right.”

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Book Shemekka For Your Next Event Today!

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