PRINCESS SARAH CULBERSON

Princess of Sierra Leone Humanitarian Author and Podcast Host

Community & Connection Author of "A Princess Found"

Princess Sarah Culberson's speaker reel

<u>Achievements</u>

- Podcast Host of "Modern Royalty"
- Disney is adapting her book "A Princess Found" into a movie

Highlights

- She shares her incredible personal journey, along with actions we can take to build community with our co-workers, clients, and in our personal lives.
- Transform how you connect with your team and your customers.
- Bring allyship to the fore front to build a better support system.

Princess Sarah Culberson's Bio

Princess Sarah has an extraordinary journey that has been featured on CNN, GMA, BBC, and numerous other media outlets. Her story inspired the book she co-wrote, *A Princess Found*, which is being adapted into a live-action movie with Disney. With over 15 years of experience in education, Princess Sarah has presented and created curriculum for schools, universities, and corporations. As a keynote speaker, the President and Co-founder of her nonprofit, Sierra Leone Rising, and a businesswoman in the entertainment industry, her work spans the globe.

Through Sierra Leone Rising, Princess Sarah has helped young girls stay in school with a sanitary pad program, provided clean drinking water by building wells, and bridged the gap between cultures through coding initiatives. Her efforts in education and technology have led to upcoming projects that connect children to cultures worldwide. In connection

with her impactful work, she connects with global royalty and leaders in her new podcast called, Modern Royalty Podcast.

Programs

Better Together: How To Build a Culture of Belonging

The landscape of leadership and organizations have changed. Whether in a corporate or volunteer setting, team members and clients want a sense of community. However, this doesn't happen on its own, rather it's based on action. Princess Sarah's keynote is for groups who are serious about taking on people challenges to build a culture of success.

Princess Sarah uses her personal experience as an adopted child growing up in a biracial family, as well as understanding a whole new culture when she discovered that she was a real-life princess in Sierra Leone. In addition to this inspiring journey, she draws from her business side as an entrepreneur (in entertainment and gaming).

In this keynote, filled with stories and value, Princess Sarah covers three areas:

- Embrace your assumptions to elevate yourself and those around you.
- Be willing to get uncomfortable and have the challenging conversations.
- Navigate with compassion and use humanity to listen and learn to drive decisions.

Princess Sarah customizes her talks for each group based on their needs (to help their leadership, teams, and clients).

Princess Found: You Are More Than Your Title

Raised in West Virginia by her adopted parents, Sarah Culberson had little knowledge of her ancestry. She grew up in a loving, white household, but she had questions about her identity and biracial roots that led her to hire a private investigator in 2004. When she began her unforgettable journey to find her family, she never imagined what she

would discover or how it would change her life: she was related to African royalty. Her biological grandfather is the Paramount Chief of a village in Sierra Leone, West Africa and Sarah is considered a Mahaloi, with the status of a princess.

Princess Sarah takes an audience on her journey from princess to humanitarian. She shares that everyone has to earn their title, whether it's that of being a mother, a company leader, or new team hires. The title alone does not give a person success. Sarah's talk focuses on core values that attendees can use both personally and professionally:

- Build a community and culture
- Embrace who you are
- Overcome your fears to live your dreams

From a dancer to princess, to humanitarian (where she co-founded a non profit, Sierra Leone Rising, to support rebuilding education, public health, and female empowerment), to being an educator (as director of Outreach at the Oakwood School in LA), Princess Sarah uses warmth and humor in her keynote to provide a unique experience filled with stories, images, art, and above all, kindness.

The result of her keynote is a challenge, to all attendees, to make their own discovery of self identity and transformation.

Fear to Fabulous: Overcoming your Fears & Taking on Dreams

In 'Fear to Fabulous' Sarah Culberson explores how she achieved her dream of connecting with her biological family: an experience that changed the trajectory of her life for the better. She began her journey faced with the fear of rejection but stepped into a fabulous world where she met her family, connected with her tribe, and accepted the responsibility of supporting those with low visibility. Discovering her heritage revealed a new purpose where she actively works alongside community leaders in order to promote various infrastructure, public health, and female empowerment initiatives

throughout Sierra Leone. With both a BFA and MFA in theater, Sarah mastered public speaking and acts as an advocate to campaign for diversity, equity, and self-discovery. Sarah inspires others with her experience of how she embraced the unknown and ventured into a wonderful world where she found what she is meant to do in her lifetime.

Testimonials

Princess Sarah is absolutely amazing. She is a very engaging, compelling and dynamic speaker with a powerful and impactful message. I can't speak highly enough of Princess Sarah. – Seagen, Inc.

Sarah, you are so special – we've been honored to have you join us! There are already conversations about what else you can do with us. We have a tendency to pull great people into our circle. Capital One

Although I knew Sarah had an interesting story and that she was a seasoned speaker, I could not have anticipated how compelling and impactful her presentation would be. The room was completely captivated as she walked us through her personal story of discovery, self-identity and transformation. Her speaking style is incredibly engaging and her topic spoke to us in a way that made u take a moment of personal reflection and purpose. I would recommend her for a talk to any group. — USC

Sarah is AMAZING! She did an awesome job at both events releating both tot young girls and to the older donor crowd at night. Everyone loves her and loved hearing about her incredible journey. Sarah is passionate and genuine – just a wonderful person and we loved having her as our guest. – Bethan Christina Service

She was so energetic and vibrant and her story is amazing. DA4S