About Dr. Sharon Knight

Professionally, Dr. Sharon Knight is Chief Executive Officer of DSK-Culturally Responsive Education Services (DSK- CRES). Her love and passion for education, people, and social justice, made her who she is today: A skilled multicultural educator, servant leader, and unwavering race and social justice practitioner. Personally, Dr Knight's hobbies include retreating to the wilderness, conversations about life, cruising the world, dogs, and motorcycling. Thus, her commitment to her passions and spirituality, contributes to her capacity to unselfishly support people in pursuing their passion, finding meaning and realizing themselves as fulfilled beings.

Via a "no blame, no shame" approach to culturally responsive consultation and professional development and through the lenses of civic responsibility, professional accountability, race and social justice, spirituality, and wellness, Dr. Knight engages people in meaningful, multicultural, and multidimensional experiences. Such opportunities guide her customers, family and friends, and strangers down pathways that support them in discovering their passions, pursuing their purposes, mastering their crafts, and becoming holistic contributing multicultural beings.

Over 40 years, Dr. Knight has contributed to advancement of education and human service professionals. Her efforts include collaborations with diverse stakeholders and have resulted in culturally responsive executive level leadership, skilled multicultural educators, and eradication of preparation, achievement, and opportunity gaps. Dr. Knight holds a bachelors in sociology-criminology, master's in leadership and education, and a doctorate in organizational management and Leadership. Her words of wisdom: Take everything as information, while examining impact on others and yourself, and make healthy modifications to retain your "Divine" essence and healthy relationships!

Sessions

Opening Plenary – 2020-A Period of Economic, Political, and Social Unrest: Building Upon Lessons Learned as we Renew our Spirits, refresh our Minds, and Reach for a Brighter Future!
The United States of America (USA), during 2020, was in a state of economic, political, and racial and social unrest. Through the lens of storytelling, Dr. Sharon Knight shares how her overall wellness was impacted by the economic impression of Corona Virus pandemic, divisive activities associated with the presidential election, and the country's racial divide surrounding excessive police killings of African Americans and US Boarder actions related to migrant children. Additionally, Dr Knight shares how, during such unrest, to continuously reach for brighter and improved days and sustain a space of emotional, physical, and social wellness, how she individually and collectively needed to engage in ongoing culturally responsive self-care activities, as well as, implement strategies that enabled her to release toxic energies and messages, refresh her spirit on a regular basis, and renew her mind in a manner that enabled her to, without interruption, be available to children and their families, educators, and herself.

Session – Covid 19-Lessons Learned: Moving Educators from "Normed" Reactions to Culturally Relevant Responses
The workshop will build upon the keynote in that Dr. Knight shares lessons learned during 2020 and invites participants to share personal impact stories and their lessons learned. Dr. Knight will offer resources and tips for individual, collective, and culturally responsive self-care activities and will invite participants to share any resources they may have.

Closing Plenary – Refresh Your Spirit, Renew Your Commitment, and Reach Your Full Potential as an Educator: Settling for Anything Less, is Not an Option
The closing activity will have a braided approach that focuses on change processes, resiliency, race-equity, and self-care and will involve setting a culturally responsive self-care improvement goal (START/STOP/STAY ON TRACK).