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# Who is Darryl?

Darryl Gaines, a Mobile, Alabama native, graduated from Mississippi Valley State University in 1988, majoring in Computer Science with a minor in mathematics on a football scholarship. He played for the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs while working at McDonnell Douglas aircraft. Now, as the Associate Program Manager in NASA's Commercial Lower Earth Orbit Development Program, he's been with NASA for 33 years, collaborating internationally and earning certifications like PMP. Darryl volunteers with the Former NFL Players Association and serves on the Boards of Communities in Schools, Mobile Exploreum Science Center, and Houston Art Alliance. He mentors students, emphasizing education and STEM, and contributes to arts initiatives in Houston. Additionally, he's a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and James Herbert White Masonic Lodge, with a football career highlighted by induction into Mississippi Valley State University's Football Hall of Fame.

# Audiences



#### **College Students:**

Engage with students pursuing degrees in STEM fields, particularly those interested in aerospace engineering, computer science, and mathematics.



#### **High School Students:**

Inspire high school students to pursue higher education and careers in STEM through motivational talks and discussions on overcoming obstacles and setting goals.



#### **Educators and School Administrators:**

Provide insights and strategies for promoting STEM education, fostering diversity and inclusion in classrooms, and empowering students to succeed.



#### **Professional Sports Organizations**

A dynamic presentation that blends personal anecdotes, leadership principles, and actionable strategies to drive peak performance, foster teamwork, and cultivate a winning mindset.



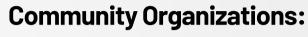
#### **Arts and Culture Enthusiasts:**

Connect with audiences interested in arts advocacy, cultural initiatives, and community engagement, highlighting the intersection of STEM and the arts in fostering creativity and innovation.



#### **STEM Professionals:**

Share experiences and expertise with professionals working in aerospace engineering, technology, project management, and related fields, offering insights into industry trends, best practices, and career development.





Partner with community organizations focused on youth development, education, and empowerment to reach underserved populations and inspire positive change.

#### **Space Exploration Enthusiasts:**



Engage with individuals passionate about space exploration, astronomy, and science fiction, discussing recent advancements in space technology, future missions, and the potential for commercial space travel.

#### **Corporate Leaders and Entrepreneurs:**



Provide keynote addresses and workshops on leadership, innovation, and collaboration, drawing parallels between success in sports, academia, and the business world.

#### **General Public:**



Offer public talks and presentations on topics such as personal growth, resilience, and overcoming adversity, appealing to a broad audience interested in inspiring stories and practical insights for life and career success.







# Past Engagements

- Keynote Speaker at the Texas A&M Society of Asian
   Scientists and Engineers South Central Regional Conference
- Keynote Speaker Women of Color Conference
- Keynote Speaker Juneteenth Celebration
- Keynote Speaker Mobile Black Chamber of Commerce
- Keynote Speaker Black Chamber of Commerce
- Panelists Tucker High School Engineer Panel
- Keynote Speaker Essence Festival
- keynote speaker at Clear Creek Intermediate Graduation



# Presentation Formats



- **Keynote Speeches**
- Workshops
- **Panel Discussions**
- Webinars
- Lecture
- **Demonstration**
- **Interactive Presentation**
- Q & A Session
- Storytelling

# Media Coverage

















## Founder





#### **About The Foundation**

At the heart of our mission is a dedication to providing continuous support and empowerment that transcends the immediate. We are dedicated to following the progress of students from middle school through postgraduation, ensuring a lasting and positive impact on students lives.



#### **The Vision**

To create a future where all children, regardless or their background or circumstances, have the opportunity to achieve their tull potential. we envision a world where education is a gateway to success and where every child is equipped with the tools and resources they need to thrive.



#### **The Mission**

To transform the lives of children from underserved communities by providing enduring support, scholarship opportunities, and long-term guidance. We are committed to illuminating the path of every student's educational journey, ensuring lifelong success and empowerment.

# Speaking Topics

These topics leverage my diverse background, expertise, and experiences to engage and inspire audiences across various contexts, from educational settings to professional conferences and community events.



#### **Navigating Dual Careers:**

Sharing insights and strategies for managing a successful dual career in professional sports and aerospace engineering.

#### **Empowering Youth Through Education:**

Discussing the importance of education in overcoming adversity and inspiring the next generation to set goals and pursue their dreams.

#### **STEM Education and Career Pathways:**

Exploring the significance of STEM education and sharing personal experiences to encourage students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

### Personal Growth and Professional Development:

Reflecting on your personal and professional growth journey, highlighting challenges overcome, achievements celebrated, and ongoing aspirations for the future.

#### **Commercial Space Exploration:**

Providing insights into the emerging landscape of commercial space exploration and the role of public-private partnerships in advancing space technology and exploration.

#### **Leadership and Teamwork:**

Drawing parallels between leadership on the football field and in the aerospace industry, emphasizing the importance of teamwork, resilience, and effective communication.

### Community Engagement and Volunteerism:

Sharing experiences and lessons learned from your involvement in community organizations and initiatives focused on education, mentorship, and arts advocacy.

### Innovation and Adaptability in Aerospace:

Exploring the dynamic nature of the aerospace industry and the importance of innovation, adaptability, and continuous learning in driving progress and success.

#### **Diversity and Inclusion in STEM:**

Addressing the importance of diversity and inclusion in STEM fields and sharing strategies for creating inclusive environments that foster creativity, collaboration, and excellence.

#### Additional topics:

Motivational & Empowerment Student Athlete Aerospace Executive Professional Athlete



## **Books Published**

### **A Poetic Conversation**



A Poetic Conversation pertains to the three ACTS that I have experienced in the journey of my life. It shares the love in my life, the praise for God's moments and blessings that I have experienced and the many lessons I've learned along the way. These major parts of my journey live within the words of this book.

### "Gunslinger"

footprint that has since pushed the



Archie Lee Cooley is one of the most colorful coaching figures in college football. In his first head coaching job; the brash talking, self-assured coach left an indelible

standard for all coaches.



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# Booking Requirements





### **Booking Inquiry Form**

Complete and submit the online form at www.darrylgainesempowers.com/book-darryl



#### **Contract**

Send or sign a contract to agree to terms, including speaker budget.



### **Travel Arrangements**

Discuss and agree to travel logistics, if applicable.



### **Marketing Materials**

We will require promotional materials for promotion, if applicable.



### **Payment**

Submit a 25% deposit, which secures the event date.