

Contact Information:

National Speakers Association
Brittany Peffer
(480) 968-2552
marketing@nsaspeaker.org

**Release Date:**

Thursday, February 26, 2026

For Immediate Release

National Speakers Association Announces 2026 CSP® (Certified Speaking Professional™) Designees

Minneapolis, MN – February 26, 2026 – The National Speakers Association (NSA) is pleased to announce the newest class of professional speakers who have earned the prestigious Certified Speaking Professional (CSP) designation. Fewer than 17 percent of NSA members worldwide carry this distinguished credential, which signifies exceptional performance, professionalism, and business expertise.

The CSP designation recognizes accomplished speakers who have demonstrated sustained excellence in eloquence, expertise, enterprise, and ethics, a combination of skills that set them apart as leaders in the speaking profession. Earning the designation requires a rigorous application process, including documented speaking experience, client evaluations, and proven business success.

This year's newly minted CSPs will be celebrated at Influence 2026, taking place in Austin, TX, July 25-27, where they will walk the stage in front of peers and industry partners to honor their hard work, dedication, and professional achievement.

The CSP Class of 2026 includes:

Adrian Miller, CSP
Angel Tucker, CSP
Carole Copeland Thomas, CSP
Charlotte Stallings, CSP
Christoph Merrill, CSP
Darryl Bellamy Jr., CSP
Diane M. Rogers, CSP
Dr. Holly A. Sullenger, CSP
Erin King, CSP
Fotini Iconomopoulos, CSP
Gaelin Elmore, CSP
Jamie Crosbie, CSP
Jason O. Harris, CSP
Jennifer Willey, CSP

Jill Schulman, CSP
Johnny Quinn, CSP
Joshua Cadillac, CSP
Julie Holmes, CSP
Kate O'Neill, CSP
Kelly Jahner-Byrne, CSP
Kendal Netmaker, CSP
Larry Long Jr., CSP
Lynn B. Unsworth, CSP
Matt Brauning, CSP
Nan Gesche, CSP
Nikolai Behr, CSP
Rachel Druckenmiller, CSP
Robert Meader, CSP
Sandy Geroux, M.S., CSP
Sharon Delaney McCloud, CSP
Stacy Sherman, CSP
Trevor Blondeel, CSP
Tricia Broderick, CSP
Vincent Fournier, CSP
Vitale Buford, CSP

Meeting professionals and event planners often look to the CSP credential as a mark of credibility when hiring speakers, as it assures a high level of performance, business acumen, and audience impact.

Applications for the **CSP Class of 2027** will open on **September 1, 2026**. For more information about the CSP designation, including how to apply or support someone pursuing the credential, visit NSAspeaker.org/CSP.

About the National Speakers Association:

The National Speakers Association® (NSA) is the leading organization for professional speakers. NSA's thousands of members include experts in a variety of industries and disciplines, who reach audiences as trainers, educators, humorists, motivators, consultants, authors, and more. Since 1973, NSA has provided resources and education designed to help anyone become a better speaker and build a better speaking business. Visit NSA's website at NSAspeaker.org.

###