



Monique Watson

Speaker Bio

Monique Watson is a native New Yorker and former foster care youth who has, against all odds, persevered through life's challenges to become an accomplished professional in the nonprofit sector. From interning at the U.S. Department of State to studying abroad in Madrid, Spain, she has utilized every opportunity available to her to propel her life and career forward in a positive direction. After strategically pivoting a few times during her 7+ year career in the non-profit industry, she was able to land a meaningful role in the non-profit sector and nearly triple her salary. She now manages a culturally relevant engagement initiative geared towards providing Black students and families with information to help them reach their college goals.

Monique is a proud alumna of the SUNY and CUNY systems, holding a BA in History and Political Science from Stony Brook University ('14) and an MPA from Baruch College ('19). Her personal mission is to inspire people to take charge of their futures, even in the face of adversity, and become their own best advocates.