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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (ABBREVIATED)

Event	Role	Topic
St. Sabina Academy	Guest Speaker	Dealing w/the chaos around you.
Afri-Ware Kwanzaa Celebration	Kujichagulia Speaker	Claiming Your Destiny w/Action
YWCA Young Women of Achievement Annual Luncheon	Keynote Speaker	Actualizing Your Potential
Institute for Black Parenting	Keynote Speaker	The Importance Of Family / Taking Care Of Family.
Florida A & M University Homecoming	Keynote Speaker	Staying On Focus In The Aftermath Of September 11 th
St. Sabina Academy Commencement	Keynote Speaker	Believing You Can Fly
Academy of Our Lady High School Commencement	Keynote Speaker	Following The Voice Within
Hale House, Birthday Commemoration of Clara "Mother" Hale	Guest Speaker	The Legacy Of Mother Hale
Centennial Missionary Baptist Church	Guest Speaker	Living The Spirit Of Kwanzaa
Chicago Urban League's 4 th Annual Youth Celebration Day	Guest Speaker	Staying On The Right Track
Camp Butterfly Closing Day Ceremonies	Guest Speaker	Appreciating Your Life Lessons And Loving Yourself
City of Chicago Heights Youth Day	Guest Speaker	Taking Advantage Of Every Opportunity To Succeed
Pre-Kwanzaa Festival	Speaker	Natural Hair: The Journey In
Florida A & M University Commencement	Award Acceptance Speech	Your Responsibility For The Legacy Of Your Alma Mater
50 th Annual GENIE Awards	Mistress of Ceremonies	Women in Media
Recycling Black Dollars Annual Awards Luncheon	Mistress of Ceremonies	Putting Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
D'Alexander's The 3rd Annual Chicago Fashion & Beauty Awards	Mistress of Ceremonies	How Gorgeous We Look Tonight
Delta Sigma Theta Public Service Sorority's Annual Jabberwock Jamboree	Mistress of Ceremonies	The Significance Of Continuing Support
Alpha Kappa Alpha's Sorority's Annual Monarch Awards Gala	Mistress of Ceremonies	The Significance Of Each Awardees' Contribution
Southern California Broadcasting Association – Annual Luncheon	Mistress of Ceremonies	The Importance Of Encouraging Public Service Contributions
Black Hollywood Education and Resource Center's Animation Seminar	Mistress of Ceremonies	Staying Prepared In A Changing Environment
HistoryMakers: "Life in Front of the Camera" Panel	Panelist	Steps, Struggles And Strategies To Success And Image Control
The State of California "Minority Representation in the Media" Panel	Panelist	Your Responsibility For Rejecting Negative Images

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EDUCATION

1985 – 1987 - Chicago City-Wide Colleges, Chicago, IL

Major: Education B+ Average

1980 – 1984 - Florida A & M University / Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Major: Theater Minor: Business Administration, Cum Laude Graduate

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, Actors' Equity Association, American Federation of Television & Radio Artists, Association of Women in Radio and Television, Screen Actors Guild, Directors Guild of America

CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Delta Sigma Theta Public Service Sorority, Inc. (Golden Life Member), NAACP (Life Member), Chicago Urban League (Member), Recycling Black Dollars (Life Member)

HONORS /ACHIEVEMENTS

Florida A & M University College of Arts and Science's Thomas DeSaille Tucker Hall's Gallery of Distinction (2011), The HistoryMakers® (2004), The Chicago African American History Makers® (2004), Listed among Who's Who Among Black Americans (1991-present), Florida A&M University (FAMU) Special President's Award (2001), FAMU Millennium Award (100 Most Powerful FAMUans of the Century, 2000), FAMU Meritorious Award (1997), Various performing, filmmaking and civic awards (1985-present), Miss Black Illinois and 1st Runner-Up, Miss Black America (1985-86), FAMU School of Business & Industry Scholarship and Business Leadership Award (1981), Mayor Daley's Youth Foundation Scholarship (1980), Listed among Who's Who of American High School Students (1979 -1980), National Merit Semi-Finalist (1979)

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

T'Keyah Crystal Keymáh is an accomplished performer, writer, director and producer. In a handful of films and more than fifty theatrical productions, Keymáh has performed on countless stages on three continents and for years has been on televisions worldwide as a series regular on six shows including *In Living Color*, *COSBY* and *That's So Raven*. Behind the camera, she has directed for stage and television, produced three independent films and currently has a music project and two films in development. She enjoys public speaking especially to young audiences. She supports many charitable organizations, including The Keymáh Cultural Fund, has active lifetime memberships with the NAACP and Delta Sigma Theta Public Service Sorority, Inc., and has established a theater scholarship at Florida A & M University and a medical scholarship at Meharry Medical College. A vegetarian for more than twenty years, she is also an activist for civil rights and the environment. Keymáh is the author of the book version of her award winning theatrical show, *Some of My Best Friends*, and the popular coffee table book on natural hairstyles, *Natural Woman / Natural Hair*. She was crowned Beta Nu, Florida, Alpha South and National Ms. Black & Gold 1984 for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and holds the titles of Miss Black Illinois and 1st Runner-Up to Miss Black America 1985. For more information on T'Keyah Crystal Keymáh, check out her website, www.tkeyah.com