 Jermaine M. Davis is the son of Carolyn “Charmaine” Davis, single mother of four children. He grew up on the west side of Chicago in the Henry Horner’s housing projects. After the unfortunate loss of six family members to violent deaths, Jermaine began studying motivational principles and success strategies and enrolled at Elmhurst College to change the direction of his life.

Jermaine completed college, earning a BA in Speech Communication and continued his education to complete an MA in Speech Communication and a second Masters in Education. He began his career in corporate America as a snack food sales rep. After holding several corporate positions, he decided to honor his vocation and follow his passion of teaching individuals to communicate appropriately, competently and effectively: Jermaine became a college professor of Communication Studies.

Jermaine has been actively teaching college adults for more than 15 years, during which he received the prestigious student-nominated College Instructor of the Year Award. He has authored and co-authored 10 books in the areas of academic success, diversity, motivation, inspiration, leadership, and women’s leadership. Jermaine is CEO, founder and co-founder of two companies: Seminars & Workshops, Inc. and The Stand Out Leadership Company. He is currently a professor of Communication Studies at Century College and is a Doctoral Candidate studying and researching in the area of Organizational Leadership. Jermaine is also a documentary film maker and is currently working on the release of his debut documentary Breaking the Cycle.

Jermaine delivers keynotes and workshops to thousands of people each year and has worked with hundreds of organization across the United States and internationally. Managers, executives, college and high school students, educators and other workshop participants describe Jermaine as entertaining, enthusiastic, engaging, knowledgeable, authentic, passionate, motivational, inspirational, content-focused, professionally fun and a little silly at times.
PLENARY SESSION

Monday, July 13, 2015 • 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

“THE SOUL, SCIENCE AND CULTURE OF HOPE”

Antwone Fisher, screenwriter, author, producer, director, poet and humanitarian, whose life inspired a major motion picture starring Denzel Washington, will discuss his powerful story of hopelessness to hopefulness and what we can learn from his journey.

Mr. Fisher will be introduced by Rick Miller, Founder and President of Kids at Hope, an organization that studies families, schools, juvenile justice systems, and community cultures to better understand the dynamics that lead to success or failure.

Please also join Antwone Fisher and Rick Miller in a 90 minute breakout session on Monday, July 13, 2015 from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

A CASE STUDY ABOUT HOPE – ANTWONE FISHER AND RICK MILLER

Antwone Fisher and Rick Miller will build upon the themes discussed in Mr. Fisher’s Plenary keynote by showing clips from the highly acclaimed film “Antwone Fisher.” Mr. Fisher’s film offers unique insight into factors many youth in our justice system struggle with including abandonment, abuse, race, hopelessness and healing. By sharing his life Antwone allows us to better understand the impact of caring adults, the power of personal and organizational belief systems, and the importance of mental time travel.
"CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM: THE TIME IS NOW"

The Administration’s National Drug Control Strategy is based on science, viewing a substance use disorder as a disease that can be prevented, treated and from which one can recover. This is an unprecedented moment in time for the criminal justice system. The world stands at the precipice of enormous change -- poised to stop the revolving door for individuals with substance use disorders. As the momentum keeps building to reduce incarceration and implement solid alternatives along the criminal justice continuum, community corrections plays an even more important role in these efforts. Michael Botticelli, Director of National Drug Control Policy will speak about the Administration’s public health and public safety approach to drug control policy, the strategies being implemented to address current and emerging trends, and the critical role community corrections plays in implementing the Administration’s national drug policy reform efforts.

Michael Botticelli was sworn in as Director of National Drug Control Policy on February 11, 2015. Previously, he served both as Acting Director and Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy. He joined the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) as Deputy Director in November 2012.

Prior to joining ONDCP, Mr. Botticelli served as Director of the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, where he successfully expanded innovative and nationally recognized prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery services for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He also forged strong partnerships with local, state, and Federal law enforcement agencies; state and local health and human service agencies; and stakeholder groups to guide and implement evidence-based programs. These programs include the establishment of a treatment system for adolescents, early intervention and treatment programs in primary healthcare settings, jail diversion programs, re-entry services for those leaving state and county correctional facilities, and overdose prevention programs.

In 2008, Mr. Botticelli was the first recipient of the annual Ramstad/Kennedy National Award for Outstanding Leadership in Promoting Addiction Recovery. In 2012, he was awarded the Service Award from the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors.

Born in Upstate New York, Mr. Botticelli holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Siena College and a Master of Education degree from St. Lawrence University. He is also in long-term recovery from a substance use disorder, celebrating more than 26 years of sobriety.