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Complete lineup of TEDxBradenton speakers published

(July 25, 2023) Bradenton, FL --- When in our community have we come together to write our future? How are we called to be authors of change in our world? With this year's theme of "Writing the Future," organizers of TEDxBradenton have released the complete list of speakers for this year's event happening Friday, September 29, 2023 at the Bradenton campus of SCF Sarasota-Manatee.

In addition to twelve people named speakers already, the following were announced as speakers delivering TEDx talks at this year's conference:

- Larissa Lippe, founder, owner, and CEO of Smart Kids Tutor LLC and The Smart Kids Tutor Foundation
- Chase Pettey, Founder & CEO (Creating Exceptional Opportunities) of Adventure For All
- Shannon Live, President and Director of Outreach at Bat City Comic Professionals

These speakers round out a full-day conference-like experience with five sessions each containing three TED Talk-style speeches that explore "ideas worth sharing" according to event co-organizer Evelyn Almodovar.

Tickets to attend the September event are on sale now at www.TEDxBradenton.com. Those who would like to follow along virtually will have the option to livestream the TEDxBradenton talks. Details about the live feed and a discussion guide will be published on the TEDxBradenton website as well as social media at platforms like Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn (@TEDxBradenton).

Additional speakers confirmed for the TEDxBradenton event are: Xtavia Bailey, Natalie Baird-King Esq., Omar Edwards, Elma Felix, Mark Gordon, Dr. Richard Harris, Andre Hendriex, Mitch Lomazov, Dom Marino, Carlos Portillo, Derek Ober, and Travis Ray.

Speaker bios for Larissa Lippe, Chase Pettey, and Shannon Live are continued below. A complete list and all speaker bios are available on the TEDxBradenton website.

Larissa Lippe

Larissa Lippe is an advocate for youth empowerment and educational equality and has been since she was 16. Born and raised in Sarasota, Larissa is the founder, owner, and CEO of Smart Kids Tutor LLC and The Smart Kids Tutor Foundation. As organizations run for students, by students, Smart Kids Tutor offers teens the opportunity to make meaningful change, inspiring students through the power of learning.

Larissa founded Smart Kids Tutor during her junior year at Riverview High School as an International Baccalaureate student, where she graduated at the top of her class in 2022. In May 2022, she became the youngest-ever inductee into the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame with the Future Hall of Famer award. She is a current student at Emory University.

Chase Pettey

Chase Pettey, the 32-year-old founder of Adventure For All rarely, if ever, took the expected societal route. He always had this fire within him to follow his intuition and live this one life to his fullest. After graduating high school, he attended Columbia College in Missouri for three years, changing his major three times before he dropped out and headed off to Florida at 21 with his entrepreneurial spirit.

His spirit was tested multiple times, as is every person with big dreams. At his 25th birthday (quarter life crisis) that he decided to climb Mount Baker in Washington State. It was on this climb that only he and one other person out of the 14 trekked through a snowstorm all the way to the peak. Chase gives that moment on the peak credit for where he is today. "That moment was everything. It showed me the gift that comes from battling emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual challenges. I didn't know the answer yet, but I knew that feeling was what I wanted to give to the world."

Chase is a believer in using fear and challenges as a compass to growth. It's because of this mindset that Adventure For All and its mission exist. Chase has a vision to redefine the human potential for those with exceptionalities. On this journey he will inspire a movement that shows the power of inclusion within communities and believing in one another! It starts with inClUSion.

Shannon Live

A life-long adventurer of imaginary worlds, Shannon Live knew her path would someday include advocating for creativity. After studying English Literature and Public Relations at Howard Payne University, Live worked in various fields as a Marketing Director, Retail Sales Manager, and a Reading/Writing Specialist. In her spare time, she continued to pursue creative endeavors such as writing Young Adult novels and comic books, working as a professional cosplay model for video game companies, and helping to create a YouTube show based on comic characters.

In 2018, she brought it all together when she co-founded Bat City Comic Professionals, a 501(c)(3) non-profit comic bookstore that focuses on cultivating reading, writing, art, and imagination skills for young people. As President and Director of Outreach at Bat City, Live works with schools, libraries, and organizations such as the Girl Scouts of America and the Boys & Girls Club to develop programming that inspires creative learning using comic books as the primary resource. Through comic creation student workshops, content and resource development, and Comics in the Classroom educator seminars, Live is hoping to inspire a new generation to find their voice and an artistic outlet to express it through.

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