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Influencing and Inspiring as a Transformational Leader Having served in high-level leadership positions in the military and at global enterprises, including Google, Dell, and Booz Allen Hamilton, Dr. Sydney Savion brings forward-thinking and collaborative approaches for leadership to the forefront. Introducing a brand of transformative leadership that builds upon purpose-driven military principles from her 20 years of service, Savion outlines the steps anyone can apply to be the type of leader who influences people to show up as their best selves each day, and inspires them to achieve above and beyond what they think is possible. Her stories about the people and organizations who she has impacted along her career path are equal parts engaging and entertaining, and incorporate meaningful lessons on important leadership themes, including: Leading through change Resilience Effective communication Fostering trust, authenticity; and connection Building psychologically safe environments where everyone is empowered to contribute Motivating teams that are equipped to perform at an elite level Regardless of industry, background, or level of leadership, Savion emphasizes that the key to transformative leadership is the ability to be what you cannot see, and use what you learn about your people to uplift them on the individual and collective levels. She helps audience members recognize their power as leaders and opens their eyes to the fact that they are a beacon of hope and influence whose actions shape the experience of those around them — hopefully for the better. Upon this realization, she helps them begin to lay out a legacy that will move people to follow them, and provide a blueprint for others to create their own impact.

Does AI Wear Prada? Optimizing AI in Support of EI Artificial intelligence has become a focal point in business conversations today, with leaders examining the ways in which AI's capabilities will influence learning, development, innovation, and performance within their organizations. As the former global learning futurist at Google, who has held similar roles at some of the world's top companies and in the U.S. military, Dr. Sydney Savion is widely regarded for her ability to spot technological shifts long before they disrupt the workplace and society, as well as the manner in which she collaborates with leaders to prepare them for what's to come before it comes. As she explores how leaders should be thinking about AI and how it can be leveraged in support of their people and organizations, she stresses that in order to make the most of AI, leaders will have to optimize for EI (emotional intelligence). In this talk, she outlines proven strategies for how to combine the human elements of performance — such as curiosity, compassion, and creativity — with the opportunities AI presents in order to enhance our capabilities, and develop solutions to business and societal challenges.

Leaving a Legacy of Good Only when you reach self-transcendence can you begin to consider your lasting impact on the people and the world around you. In this reflective keynote, Dr. Sydney Savion

takes audiences on a transformative, inward-looking journey in which each person will feel compelled to look back at the arc of their own life, consider how they want to be remembered, and assess the steps they can begin to take to shape their legacies from here on out. As Savion shares, the concept of legacy is about the enduring mark we leave on the world through the action, values, and contributions. She offers valuable wisdom for how leader can align their purpose to their desired legacy, and orient their actions in support of their purpose — ensuring that their actions today resonate positively for generations to come.

Solving Problems Upstream: Navigating Challenges Before They Cascade How can leaders collaborate with their teams to solve problems at the source and prevent them from flowing downstream? In this thought-provoking keynote, Dr. Sydney Savion leads a deep dive into the art of proactive problem-solving, drawing from her extensive experiences as a military and corporate leader to arm groups with practical strategies and action steps for navigating challenges in today's complex business environment. Savion offers tried-and-true techniques for identifying issues at the source and looking beyond surface-level symptoms to tackle challenges in the early stages and develop more forward-thinking approaches to developing solutions before the people downstream are ever aware that there was a problem to begin with.