Shannon Miller, Friday General Session Keynote
Shannon McClintock Miller is an international speaker, consultant and author who has a passion for education, librarianship, advocacy, technology, social media and making a difference in the world and lives of others, especially children. Shannon currently serves as the K-12 Teacher Librarian at Van Meter Community School in Iowa and as the Future Ready Librarians Spokesperson working with students, librarians, educators and others around the world every day. She is Buncee’s Librarian Advisor, Cantata Learning’s Teacher Librarian Advocate and Author, a Participate Author and Skype Educator.

Shannon is the author of the award winning The Library Voice blog and enjoys writing for various blogs, journals and other forums including ISTE, School Library Journal and Publishers Weekly. She recently published her first 4 children’s books about library skills with Capstone and is working on the next series which is due out in the fall of 2018. Shannon and Bill Bass are also writing a library leadership book with ISTE.

In 2014, Shannon was named a Library Journal Mover and Shaker. In 2016, she was awarded the Making it Happen Award by ISTE. In 2018, she was named the AASL Social Media Superstar Leadership Luminary.

Dr. Latoya Dixon, Awards Luncheon Keynote
Dr. Latoya Dixon is a former teacher, principal, and transformational leader. As a product of Rock Hill School District 3, Latoya began her career as a middle school English Language Arts teacher after graduating from Clemson University in 1999. Latoya holds a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership, an Educational Specialist degree, and a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of South Carolina. She enjoys reading, participating in professional learning Twitter chats, writing on her blog, Leading & Learning, and recording her podcast #leadershipwithlatoya, which is available and free on iTunes. Latoya recently published her first book, Burned Out, Beaten Up, Fighting Back: A Call To Action For America’s Public Educators, which is available for purchase on Amazon. She currently serves as a state-level education leader as the Director of the Office of School Transformation at the South Carolina Department of Education.

Derrick Barnes, Authors Celebration Luncheon Keynote
Derrick D. Barnes is from Kansas City, MO and is a graduate of Jackson State University with a BA degree in Marketing. He is the author of the critically acclaimed picture book CROWN: An Ode To The Fresh Cut (Denene Millner Books/Agate Bolden) which recently won the 2018 Ezra Jack Keats Award. It was also a huge winner at the American Library Association’s Youth Media Awards, taking home four Honor awards: the Coretta Scott King Author Honor, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor, Newberry Honor, and the Caldecott Honor. He is also the owner of a creative copy writing company, Say Word Creative Communications and the creator of the popular blog Raising The Mighty. His next book, entitled The King of Kindergarten, will be published by Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin.
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