

Ambassador Shabazz

Diplomat, Lecturer, Consultant & Professor for Corporations, Academia, Foundations and Global Forums

A most sought after and captivating speaker throughout the United States, Europe, Africa, Central America and the Caribbean, she is inspired by her Parents, theirs and theirs before them. For Ambassador Shabazz, it has been a most natural, hence lifelong devotion to focus on the aspirational side of human, societal and business development with strategic evaluation, practical investment and enrichment outcomes for “definitive beneficiaries” -- that has been most fulfilling in her career.

Raised in Westchester County, New York, Ambassador Shabazz is the eldest of six daughters born to Dr. Betty Shabazz and Malcolm X Shabazz. She graduated from the United Nations International School at 17 and entered Briarcliff College the following fall semester, majoring in International Law with a minor in English.

A producer, writer and diplomat she has spent over 38 years offering keynote addresses, while developing curriculums and programs for educational institutions, executive forums, diplomatic networks, penal systems, conferences and human service organizations globally-- with the purpose to motivate and encourage the young and mature alike to recognize the value in and appreciation of -- diverse cultural engagement, traditional rights of passage and perspectives, thus a genuine respect for oneself and others.

She is recognized as a masterful creator and an astute businesswoman. Fondly termed by her colleagues as an “ideas architect”, she is a strategist and technician quick to discern the integrity, theme and ultimate goal of each endeavor while realizing a vision of execution and successful outcome.

In 1996, she established the Pilgrimage Foundation in honor of her Father’s spiritual journey to the Holy land. “It offered him the ‘Light of Understanding’ and confirmed his vision for our Oneness” she states. In tribute to her Mother’s life long legacy of service as an educator, as well as the leadership of both sets of Grandparents and their parents before them, --thus uniting 5 languages, 3 religions, social histories and traditions, she has remained steadfast guiding experiences that expand one’s own personal prism and regard for others. Her lifetime commitment is to establish fellowships from the most fortunate to the disenfranchised, bridging the gaps with the sustenance that assures that “we step into the world-- both mindful and equipped to fulfill our bounty – then share it with another”.

The Pilgrimage Foundation has touched hundreds of thousands of lives around the world reaching the under-served and well as the privileged. From shelters, correctional facilities, villages, metropolises, State Houses and Royal compounds. “We are fundamentally the same—balancing our highs and lows all day long”.

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Upon years of personal service, the former Prime Minister of Belize, recognized her as a key advisor on International Cultural Affairs & Project Development. In 2002, he appointed her as the Ambassador-at-Large representing the country of Belize internationally and in perpetuity. Following, the Ministries of Human Development, Culture, Education and Youth & Sports also incorporated her insights and guidance to their Cabinets as well. Since then, she has been invited to participate in the US State Department's Diplomatic Briefing Forums and The United Nations Association. Much of her expertise fosters diplomatic relations between cultures along with discerning traditional and contemporary practices, capacity building, human resource training economic development.

In addition to The Pilgrimage Foundation, she and Yolanda King founded Nucleus, Inc in 1977, which traveled nationally to 100 cities per year until 1994, thus acquainting her with the roadmap of national systems, networks and advancement per region. Ambassador Shabazz is the founder of Tapestry Bridge, Legacy Inc., "Everybody Has One", the Pilgrimage Foundation, Inc., The Humanity Passport Project and the Malcolm X Shabazz Birthplace & Foundation. In the past, she has offered her dedicated participation as a member of the Switzerland-based World Economic Forum's Task Force on the Digital Divide, serves on a number of international humanitarian boards, councils and committees, offers private consultation to many executive and diplomatic leaders-- and is a proud member of the United Nations International School Alumnae where she counseled the senior class from 1991-2010 guiding many to date, over 20 years later.

She has written op-ed commentaries and articles for newspapers and periodicals such as the TIMES, Essence Magazine, EL MUNDO and others. In 1999, she had the honor of adding to the list of her published writings, the new foreword to her father's classic, The Autobiography of Malcolm X, and is completing her memoirs, titled From Mine Eyes.

Ambassador Shabazz' hope is to motivate and inspire one to have a better understanding of his or her history, the world around them and their constructive place in it. Thus to encourage a positive self- concept, she affirms, "It is within you to be ALL that your dreams imagine".

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Conference and Lecture Topics:

Celebrating Culture: Around The World And Back

Heritage: Embracing Your Legacy. “Everybody Has One”

Melting Pot: Multi-Cultural Diplomacy/ Multi-National Patriotism

Malcolm X Shabazz: The Man And Father Away From The Podium

A Commitment In The Spirit Of Humanity:
“By Any Means Necessary”- MXS

Living Well - Living Good:
The Balance Of Personal Blessings & Serving Others

Out Of The Box: Innovation, Ideas & Implementation
Being A Dream Catcher & Realist Respectively

Global Citizens’ Diplomacy Boot Camp
A series of retreats, symposiums and human service delegations, which includes 7-21 day journeys, project placements and / or internships in the U.S and abroad.

Nationality, Nature & Nuance:
A syllabus that explores the elements of culture, character and chance; while identifying the benefits of social diversity amid the tapestry of a multi-composite America, thus affirming the value of having a clear global prism in our every day lives, personally, professionally, socially and holistically.

ALL OF ME: Discovering Oneself Through Art, Language & Literature
An arts, education & personal healing curriculum taught internationally

Positively You!

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