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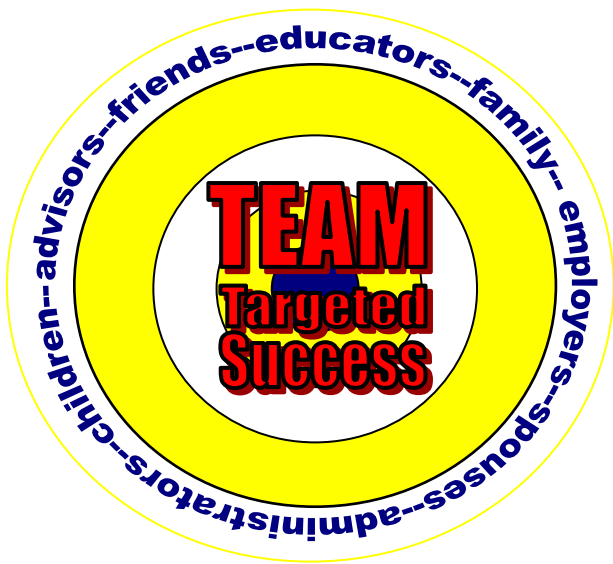


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### Key Note Speech Sure to Target Success!



Dr. Ralph Watkins is an associate professor in the Sociology department at Augusta State University. His experiences as professor, former non-traditional student, and community leader have provided him with first hand knowledge of how important team work is to the success of the non-traditional student.

A syndicated columnist, nationally recognized motivational speaker, workshop leader and civil rights advocate, Dr. Watkins speaks publicly over sixty times per year. He is widely published, with over 150 publications (to include his weekly syndicated column). His book *I Ain't Afraid to Speak My Mind* (2003) has received national acclaim and sold over 1,000 copies in the first six months after its release. His chapter *Rap, Religion, and New Realities: The Emergence of a Religious Discourse in Rap* in *Noise and Spirit: The Religious and Spiritual Sensibilities of Rap Music*, as edited by Anthony Pinn and published by NYU Press, has received much attention. As one of the most recognized teachers of African American Religion in the nation his chapter *Teaching African American Religions at a Traditionally White University in the South* will be published by Oxford University Press in the edited volume *Mining the African American Religious Motherlode*. The book is scheduled to be released this spring. He also has a chapter entitled *The Revolutionary Spirit of Young Warriors: Reflections on Neo-Black Nationalist Discourse in Rap Music*, which will be included in an edited volume published by NYU Press.

Dr. Watkins is a well recognized teacher. He has been a Governor's Teaching Fellow, a Lilly Foundation Teaching Fellow, and a Fulbright-Hays Fellow. He has studied extensively in Africa.

His presentation style is sure to keep listeners entertained and informed.



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