

Hello everyone, and a warm welcome to [**event**]. It is with great pleasure that I introduce our distinguished [**guest speaker or keynote speaker**] for today's event, LeDerick Horne. A renowned poet, speaker, and author, LeDerick has devoted his life to championing the rights of individuals with disabilities.

Having navigated his own learning disability since the third grade, LeDerick seamlessly weaves dynamic spoken-word poetry into his advocacy, igniting discussions on equal opportunity, pride, and self-determination. His poetic gift serves as a powerful catalyst for fostering hope within the disability community, positioning him as a compelling advocate and speaker. LeDerick's influence extends far and wide, from conducting impactful workshops to delivering keynote speeches and delivering captivating performances at prestigious venues such as the White House and the United Nations. His work unifies efforts across diverse disability challenges, working towards substantive, systemic change.

My initial encounter with LeDerick's work left a lasting impression, [insert 2-3 sentences sharing how you first discovered him and your reaction to his impactful contributions].

Today, LeDerick will generously share his inspiring journey and offer insights on how we can enhance support for individuals with disabilities in the [**field of work**]. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the extraordinary LeDerick Horne.