



Dr. Ryan E. Ross is a sought after equity champion, speaker, facilitator, leadership coach, and servant leader committed to communities thriving, educational access, and the development of leaders.

Ryan's professional, community, and social contributions have afforded the opportunity to be coined "Denver's role Model for Inclusiveness, as well as land him recognitions such as:

- The Denver Business Journal's prestigious 40 under Forty Award,
- The City of Denver's Mayoral Diversity award,
- Being named as an African American who make a difference by the Denver Urban Spectrum,
- Receiving Colorado's M.O.D.E.L (Man of Distinction Excellence, and Leadership) award,
- Receiving the 2013 MLK Humanitarian award from Colorado's Martin Luther King Jr. Commission,
- Being named as one of Colorado's top five most influential young professionals by COBIZ magazine, and
- Being recognized as the 2016 Colorado 9 News leader of the year.

Ryan's passion for community, leadership, and education is directly related to his experiences growing up and desire to pay it forward to the community that afforded him many opportunities. Ryan's innovative work can be witnessed through services provided to clients that include but are not limited to the City of Aurora, City and County of Denver, Anne Arundel Community College, Denver Kids Inc., the Kappa League Leadership development program, the Urban Male Initiative at the Community College of Denver, and the Corporate and Social Responsibility program at University of Colorado. His leadership has directly impacted organizations such as the Colorado Department of Higher Education, the Colorado Community College System, the Urban Leadership Foundation of Colorado, Gilliam Youth Services, Jack and Jill of America Denver Chapter, Bannered Host Ministries, and the Centers for Multicultural Excellence at the University of Denver and Colorado State University.

Professionally, Dr. Ross serves as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Equity, and Inclusion for the Colorado Community College System, the President of the Urban Leadership Foundation of Colorado, and is the founder and owner of Ryan Ross Speaks Ltd. In the community you will find him serving organizations such as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., the National Western Denver Scholarship Advisory Board, The Righteous Rage Institute, the Higher Education Equity Champion Coalition, and the Global Minded National Diversity and Equity Committee.

A proud father of two; Dr. Ryan E. Ross continues to live by his own words... *"Achievement waits ahead so never look back besides why settle on being Good when we are designed to great!"*