

DRDEXTERSHORTER

Dr. Dexter Shorter is a catalyst for transformation, and he brings energy that inspires. An award-winning collegiate recreation professional and respected keynote speaker with the heart of a coach, Dexter is on a mission to impact the world and change lives through his motto: Transform. Grow. Achieve. He has over 15 years of experience empowering leaders within recreation and higher education to maximize their existence and lead lives of purpose.

Known for his soul-stirring message delivery, Dexter has been chosen and trusted to speak for associations and institutions including NIRSA, the Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society (PRPS), Penn State, Louisiana State, Texas Southern, University of Maryland – Baltimore County, and more.

Within his professional career in collegiate recreation, Dexter has served in full-time positions at the University of North Alabama, The Ohio State University, and Penn State University. In addition, he is proud to be a former elected member on the NIRSA Board of Directors, serving in his at-large position from May of 2022 until April of 2025.

Academically, Dexter is an alum of Central Michigan University, a two-time graduate from Austin Peay State University, and the first man to graduate from Ohio State with a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree in Higher Education & Student Affairs.

Whether he's speaking on a stage or mentoring the next generation, Dexter is determined to help people live more fulfilled lives, one message at a time.

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