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SONOMA VALLEY AUTHORS FESTIVAL

STUDENTS DAY 2019



SERVING STUDENTS FROM

SONOMA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
ALTIMIRA MIDDLE SCHOOL
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What happens when you bring some of the greatest writers and thinkers of our time together with 2,700 high school and middle school students?

Horizons open, imaginations awaken, minds expand and dreams are born. That is the magic of the Sonoma Valley Authors Festival Students Day. It is the vision of co-founders Ginny and David Freeman that students be introduced to the power of the written word from the authors themselves and the extraordinary impact of new ideas from today’s top speakers.

In a time when students’ eyes are increasingly drawn toward screens for information and, too often, affirmation, books open the reader’s mind to a new world of possibility and provide a gateway to explore new ideas, cultures and experiences.

For the second year in a row, students from Sonoma Valley High School, Adele Harrison Middle School, Altimira Middle School, Sonoma Academy, Archbishop Hanna High School, and Kenwood School

had the opportunity to hear—and interact with—14 authors and thought leaders in science, technology and medicine. On Friday, May 3, 2019, the world shifted significantly for these students. In a time when “heroes” is an old fashioned idea and social media dominates the information students receive, Students Day provides a fresh, authentic experience for the students to hear and meet individuals making a real difference in the world.

At the inaugural Students Day in 2018, one of the speakers was Captain Scott Kelly, the NASA astronaut that spent one year in the international space station. He shared with students that he had been a C student in high school, drifting through school. He was given a copy of *The Right Stuff* by Tom Wolfe, documenting the stories of the first Mercury astronauts selected for the NASA space program. That book changed his life. Captain Kelly took his first flight into space 20 years later.

The true impact of Students Day may not be known for years to come. But we know, based on the first year, that incredible change happens in just one day.

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

2700

STUDENTS

14

AUTHORS AND THOUGHT LEADERS

3800

BOOKS WRITTEN BY THE PRESENTING SPEAKERS GIVEN FREE TO THE STUDENTS

AUTHORS AND THOUGHT LEADERS			
2019 STUDENTS DAY SPEAKER LINE-UP	Jamie Bernstein	Anthony Ray Hinton	Trudy Trueit
	Charina Chou, Ph.D.	Pedro Irazoqui, Ph.D.	Jose Antonio Vargas
	Billy Collins	Alana Nichols	Simon Winchester
	Wade Davis	Caitlin O’Connell-Rodwell, Ph.D.	Andrew Zaldivar, Ph.D
	Alex Filippenko, Ph.D.	Claire Spafford	

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STUDENTS DAY

SONOMA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL		
SPEAKER	SESSIONS / STUDENTS	SESSION DESCRIPTION
JAMIE BERNSTEIN	1 / 85	Jamie Bernstein will discuss growing up with Leonard Bernstein, a famous composer, for a father. He was known for such works as On the Town and West Side Story; being the chief conductor for the New York Philharmonic Orchestra; being a television star and the life of the party.
CHARINA CHOU, Ph.D. & ANDREW ZALDIVAR, Ph.D.	1 / 350	Charina Chou & Andrew Zaldivar, two leaders at Google's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Unit, will discuss the applications of AI, do hands-on demonstrations, discuss technological implications for our society, and identify ways students can get involved.
BILLY COLLINS	1 / 650	Two-time Poet Laureate, creator of the Poetry 180 website and “America's favorite poet,” Collins will read from his bestselling poetry collection <i>The Rain in Portugal</i> (2016), as well as some of his most beloved poems.
WADE DAVIS	2 / 750	Wade Davis, a National Geographic “Explorer in Residence,” photographer and author of 15 books will discuss his world travels and show spectacular photographs used in his widely acclaimed book, <i>One River: Explorations and Discoveries in the Amazon Rain Forest</i> (1996).
ALEX FILIPPENKO, Ph.D.	1 / 160	Filippenko is a world-renowned astrophysicist and professor of astronomy, voted “Best Professor” at UC Berkeley nine times! He is an authority on supernovae, black holes, galaxies and cosmology. He has authored several books about the universe, most recently, <i>The Cosmos: Astronomy in the New Millenium</i> (5th ed.) (2019).
ANTHONY RAY HINTON	1 / 700	On April 3, 2015, Anthony Ray Hinton walked out of prison a free man after 30 years on death row for a crime he did not commit. In his memoir <i>The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row</i> (2018), Anthony shares his journeys through the traumas of imprisonment, the loss of freedom, and the power of hope and faith to overcome.
PEDRO IRAZOQUI, Ph.D.	1 / 150	Pedro Irazoqui, Ph.D., is the Director of Implantable Devices at Purdue University. Join him as he describes the incredible science behind bioelectric devices implanted in the body to treat patients suffering from PTSD, depression, epileptic seizures, and amputees with bionic limbs.
ALANA NICHOLS	1 / 700	Alana Nichols suffered a spinal cord injury at the age of 17 while attempting a backflip on her snowboard that left her paralyzed from the waist down. Ever the athlete, Nichols transitioned to adaptive sports to become the first American female to win gold medals at both Summer and Winter Olympic/ Paralympic Games.
CAITLIN O’CONNELL-RODWELL, Ph.D.	1 / 150	Caitlin O’Connell-Rodwell is the author of the award-winning book <i>The Elephant Scientist</i> (2011) and a world-class photographer. She lived for five years in the outback of Namibia studying and photographing elephants and how they communicate.
CLAIRE SPAFFORD	1 / 350	Claire Spafford is the Science Educator at the Buck Institute for Research on Aging, and she is motivated by sharing the explanatory power of science with all level of learners. A gifted educator, Spafford will be leading a high-energy, interactive, hands-on workshop exploring science topics that align with student experiences.
JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS	1 / 700	Born in the Philippines and brought to the U.S. illegally, for more than 14 years he kept his immigration status a secret while writing for some of the most prestigious news organization in the country and winning a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting. Only after publicly admitting that he was undocumented could he begin to challenge what it means to be an American. Vargas is the author of <i>Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen</i> (2018).
SIMON WINCHESTER, O.B.E.	1 / 350	Winchester discusses his new book, <i>The Perfectionists: How Precision Engineering Created the Modern World</i> (2018). He takes readers on an engaging journey through history to celebrate an unsung breed of engineers who, through the ages, have developed even more creative, precise and intricate machines that have changed our world.

PROGRAMMING

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