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Divine Lipscomb

Divine Lipscomb captivates audiences worldwide as a nationally recognized advocate, speaker, and mental health professional whose extraordinary journey from incarceration to leadership embodies the transformative potential of resilience and education. Sentenced at 16 to four years in prison—including 15 months in solitary confinement—he converted this experience into a foundation for profound personal reinvention.

A pioneering force in justice reform, Divine founded Corrective Gentlemen and established Penn State's groundbreaking Justice-Impacted Student Organization. His historic 2021 election as the first African American and formerly incarcerated person on the State College Borough Council shattered barriers and redefined representation. A TEDx Editor's Choice speaker pursuing his Ph.D., Divine delivers powerful insights on restorative justice, trauma-informed leadership, and systemic change across corporate leadership summits and policy forums.

Discussion Topics:

- Restorative Justice in Practice
- The Reentry Blueprint
- Higher Education & Justice-Impacted Students
- Mental Health, Trauma & Leadership
- Leadership & Representation
- Transforming Adversity into Advocacy
- TEDx: "Why Can't We Fix the Poverty to Prison Pipeline"



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Legislator | Social Justice Reform Advocate
Public Speaker | TEDx Editor's Choice Speaker

- **Award-Winning Advocate** – Penn State's Outstanding Adult Learners Award and Student Leadership Award. Rock Ethics Institute's Stand Up Award.
- **Policy Influencer** – Active leader in the Pennsylvania Higher Education in Prison Consortium, shaping statewide educational access initiatives.

“As Divine’s middle school science teacher, I have followed his journey with immense pride. Seeing the man he has become and having him speak at my students’ 8th-grade graduation was an absolute honor. He was truly amazing—an unforgettable moment for everyone in the room. Divine is truly divine!”

— *Principal, North Albany Middle School*

Notable Achievements:

- **TEDx Editor's Choice Speaker** – "Why Can't We Fix the Poverty to Prison Pipeline"
- **Historic Elected Official** – Bringing authentic perspective to governance.
- **Academic Excellence** – Penn State graduate with dual degrees and current Ph.D. student.
- **Nonprofit Founder** – Inc., providing evidence-based mentorship and support systems for returning citizens.
- **Higher Education Innovator** – Founded Penn State's Justice-Impacted Student Organization and secured funding for prison education programs.

Recent Speaking Engagements:

- **Featured Speaker:** Rutgers University, Chi Sigma Iota Statewide Conference, Susquehanna Conference, North Albany Middle School, SCI Rockview
- **Featured Panelist:** National Conference Higher Education in Prison, Hampton Roads Social Justice Conference, Pennsylvania Counseling Association Conference

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