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### The National Speakers Association Certifies 51 Speaking Professionals

(TEMPE, Ariz. – May 16, 2018) The National Speakers Association® (NSA), the leading organization for the professional speaking industry, is proud to announce 51 professional speakers have earned the CSP® (Certified Speaking Professional™) designation in 2018.

Established in 1980, the CSP is the speaking profession's international measure of speaking experience and skill. Less than 12 percent of the 5,000+ speakers worldwide, who belong to the 14 member associations of the Global Speakers Federation (GSF), currently hold this professional designation.

The CSP designation is conferred by NSA on accomplished professional speakers who have earned it by meeting strict criteria. CSPs must document a proven track record of speaking experience and expertise, as well as a commitment to ongoing education, outstanding client service, and ethical behavior. The 2018 class of CSPs will be honored during a ceremony on July 14, 2018, at Influence 2018, NSA's annual conference held in Dallas, TX, this year.

"The CSP is the highest earned designation that can be achieved by a member of the National Speakers Association or Global Speakers Federation member associations," said 2017-18 NSA President Brian Walter, CSP, CPAE. "I'm incredibly proud of the 51 recipients this year. Earning the CSP is no small task. To achieve this designation, the professional speaker must show documented proficiency over a minimum of five years, must receive positive evaluations from their clients, and must be evaluated and affirmed through a peer-review process. When meeting professionals wish to hire a speaker with a high-level of expertise and competency, superior speaking ability, and a proven track record of professionalism and success, they can rely on those who hold the Certified Speaking Professional designation to deliver."

For more information on the CSP designation, please call NSA headquarters at (480) 968-2552, or visit our website at [www.NSAspeaker.org](http://www.NSAspeaker.org).

*The National Speakers Association® (NSA) is the leading organization for professional speakers. NSA's thousands of members include experts in a variety of industries and disciplines, who reach audiences as trainers, educators, humorists, motivators, consultants, authors and more. Since 1973, NSA has provided resources and education designed to advance the skills, integrity and value of its members and the speaking profession. Visit NSA's website at [www.NSAspeaker.org](http://www.NSAspeaker.org).*

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