## March 29 **2023**

# Norwood L. Jones Convocation Series

#### **Featuring**

## **Kevin Honeycutt '91**

Kevin Honeycutt of Colorado Springs, CO, is a renowned speaker around the world. Honeycutt grew up in poverty, attending school in more than 20 states before becoming the first high school and college graduate (Ottawa University) in his family. Following graduation, he was an educator, teaching K-12 art, as well as facilitating summer art camps around the state of Kansas. Honeycutt also wrote and directed high school plays for 13 years. Honeycutt was selected as a Sallie Mae Master Teacher, nominated for Kansas Master Teacher and won the Making IT Happen Award, as well as being published in art education journals.

Honeycutt then transitioned to a role as a staff developer and keynote speaker at an educational non-profit service agency for the next 17 years. There, Kevin conceived and developed multiple research-based programs in the areas of project-based learning, trauma/poverty informed instruction, SEL, STEM/STEAM education, and Digital Legacy. His podcast, Driving Questions in Education, was the number one rated podcast in K-12 video education for multiple years and featured best-selling authors and leading educational thinkers from around the world. He was an Apple Distinguished Educator in 2011 and delivered a TEDx talk in 2015.

Honeycutt also co-authored "Midnight Run" which is a collection of stories from his trauma informed childhood, and the transformational stories of what he did with his early experiences. Kevin's drama background, his humor, and his sincere stories are powerful and inspiring to all who get the opportunity to hear him speak. Honeycutt continues to present podcasts, write music, and engage as many people as he can. The Ottawa University Alumni Association awarded Honeycutt the Outstanding Achievement Award in 2022.

Kevin is married to his wife of 32 years, Michele Evans Honeycutt, '91. They have two sons, Ben and Gibson.

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#### Ottawa, KS

#### **Classroom Sessions**

"Taking Your Talent Global" 9:00 a.m. *Chapel 102* 

"Speaking & Training 10:00 a.m. to the Highest Level"

Chapel 102

"The Hero's Journey" 11:00 a.m. Fredrikson Chapel

#### Overland Park, KS

#### **Classroom Session**

"Reaching Learners 2:00 p.m. Wherever They Are"

Martin-Bennett 101 & 102

#### Ottawa, KS

#### **Evening Session**

"Helping Kids Climb" 7:00 p.m.

with Music from Alan Cunningham

(Reception following presentation)

Fredrikson Chapel

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