



In this unprecedented time for educators, the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), in partnership with Penguin Random House (PRH) Education, is excited to announce the “Leadership and Action” summer series, an exclusive offering for NCTE members.

Having kicked off to an audience of 235 attendees on July 8th with author and advocate Wes Moore, the weekly events (to be held every Tuesday at 4PM EDT), features prominent authors in conversation with leading educators on important and pressing topics facing educators today, such as how to employ antiracist teaching methods to engaging students in a distance-learning environment, and more.

“The last several months have necessitated learning new ways of thinking and doing. We are pleased to offer this series to encourage leadership and action – positive change– as the ultimate goal of the urgent learning and listening at hand. There’s so much to be accomplished on behalf of students, particularly at this time.” Emily Kirkpatrick, Executive Director, NCTE

“I’m thrilled that this summer partnership with NCTE allows us the opportunity to connect some of our classroom-favorite authors, including kickoff speaker Wes Moore, with teachers all over the country.” Kaiulani Williams, Director of Secondary Education Marketing, Penguin Random House

“Teachers impact the lives of children every day and do so despite the challenges due to COVID-19. We realize that it is more important than ever that we show our appreciation and support for educators and for the work they do to inspire our students and instill a lifelong love of learning.” Colin Reublinger, Manager, Education Marketing, Penguin Random House

## Schedule of Authors

**July 8th:** **Wes Moore**, CEO of the Robin Hood Foundation, one of the largest antipoverty organizations in the country and author of *The Other Wes Moore* will be in discussion with **Chad Everett**, Assistant Principal at Horn Lake Middle School in Mississippi

**July 28th:** **Lynda Mullaly Hunt**, former teacher who holds writers retreats for the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and author of *Fish in a tree*

**August 11th: Victoria Jamieson** and **Omar Mohamed**, coauthors of *When Stars Are Scattered*

**August 12th: Cheryl Hudson**, coauthor of *Brave. Black. First*; **Wade Hudson**; **Torrey Maldonado**, author of *Secret Saturdays*; and **Sharon Dennis Wyeth**, author of *Orphan Proud*

**August 18th: Brad Montague**, creator of the web series *Kid President* and author of *Becoming Better Grownups*

**August 25th: Renee Jain** and **Dr. Shefali Tsabary**, coauthors of *Superpowered*

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