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Speaker Introduction

Eddie Francis is a media professional, speaker and entertainer born, raised and educated in New Orleans, Louisiana. Eddie has over 20 years experience as a public speaker and over 20 years experience in media.

He spent 7 ½ years as an area manager for Monster's Making It Count Programs, a company that does free presentations at high schools and colleges about educational and career success. He did almost 1,250 presentations for more than a quarter of a million students in 28 states. Eddie still does keynote addresses, workshop presentations and public speaking coaching.

But people in Southeast Louisiana know Eddie mostly for his work in radio. Having worked in radio promotions, productions and programming, he is the producer and co-host of "Real Talk" on New Orleans Hip Hop powerhouse, Q93. Eddie is also the co-producer and education contributor for "Sunday Journal" for New Orleans R&B giant, 98.5-WYLD.

At only 18 years old Eddie started his career in television as a production assistant at New Orleans' number one television news station, WWL-TV. He has also contributed, as a writer, to the *Louisiana Weekly* and *Data News Weekly*. Eddie maintains a blog at eddiefrancis.com; and currently serves as the Interim Director of Public Relations at Southern University at New Orleans.

He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated; a board member of the Tremé Charter School Association; and in 2000 Eddie was selected as one of the Crescent City's "30 People to Watch" by *New Orleans Magazine*.

Please join me in welcoming today's/tonight's speaker, Eddie Francis.