



FIRST ANNUAL REGION 7 PEER SUMMIT

(MISSOURI, KANSAS, NEBRASKA, IOWA)

"Elevating Professionalism Together: Advancing Through Peer Collaboration"

October 24-25, 2024 * Kansas City Expo Center



**Featured Wednesday Opening Speaker:
Thomas Gabriel—**

The Cash Family Legacy Lives On!

Born in Ventura, California, to Kathy Cash (one of four daughters Johnny Cash had with first wife Vivian Liberto Cash.) Thomas Gabriel spent time touring with grandparents Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash as a boy and became

interested in music at an early age.

In addition to following in his family's musical footsteps, Gabriel also followed down the path of substance use. His addictions led to a lengthy arrest record, and a number of years in prison.

The solitude of prison provoked him to explore songwriting again, a journey that he had begun in his youth.

After release, Thomas began paving a new path. Undoubtedly influenced by his iconic grandfather, in 2018 Gabriel began working on his debut album, Long Way Home.

Dedicated now to telling his story in an effort to help spread awareness for those battling addiction, Thomas Gabriel continues to aim his focus on writing and releasing new music and to touring the world.

Featured Speakers and Topics:

- ◆ Thomas Gabriel—Opening Speaker
- ◆ Rosalind Pichardo—Thursday afternoon
- ◆ Damon West—Closing Speaker
- ◆ SAMSHA Speakers
- ◆ ATTC Speakers
- ◆ Office of Recovery
- ◆ Certified Peer Specialists; Family Support Providers; Youth Peer Support
- ◆ Trauma Training
- ◆ Leadership Training
- ◆ Ethics Hours
- ◆ And so much more!
- ◆ New speakers will be announced weekly!

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mopeerspecialist.com, mofamilysupportprovider.com or moyouthspecialist.com

- ◆ **2024 Peer Summit Registration and exhibitor booth opportunities are now open!**
- ◆ **The Excellence Award is now open for nominations:** *This award recognizes peers who consistently demonstrated remarkable initiative, empathy, and the ability to inspire peers through their actions and words. Their contributions have significantly enhanced our state and/or community, setting a standard of excellence for others to follow.*
- ◆ **The Hidden Gem Award is now open for nominations;** *This award recognizes individuals who consistently demonstrate outstanding performance and contributions within their peer group or organization.*
- ◆ **The Guiding Light Award—***This award recognizes supervisors of peers who serve as a beacon of guidance, providing direction to their peers.*





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Special Closing Speaker!

Damon West

Best selling author, keynote speaker, philanthropist and college professor

"The power to change is inside you."

BIOGRAPHY

Damon West, M.S. Criminal Justice, college professor, internationally known keynote speaker and 3 x Wall Street Journal bestselling author. His bestselling business book, *The Coffee Bean: A Simple Lesson to Create Positive Change*, was listed by Forbes' in the "Top Twenty Books You Need to Read to Crush 2020."

His autobiography, *The Change Agent: How a Former College QB Sentenced to Life in Prison Transformed His World*, vividly tells how he transformed the pot of boiling water that is a Texas maximum-security prison into a pot of coffee.

At 20 years old, he was a Division 1 starting quarterback at the University of North Texas, when he suffered a career ending injury. He turned to hardcore drugs to cope with disappointments of life. After graduation, he worked in the United States Congress, was a national fundraiser on a U.S. Presidential campaign and eventually trained to be a stockbroker for United Bank of Switzerland (UBS). One day at UBS, he was introduced to methamphetamines; he became instantly hooked—and the lives of so many innocent people would forever be changed by the choices he made in order to feed his insatiable meth habit.

After a fateful discussion during his incarceration with a seasoned convict, Damon had a spiritual awakening. He learned that, like a coffee bean changing with the application of heat and pressure, he was capable of changing the environment around him. Armed with a program of recovery, a renewed faith, and a miraculous second chance at life, Damon emerged from over seven years of prison a changed man. His story of redemption, grit and determination continues to inspire audiences today.

The Coffee Bean message has inspired thousands. Damon's clients include hundreds of companies, such as Walmart, State Farm, Wendy's, BD, and sports teams like the Dallas Cowboys, Minnesota Timberwolves, Clemson, Alabama and Georgia. The U.S. Army has even incorporated the #BeACoffeeBean mindset into their resilience training. Damon's story has been featured both nationally and globally.

He is passionate about the Coffee Bean message and loves sharing how it changed his life and how it can change yours, too.



"Be A Coffee Bean"



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Rosalind (Roz) Pichardo is a nationally recognized leader, known for her grassroots work in building healthier and safer communities. For the past ten years, she's been working with families of homicide victims to provide grief counseling and advocacy. She's also saved countless lives by providing crisis support to victims of drug overdoses, gunshot wounds, and other violent crimes that are all too common in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. Roz is a native of Kensington where she developed her methods of street outreach while healing herself from the

trauma of losing loved ones to homicide and substance abuse disorder. She has been the subject of numerous documentaries including Tipping the Pain Scales and Hello Sunshine. In 2023, Roz was invited to train Dr. Rahul Gupta (Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy) and Xavier Becerra (Secretary of U.S. Health and Human Services) in methods of administering Narcan. She is the Founder and Executive Director of Operation Save Our City, which serves people who need trauma or substance abuse recovery services.



- Conference Information**
- ◆ **Wednesday Start Time: 8:00a.m.**
 - ◆ **Conference Ends 12:00pm on Friday**
 - ◆ **Meals Provided**
 - ⇒ **Thursday: Breakfast, midmorning break, Lunch and afternoon snack break**
 - ⇒ **Friday: Breakfast and mid-morning break**
 - ◆ **CEUs will be provided**
 - ◆ **Peer merchandise**
 - ◆ **Closing drawing giveaways**
 - ◆ **Professional connections and networking**
 - ◆ **National, State and local exhibitors**

Hotel Accommodations:

Holiday Inn Expo Center

11728 N. Ambassador Drive; Kansas City, Mo. 64153

Reservation Information

Please note the Reservation Link below and use the dates for the conference (example 10/23-10/25,2024) and then push Search.at **"Peer Summit" Room Block.**

Rate: \$109 per night plus taxes & fees





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Name: _____

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Registration Fees

- __ \$175.00 Registration Rate
- __ \$100.00 Registration for 1 Day only (Please indicate what day you wish to attend).
- __ **Thurs** __ **Fri**

Payment Information

- Check/Money Order (Payable to MCB)
- Credit Card

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- ◆ MCB-428 East Capitol 3rd Floor; Jefferson City, Mo. 65101
- ◆ **Cancellation Information: All refunds are subject to a \$25 processing fee. No refunds will be given after October 1, 2024.**