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EXTRA YARD FOR TEACHERS SUMMIT ANNOUNCES ALL-STAR SPEAKER LINEUP TO CELEBRATE TAMPA TEACHERS

College Football Playoff Foundation Inspiring and Empowering 1,000 Local Teachers at Summit

TAMPA – December 12, 2016 – Tampa teachers are about to get a major halftime show at the third annual [Extra Yard for Teachers Summit](#), a half-day celebration for 1,000 local K-12 teachers in the host community of the College Football Playoff National Championship. The Summit, hosted by the College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation, takes place on Saturday, January 7, 2017, and features TED-style talks and performances designed to celebrate educators.

The College Football Playoff National Championship will be played Monday, January 9, 2017, in Tampa's Raymond James Stadium.

2017 Extra Yard for Teachers Summit Speakers

This year's Summit has an all-star lineup set to inspire and empower attendees, including: the 2016 National Teacher of the Year; a former teacher who now designs spaces for learning in the 21st century; the 2016 Fulbright U.S. Distinguished Teacher who is studying the hip-hop arts for the purpose of cultural survival in New Zealand; and the first female sportscaster to ever fully participate in a professional football camp.

The confirmed complete list of 2017 presenters includes:

- [Rachel Baribeau](#), Sirius XM Sportscaster
- Lori Bradner, AVID Coordinator at Randall Middle School
- Courtney Ferrell, Founder of Girl Up
- Ashley Grimes, Instructional Staff Developer for Physical Education & Wellness at Pinellas County Schools
- Nicki Hancock, Former Teacher
- [Jahana Hayes](#), 2016 National Teacher of the Year
- [Christian Long](#), School Designer
- Lamar Mills, Behavior Coach at Woodlawn Elementary
- [Lavie Raven](#), 2016 Fulbright U.S. Distinguished Teacher
- [Don Yu](#), Director of the Better Make Room Campaign
- [Joaquin Zihuatanejo](#), Emcee, Spoken Word Artist

In a first for the Summit, the 56 State Teachers of the Year will also be in attendance, including Florida's honoree Diane McKee from Williams Middle Magnet School in Tampa, and will be recognized throughout the program as special guests of the CFP Foundation.

"There is a famous poem that says 'A teacher's work is never done' because there will always be a child who can be challenged and encouraged," said Britton Banowsky, Executive Director of the CFP Foundation. "Teachers are tireless in their commitment to bettering our children, and we want to return their dedication by having an entire day devoted to celebrating them. It's our opportunity to say 'thank you' while giving them a chance to recharge and reignite their passion as they head back to school."

In addition to hearing presentations throughout the afternoon, teachers will be treated to immersive and thought-provoking experiences to rediscover what inspires them as educators. Teachers who attend the Summit will also have access to the exclusive 'Teachers' Lounge' for the entire day and will be invited to attend Playoff Fan Central—the signature fan event taking place at the Tampa Convention Center. After the Summit concludes, teachers can also catch performances by Flo Rida, Cold War Kids and Rachel Platten at AT&T Playoff Playlist Live! in Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park.

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For more information about the Extra Yard for Teachers Summit, please visit www.ExtraYardSummit.com.

Since its inception in 2014, Extra Yard for Teachers has funded more than \$2.5 million in direct classroom need in CFP host cities and in communities designated by its conference partners. CFP licensed products have generated more than \$7.5 million in direct class room support nationally.

About the College Football Playoff Foundation and Extra Yard for Teachers

The College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation is the charitable arm of the College Football Playoff and supports education and teachers across the country. The CFP Foundation creates multiple partnerships to execute its initiatives and support positive educational outcomes. The Foundation's primary philanthropic initiative, Extra Yard for Teachers (EYFT), elevates the teaching profession by inspiring and empowering quality teachers through the development and implementation of programs in three key focus areas: direct provision of resources, teacher recognition, and professional development training. For more information, please visit <http://www.cfp-foundation.org>.

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