**INTRODUCTION *VERSION 2 (short)***

Dr. Tony Lamair Burks II is an award-winning educator, affectionately known as Doctor B the StoryWeaver, who first learned the art and craft of storytelling from his four grandparents in LA…Lower Alabama.

After earning a philosophy degree from Morehouse College, he began a career in education and eventually reconnected with his passion for words. His stories blend childhood experiences and educational issues and have appeared in newspapers in North Carolina and Tennessee and in books nationally.

A graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University and the University of North Carolina Greensboro, he has been a featured storyteller, workshop facilitator, keynote panelist, and commencement speaker at dozens of public, private, and independent schools, public school districts, universities, conferences, and symposia in the United States and abroad.  In September 2015 he was recognized by NU-tribe Magazine as one of "Six HBCU Grads You Should Know".

Please join me in welcoming our guest speaker, Dr. Tony Lamair Burks II.