

# The Long Island Author's Showcase and Networking Seminar

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## LONG ISLAND AUTHOR'S SHOWCASE AND NETWORKING SEMINAR

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SHARE. INFORM. ENLIGHTEN  
Meet best selling authors, network,  
sample local wines and more...  
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### *featured authors*

FRANCIS S. CARL | DENICE EVANS SHEPPARD | FELICIA M. FORT | ROBERT FORTIER  
LINNITA HOSTEN | CHRISTIE A. KORTH | MECHELL MEDINA | JOSEPH MERCADO



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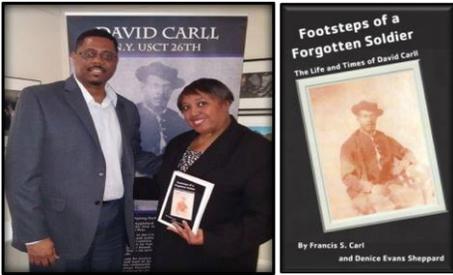
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# Program



- DeliTeach Purpose & Vision
- Welcome & Introduction
- Author Presentations
- Keynote Speaker
- Meet & Greet Authors -Book Signings – Networking - Q & A
- Closing Remarks

# Meet the Authors!



## Francis S. Carl

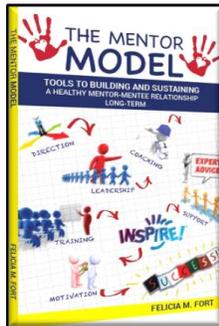
As a direct descendant and great-great grandson of David Carll, the Civil War Soldier, Frank S. Carl always had a fascination and interest in the life and times of his ancestor. As a young boy visiting family in Oyster Bay, New York, oral history was told to him by family members, which captivated his imagination of this man. Through years of research, the story of David Carll slowly emerged. Along with his cousin, Denice Evans Sheppard, they were able to write this compelling story about their great-great grandfather David Carll.

After graduating from Central Islip Senior High School in New York in 1984, Frank served three years in the US Army and attended college at Long Island University and Central Texas College. Currently, he works as a government contractor with the Department of Justice in Washington DC. Being in close proximity to the National Archives and the African American Civil War Museum has opened the door to a wealth of information that was instrumental in telling this story.

## Denice S. Evans-Sheppard

Denice S. Evans-Sheppard, author of *The Constant Struggle With*, has been working for years promoting, creating and establishing herself within the publishing arena. She initially started out writing Multicultural Child Stories "In All Forms" which she had published along with a storytelling program for local school districts, children museums and libraries on Long Island. She continued by freelance writing for local publications for the Oyster Bay Historical Society and Oyster Bay Guardian regarding her family history.

Currently, Denice owns Carll Hill Publishing Emporium Publishing Company which allows novice writers to publish their work. Denice began researching her family history at an early age based on the knowledge that has been passed down from her parents and grandparents. Denice currently lives in the house of David Carll, the Civil War Soldier, and has shown a great passion for bringing his history to life with cousin Frank Carl. Being direct descendants of David Carll, they both have collaborated and combined their research to write *Footsteps of a Forgotten Soldier* a story very factual - and most importantly a great way to continue his legacy.

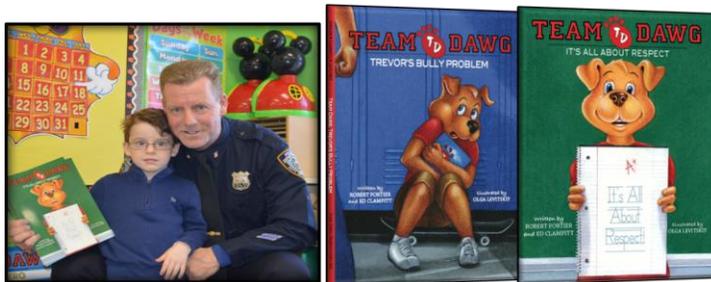


## Felicia M. Fort

Felicia M. Fort is a philanthropist, entrepreneur and a mathematician (the best part is turning complex problems into simple ones), a dedicated leader, mentor to six youth and young adults and mentee to several professionals. She is the author of, *The Mentor Model: Tools to Building and Sustaining a Healthy Mentor-Mentee Relationship Long-Term*.

Felicia is a proud alumnus of Benedict College, where she earned her BS Degree in Mathematics. Felicia also received her MBA from Trinity Washington University and is a proud member Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Felicia runs a scholarship program called the Fort's Book Scholarship, which awards students every year by

providing assistance to purchase their college textbooks. Felicia lives by the following mantra, "The more you know about how to make your dreams real, the closer you are to fulfilling them". She loves skydiving and daring herself to seek and live an adventurous lifestyle.

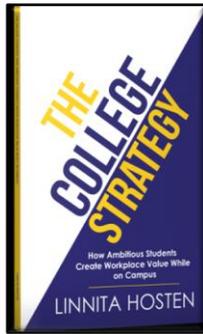


## Robert Fortier

Children's Book Author and creator of TeamDawg.com, is better known as Bobby-Dawg. This visionary, entrepreneur and accomplished protector of the community retired from the New York City Police Department and received medals for Integrity, Excellent Police Duty, and Teamwork. Robert continues to share his creative and positive personality through Team Dawg, receiving special recognition for Tending to the Needs of Our Youth by United States Congress.

"Growing up with four brothers and three sisters in a small house I learned about teamwork and how to accomplish more when you work as a team. Throughout my childhood, Mom and Dad were always supportive and very hands on, in every aspect of my life. I learned about love, caring, respect, consideration, making the right choices and being responsible for all my actions right or wrong. With this wonderful family foundation, it is my strong desire to share such a positive experience with the youth of today and tomorrow."

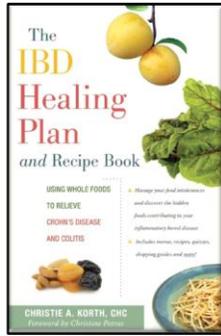
~ Robert E. Fortier



### Linnita Hosten

Linnita Hosten is known for championing young women to a standard of excellence. From conference keynotes to breakout sessions, Linnita conducts teachings on the power of positioning and STAGE POWER. Linnita has had the privilege of speaking for the United States Army, Washington Redskins Cheerleaders, many universities, over 100 middle & high schools; and several faith based organizations. She is the author of, *The College Strategy: How Ambitious Students Create Workplace Value While On Campus*.

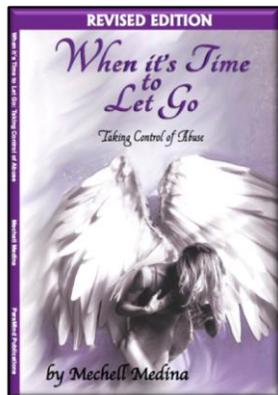
The hybrid-preneur is an adjunct professor of Speech Communication at Anne Arundel Community College. Linnita received her bachelors of science degree in Mass Communication from Towson University and her masters of science degree in Nonprofit Management and Association Leadership from the University of Maryland, University College.



### Christie Korth

Christie Korth has been very passionate about health and wellness since healing herself from a crippling case of Crohn's disease through diet and lifestyle changes. Because of this condition, she also suffered bouts of extreme anxiety and depression. Just when she thought she had her tummy under control, in early 2007, she went on to discover that she had severe gluten intolerance. She has since committed herself to promoting education and awareness about eating healthy and gluten-free, in addition to helping hundreds of people resolve troubling health concerns. Christie is the founder and director of Happy & Healthy Wellness. Through her work, she helps people make better food and lifestyle choices. She specializes in digestive disorders and conducts gluten-free cooking classes, health food store tours and lectures. She also works closely with her local Celiac Support Group.

Additionally, she is the Corporate Nutritionist for Brain Balance Achievement Centers. She designs nutrition protocols for children who are afflicted with ADHD, Autism, Asperger's and Dyslexia. She trains the doctors at Brain Balance Centers across the country on various topics to better serve the children the company serves. Further, Christie is also the author of *The IBD Healing Plan and Recipe Book*. She is a Certified Health Counselor through Columbia University's Teacher's College. Additionally, she holds a Bachelor of Science in Holistic Nutrition from the Clayton College of Natural Health.

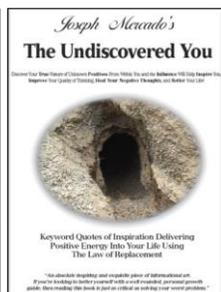


### Mechell Medina

Mechell Medina was born and raised in Brentwood, New York. As a divorced, single mother of two boys and an author, she is uniquely qualified to tell this story as a survivor of domestic violence. Between raising both children she obtained a Bachelor's in Science for Business Management and Economics with a concentration in marketing. Mechell's book, *When It's Time to Let Go: Talking Control of Abuse*, is an inspiring and empowering literary work. This captivating story has a phenomenal message that conveys a sense of hope even in the most agonizing situations. With self-determination, her triumph demonstrates remarkable strength as proof that anything is possible.

Whether you are, have or never experienced domestic abuse first hand and know someone who needs to stop suffering in silence, her objective is to change lives.

Domestic violence is more serious than you know. Help break this vicious cycle and remember help is only a phone call away. She is a survivor and you are too! The National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233



### Joseph Mercado

Joseph Mercado is from Long Island, New York. His personal growth started in his childhood years at the age of 7, when he picked up his first personal development book called: "How To Read A Person Like A Book." It helped him understand human behavior and the reason behind people's thoughts, body gestures and movements. By the time he was 11 years old, he had picked up his first mind-set book called: "Unlimited Power" by Anthony Robbins. He became infatuated with how the mind and brain works as to why we as humans think the way we think and do the things we do.

Joseph's ultimate passion is to help people deal with negativity in the mind, psychologically, spiritually, and emotionally. It is one of the main reasons why he wrote the book series called: *The Undiscovered You: Healing Your Negative Thoughts Using The Law of Replacement*. The accumulation of experiences has given him the ability to not only help himself get through some deep trenches in life, but to also be a leading example to other people who battle with negative thinking.



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Passionate professional dedicated to providing quality content within the entertainment/media industry. Whether it be pre-production, production or post-production, Marcus has influenced projects creatively, positively and at the same time has proven to be a team player. A proud graduate of Emerson College with a BA in Film Production, his experience and commitment to the field he loves is evident in everything he produces.

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**Verdel A. Jones** is the CEO of DeliTeach Enterprises, LLC, college-planning expert, author of, *The Parent Agent: How to Represent Your Child and Get Them Into the College of Their Choice*, talk show host, educator and speaker. She has been an educator for over 20 years as a teacher, school counselor, and district level administrator.

Verdel continually provides her community with valuable resources regarding various educational topics and passionately presents this information to parents and students. She has visited hundreds of colleges, and can articulate what to look for in a college that will meet the needs of your child. Her extensive knowledge of the college exploration and selection process; current educational issues; and the social and emotional challenges students experience, make her an expert in her field. Being a teacher at heart, her passion is focused on sharing conversations that inform and enlighten – in the hopes that you learn something you did not know. In carrying out this work, she is the executive producer and host of the Internet TV show, *Conversations with Verdel Jones*.

Verdel received her master’s degree in educational leadership from Long Island University, a master’s degree in secondary education from Hofstra University, and obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

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