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Keynote Speaker

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Eric Schwarz is the Co-Founder and CEO of the College for Social Innovation, which brings together colleges and social sector organizations to create fully-credited, semester-long experiential learning opportunities that are meaningful, accessible, and life-changing. College for Social Innovation was incorporated in July, 2015 and began enrolling students in the 2016-17 academic year. The mission of the organization is to educate and inspire the next generation of social problem solvers.

Eric is also the Co-Founder and former CEO of Citizen Schools, a successful social enterprise that scaled to a \$30 million annual budget and has had a positive impact on the after-school and extended learning time fields across the U.S. Schwarz is the author of the critically-acclaimed book, The Opportunity Equation, published by Beacon Press in 2014, the co-editor of The Case For 21st Century Learning, and the author of numerous articles and book chapters, including "Calling All Citizens" in *The New York Times* best-selling Waiting For Superman.



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