

INTRODUCTION

RODNEY WALKER

At this time, please turn off your cell phones or place them on silent. Thank you.

My name is _____ (your name).

I am (leadership position or organization), and it's my pleasure to welcome you. This program is sponsored by (list organizations). Our speaker today is Rodney Walker.

Rodney Walker, a Chicago native, travels both nationally and internationally, speaking at public schools, corporations, and conferences about the importance of education, entrepreneurship education, mentoring at-risk youth, and corporate philanthropy for nonprofit organizations aimed to uplift and support at-risk youth.

Given the obstacles placed before him as a foster child, Rodney struggled academically and socially in school. In his early years of elementary school, he was placed in special education, repeated the fourth grade due to poor academic performance, and underperformed with a sub-1.5 GPA in his freshman year of high school. But despite it all, Walker became an award-winning entrepreneur, with a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College, and a master's degree from Yale University - all before the age of 25. And, this fall, Walker will be pursuing his Doctorate in Education at Harvard University.

Please join me in welcoming Rodney Walker.