

Joe Torre

Joe Torre was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY on July 27, 2014 and the New York Yankees retired his Number 6 at a ceremony at Yankee Stadium the following month.

Joe is currently the Chief Baseball Officer for Major League Baseball. He was serving as Executive Vice President for Baseball Operations since February 2011. In this capacity, he oversees areas that include Major League Operations, On-Field Operations, On-Field Discipline and Umpiring. He serves as the Office of the Commissioner's primary liaison to the general managers and field managers of the 30 Major League Clubs regarding all baseball and on-field matters. Since December 2009, he has served on the Commissioner's Special Committee for On-Field Matters.

Torre is also Chairman of the Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation, which he and his wife, Ali, launched in 2002. In 2010, Torre was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve on the National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women. Since October 2011, he has served as Co-Chair of the US Justice Department's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence.

In the Fall of 2010, Torre concluded his third and final season as Manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, who he led to the National League Championship Series in 2008 and 2009. Previously, he spent 12 seasons as Manager of the New York Yankees (1996-2007), guiding them to the Playoffs every year, including six World Series appearances and four World Championships (1996, 1998, 1999 and 2000).

Torre made his managerial debut with the New York Mets on May 31, 1977, becoming the first player-manager in the majors since 1959. He managed the Mets until 1981 and the Atlanta Braves from 1982-84. After spending nearly six seasons as a television broadcaster for the California Angels, he managed the St. Louis Cardinals from 1990-95.

Torre ranks fifth in all-time managerial wins, with 2,326. The Associated Press named him Manager of the Year in 1982 and 1998. In 1996 and 1998, the Baseball Writers Association of America named him American League Manager of the Year and, in 1996, The Sporting News named him Sportsman of the Year. He won ESPN's ESPY Award for Best Manager/Coach of the Year in 1997, 1999, 2000 and 2001.

During his 17-year playing career (first/third baseman, catcher) with the Milwaukee/Atlanta Braves, St. Louis Cardinals and New York Mets, Torre compiled a lifetime .297 batting average, had 2,342 hits, 252 home runs and 1,185 RBI's, and hit over .300 five times. He was a nine-time All-Star and the National League's 1971 Most Valuable Player, batting .363 with 230 hits, 24 home runs and a league-leading 137 RBIs.

The Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation's mission is to develop educational programs that will end the cycle of domestic violence and save lives. Since its inception, the Foundation has educated thousands of students, parents, teachers and school faculty about the devastating effects of domestic violence.

Currently reaching children in schools and community centers in metropolitan New York City and schools in Los Angeles, Margaret's Place, a tribute to Joe's mother, provides middle and high school students with a "safe room," in which to talk about violence-related issues to each other and to a professional counselor trained in domestic violence intervention and prevention.

Torre is the co-author of three books: *The Yankee Years* (Doubleday, 2009), *Chasing the Dream: My Lifelong Journey to the World Series* (Bantam, 1997, 1998) and *Joe Torre's Ground Rules for Winners: 12 Keys to Managing Team Players, Tough Bosses, Setbacks and Success* (Hyperion, 1999).

Torre was born on July 18, 1940 in Brooklyn, NY. He, Ali and their daughter, Andrea, live in New York. His three adult children are Michael, Cristina and Lauren.

Tripp Crosby

Host of Leadercast Live 2018

Tripp Crosby puts smiles on the faces of millions as a comedic host, inspirational speaker, and content creator.

He's, of course, most widely known as the taller half of Tripp and Tyler, a world-famous YouTube sketch comedy duo. Their sketches have amassed over 60 million views and made headlines on some the world's largest publications (Today Show, Huffington Post, Mashable, the home page of YouTube to name a few). You might be familiar with their most popular sketches A Conference Call in Real Life, Sh*t Nobody Says, or Things You Can't Do When You're Not in a pool. Or, maybe you don't have the internet. In 2016 Tripp and Tyler created and appeared in four original sketches on the TruTV show Rachel Dratch's Late Night Snack, and they are currently in development on their own Travel Show.

Tripp's career started behind the camera, and he continues to make his mark as influential director. In 2014 Tripp was selected by Satchi and Satchi as a member of the Cannes International Film Festival New Director Showcase for his work on A Conference Call in Real Life, and since he has continued to direct impactful commercials and various forms of branded content for major brands (Coke, Verizon, Canon). Tripp's first feature length movie is currently in development, and he is working closely with the city of Atlanta to help foster the rapid growth of content creation business.

Tripp's production Company Green Tricycle Studios is now the branded arm of Thruline Entertainment, and they are currently working with major brands, top Hollywood Talent, and some of the most up-and-coming producers and directors to make compelling branded entertainment.

If Tripp took his own advice, he'd focus exclusively on creating content, but his appearance on stage as a host or keynote speaker is constantly increasing in demand. Tripp loves inspiring people to be happier, more productive, and more present in their professional lives, and he helps hundreds of thousands do so by teaching them how to take themselves a little less seriously.

When not hosting, directing, writing, or acting Tripp is where he loves being the most: with his wife Hannah, his son, Miles, and his daughter, Neeva. Together they reside in Atlanta, GA.

Carey Lohrenz

U.S. Navy Pilot, Speaker & Trainer

Carey Lohrenz knows what it takes to win in one of the highest pressure, extreme environments imaginable: in the cockpit at Mach 2.

As the first female F-14 Tomcat Fighter Pilot in the U.S. Navy, having flown missions worldwide as a combat-mission-ready United States Navy pilot, Lohrenz is used to working in fast moving, dynamic environments, where inconsistent execution can generate catastrophic results.

Carey's experience in the all-male environment of fighter aviation and her ability to pass on the lessons learned in her career allow her to deliver insight and guidance from a credible platform on leadership, high-performing organizations and diversity training.

Carey graduated from the University of Wisconsin where she was a varsity rower, also training at the pre-Olympic level. After graduation, she attended the Navy's Aviation Officer Candidate School before starting flight training and her naval career.

Carey lives with her husband and four children in Minneapolis, and she is currently working on her Master's in Business Administration in Strategic Leadership.

Andy Stanley

Leadership Communicator and Best-Selling Author

A powerful leadership communicator and best-selling author, Andy Stanley is considered one of the most influential speakers in America. He is the author of 20-plus books, including *Deep & Wide*; *When Work & Family Collide*; *Visioneering*; and *Next Generation Leader*.

In the digital world, his success reaches well beyond the Atlanta area. Each month, nearly 1.5 million of his messages, leadership videos, and podcasts are accessed from North Point's website.

In 2012, *Your Move with Andy Stanley* premiered on NBC after *Saturday Night Live*, giving Andy an even wider audience with which to share his culturally relevant, practical insights for life and leadership. Currently, over six million episodes are viewed each month through television and podcast, underscoring his impact not only as a communicator but also as an influencer of culture.

But nothing is as personal as his passion for engaging with live audiences, which he has pursued for over two decades, speaking at leadership events around the world. In high demand, he speaks to nearly 200,000 people at various annual events before audiences of both church and organizational leaders.

Andy and his wife, Sandra, have three grown children and live near Atlanta.

Jen Bricker

Acrobat, Aerialist, Author, and Speaker

Born without legs, Jen's biological parents left her at the hospital. One would think she would be destined for a life of hardship. However, the hand of destiny brought her an amazing adoptive family, who gave her one simple rule, "Never say the word, Can't."

As a child, Jen was obsessed with gymnastics and her idol was Olympic gold medalist Dominique Moceanu. In fact, watching Dominique on TV helped inspire Jen to begin competing in gymnastics herself. Seemingly against all odds, Jen went on to compete against able-bodied athletes, and became a State Champion in power tumbling. As part of her amazing story, and as twist of fate, Jen later learned that her childhood gymnastics idol was actually her biological sister.

Always challenging herself, Jen transitioned into an accomplished acrobat and aerialist. As such, she travelled internationally with Britney Spears' World Tour, and appeared as the headliner at the prestigious Palazzo hotel in Las Vegas, and the Shangri La hotel in Dubai.

Jen's incredible story has been featured on multiple shows, including HBO Real Sports, 20/20 and Good Morning America. She is currently living in Los Angeles, and has added a successful speaking career to her list of accomplishments.

Her latest accomplishment is the release of her first book, *Everything Is Possible: Finding the Faith and Courage to Follow Your Dreams*. Jen hopes to inspire and motivate others to believe that anything is truly possible!

Michael Hyatt

Author, Speaker and CEO of Michael Hyatt & Company

Michael Hyatt is the founder and CEO of Michael Hyatt & Company, a leadership development firm specializing in transformative live events, workshops, and digital and physical planning tools.

Formerly chairman and CEO of Thomas Nelson Publishers, Michael is also a New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today bestselling author of several books, including *Living Forward* and *Platform*. His work has been featured by the Wall Street Journal, Forbes, Inc., Fast Company, Businessweek, Entrepreneur, and other publications.

Michael has been married to his wife, Gail, for thirty-nine years. They have five daughters, three sons-in-law, and eight grandchildren. They live just outside Nashville, Tennessee.

Mae Jemison

Engineer, Physician and NASA Astronaut

Dr. Mae C. Jemison is an American engineer, physician and NASA astronaut who became the first woman of color in the world to go into space when she flew aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour in 1992. Serving six years as a NASA astronaut, Dr. Jemison is an icon of both the women's rights and civil rights movement, inducted into both the National Women's Hall of Fame (1993) and the International Space Hall of Fame (2004).

A strong, committed global voice for science literacy, in 1994 Jemison founded the international science camp The Earth We Share™ (TEWS) for students 12-16 years old from around the world. In 2011, Jemison also launched the TEWS-Space Race, with the goal of improving science achievement for underserved Los Angeles-area students who are underrepresented in the sciences. Dr. Jemison continues to be a vocal advocate for improving education access and advocating for greater inclusion of girls in STEM programs. Jemison's book, *Find Where the Wind Goes*, is geared for teenagers and explores her experiences growing up on the South Side of Chicago, cultivating her aspirations to be a scientist, and her history-making journey into space.

Following her time in NASA, Dr. Jemison founded both The Jemison Group and BioSentient Corporation. A technology consulting firm, The Jemison Group explores and develops stand-alone science and technology programs, integrating the critical impact of socio-cultural issues with revolutionary technologies. Among The Jemison Group's groundbreaking work is a project to use satellite technology for health care delivery in West Africa and another to use solar dish Stirling engines for electricity generation in developing countries.

Currently, Dr. Jemison leads The 100 Year Starship (100YSS), a revolutionary initiative to assure the capability for human interstellar space travel to another star within the next century.

Involved in a wide range of programs and causes, Dr. Jemison is a member of the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine and is on the Board of Directors of: Kimberly-Clark Corp., Scholastic, Inc., Texas Medical Center, and Valspar Corp. She's also a Trustee of Morehouse College and served as the Chair of the Texas State Product Development and Small Business Incubator Board and the Greater Houston Partnership Disaster Planning and Recovery Task Force. Among many honors, awards and honorary degrees she has received the National Organization for Women's Intrepid Award and the Kilby Science Award. Jemison appeared on an episode of Star Trek: The Next Generation, hosted the Discovery Channel series World of Wonder, and was chosen by People magazine as one of the "World's 50 Most Beautiful People."

In addition to all her work, Dr. Jemison is a highly sought after speaker on issues of health care, social responsibility, technology and motivation. She has appeared on BBC, The McNeil Lehrer Report, ABC Nightline, NPR and CNN.

Prior to NASA, Jemison was a Peace Corps Medical Officer in Sierra Leone and Liberia for two and a half years, overseeing the healthcare system. Jemison earned a B.S. degree in chemical engineering and her M.D. from Cornell University.

Jim Loehr, Ed.D.

Co-founder of the Human Performance Institute

Dr. Jim Loehr is a world-renowned performance psychologist and author of 17 books including his most recent, *Leading with Character*. He also co-authored the national bestseller *The Power of Full Engagement*.

Dr. Loehr's ground-breaking, science-based energy management training system has achieved world-wide recognition and has been chronicled in leading national publications including the Harvard Business Review, Business Week, Fortune, Newsweek, Time, US News and World Report, Success, Fast Company and Omni. He has appeared on NBC's Today Show, ABC's Nightline with Ted Koppel, The CBS Evening News with Dan Rather and CBS Morning News and the Oprah Winfrey Show.

From his more than 30 years of experience and applied research, Dr. Loehr believes the single most important factor in successful achievement, personal fulfillment and life satisfaction is the strength of one's character. He strongly contends that character strength can be built in the same way that muscle strength is built through energy investment.

Dr. Loehr has worked with hundreds of world-class performers from the arenas of sport, business, medicine and law enforcement including Fortune 100 executives, FBI Hostage Rescue Teams, and military Special Forces. Corporate clients of the Institute represent hundreds of Fortune 500 companies including Procter & Gamble, The Estée Lauder Companies, FBI, GlaxoSmithKline, PepsiCo, and Citigroup Smith Barney. A sampling of his elite clients from the world of sport include: golfers Mark O'Meara and Justin Rose; tennis players Jim Courier, Monica Seles, and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario; boxer Ray Mancini; hockey players Eric Lindros and Mike Richter; and Olympic gold medal speed skater Dan Jansen.

Dr. Loehr possesses a masters and doctorate in psychology and is a full member of the American Psychological Association, and the Association for Applied Sport Psychology.

The Human Performance Institute, Inc. is the pioneer in training business leaders to expand and manage their energy so they can achieve high performance in the face of intense stress, relentless competition, and unpredictable change. The Human Performance Institute's training is the result of 30 years of proprietary research and working with elite performers including Olympic gold medalists, elite professional athletes, military Special Forces, Hostage Rescue teams, surgeons, and Fortune 500 CEOs. The Institute's Corporate Athlete® training draws on the sciences of performance psychology, exercise physiology and nutrition to create lifelong behavior change. By training to expand and manage energy levels both personally and professionally, leaders ignite their full potential in work and life. The Institute was purchased by Johnson & Johnson in 2008.

Ian Morgan Cron

Bestselling Author, Psychotherapist, Enneagram Teacher and Speaker

Ian Morgan Cron is a bestselling author, psychotherapist, Enneagram teacher, Episcopal priest, and the host of the popular podcast, *Typology*. His books include the novel *Chasing Francis*, the spiritual memoir *Jesus, My Father, the CIA, and Me*, and *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery*.

Known for his transparency, humor and depth of insight into the inner workings of the human heart and mind, Ian uses the Enneagram personality-typing system as a tool to help leaders cultivate self-awareness and emotional wisdom. He is a sought-after speaker, thinker and advisor to a growing roster of clients such as the Discovery Channel, Ramsey Solutions, and the Michael Hyatt Company, among others.

He and his wife, Anne, have three children and live in Nashville, Tennessee.

Kat Cole

COO and President, North America of FOCUS Brands

Kat Cole's twitter handle reads "Connected-Creative-Conscious-Community building Capitalist, Biz Advisor, MBA, Coffee-loving Chronic Learner"—this not only describes her as a person, it describes the philosophies she applies to business, brands and life. As a leader who is unusually connected to communities through social media, is very active in advising and investing in start-ups, and is an avid humanitarian in some of the poorest areas of the world, Cole sticks out like a sore thumb in the crowd of her foodservice and franchise industry peers. She is a YGL (Young Global Leader) of the World Economic Forum, is starting a foundation to fund creative, sustainable approaches to education and self-sufficiency, and is one of only two foodservice company leaders listed on CNBC's Next 25 List Innovators, Leaders and Disruptors—2014, which is dominated by tech start-ups and a few financial groups and Fortune 50 companies. She is passionate about creating and highlighting opportunities, innovation and community building that come out of the foodservice industry.

Before being promoted to COO and President of FOCUS Brands North America, Cole spent four years as President of Cinnabon, Inc. where she was accountable for leading, evolving and building the team and multi-channel brand. During her tenure at Cinnabon, Cole's team and franchisees accomplished franchise unit growth (1200 in 55 countries), profitability, franchisee satisfaction, philanthropic partnerships, and comp sales performance that is the strongest the brand has seen in over a decade. In that same time, Cinnabon's awareness, cult following, social media engagement, and multi-channel retail products (70 products in 70,000 points of distribution) and brand extensions have been in the top of its segment and the industry at large. In 2013, Cinnabon passed \$1 billion in annual branded product sales globally through all retail channels and continued to grow beyond that in 2014.

As of January 2015, FOCUS Brands continues to grow in a new structure to leverage its scale and fuel continued global, multi-channel growth. Cole has been promoted to take on the role of Group President at FOCUS Brands Inc. (parent company to Cinnabon, Inc.) leading the innovative, high growth division building all brands at FOCUS in the US and internationally in consumer packaged goods, foodservice licensing, global licensed platforms and E-commerce. FOCUS has over 4,000 ice cream shops, bakeries, restaurants and cafés in the United States and 60 countries under the Moe's, Schlotzsky's, Auntie Anne's, Carvel, McAllister's Deli, Seattle's Best Coffee and Cinnabon Brands. Prior to her role with Cinnabon and FOCUS Brands, Inc., Cole was vice president of training and development for Hooters of America, Inc., company which operates and franchises restaurants and manages the Hooters® brand entities.

Her story is often shared for inspiration as she moved up from working as a hostess at 17 years old in restaurants to server, bartender, traveling globally to help open new franchises learning every job in the restaurant business. Cole joined Hooters' corporate office at 20, advanced to various management and leadership positions, becoming a vice president at Hooters at the age of 26, making her one of the youngest executives in chain restaurants. She was a member of the Hooters executive team that built the franchise to 400 units in 28 countries, eventually being sold to private equity in late 2010. She completed her Master of Business Administration degree at Georgia State University in her final two years as an executive at Hooters and while chair of the board of the Georgia Restaurant Association and Board member of the Women's Foodservice Forum.

Cole is the co-founder of Changers of Commerce along with Amanda Hite, founder of Be The Change (BTC) Revolutions—a leading social movements agency. Changers of Commerce is a movement and group of leaders that identify with mixing money and meaning and making as much of a difference in the world as they make a profit. Being a Connected, Creative, and Conscious Capitalist not only produces return on investment, it connects with stakeholders, including current and emerging employees and consumers who will drive business and build brands for many years to come. Changers of Commerce is a group that believes the way forward in business and society is through thoughtful alliances and partnerships that build strong, profitable businesses that can be an engine for thriving communities.

Her personal story, business approach and perspectives on leadership have been the subject of feature articles in The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Forbes, Fortune, Cosmopolitan and many other business, trade and interest publications. Cole is a sought-after speaker and consultant on leadership development, brand building, change management, and brand innovation and growth. She has been a featured guest on CBS, CNN, Bloomberg CNBC, MSNBC and more. Cole was awarded the “Distinguished Young Alumni Award” from Georgia State University J. Mack Robinson School of Business in 2011, was featured with Cinnabon on CBS’ Undercover Boss in 2012, was named one of Fortune magazine’s “40 Under 40” in 2013 and CNBC’s “Next 25 List of Innovators, Leaders and Disruptors” 2014. In January 2015, she assumed the role as chair of the board of the Women’s Foodservice Forum.

She has made her mark in franchising, business leadership and brand building with a servant leader mindset, approachable style, penchant for business model innovation, and ability to build flexible, entrepreneurial-minded teams that love what they do and drive strong financial results. She is often quoted as saying “don’t forget where you came from, but don’t you dare let it solely define you”, a mantra she applies still today to encourage learning, constant improvement and helping teams and businesses embrace their roots while driving innovation and growth.