

Carlana Stone

Shreveport, LA

Carlana Stone is an internationally- published author & speaker, and Emmy-nominated, award-winning television producer and storyteller with over 25 years experience, partnering with some of the top creative entertainment & technology pipelines in the world.

Stone specializes in content development, imaginative strategies, and inclusive conversations - serving up a storm of lively social interactions, powerful visuals and emotional demonstrations, leaving a lasting impression.

"From an early age, and by necessity, I had to learn to put strategy into action and unearth innovative solutions. It is this very spirit that characterizes my unique connection to story, and my approach to telling it."

Specialties:

- Diversity Equity & Inclusion Expert & Strategist
- Ability to think critically and strategically and suggest creative solutions with a proactive approach to problem identification and solving.
- Ideation & Concept Development for Enriched Engagement
- Generate content & learning tools powered by storytelling, interactive exercises and simulations that bring spirit into human engagements.

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

Work Experience

IncluCare Ambassador - North America

IncluCare - Shreveport, LA

July 2023 to Present

Joined the IncluCARE team as the prime mover, influencer and ambassador in the USA, bringing a unique kaleidoscope of personal, professional and social achievement to the Inclu Consulting portfolio of talent and solutions.

<https://www.worldofinclu.com/care/>

"I use the power of story to transcend boundaries and transform our environments - intermixing science with things that happen in everyday life."

Majoring now on 'connecting intuition with strategy' and designing solutions that actively engage our communities, creating immersive experiences with the application of adaptive technologies to transform communications.

Creative Strategy & Content Consultant

Quantum interface - Austin, TX

June 2016 to Present

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Connect and Collaborate with strategic partners, e.g. BetaFlix & Radical Empathy Education Foundation

Founder

The Courage Community - Shreveport, LA
January 2007 to Present

The Courage Community is a consultancy that works with civic and military leaders to create sustainable public/private partnerships that build core creative therapeutic assets. The initiative focuses on connecting individuals, organizations and communities with evidence-based transformative frameworks and tools rooted in boosting mental wellness that increase social connection, resilience, and promote equality.

By integrating human connection and social networking with patented, state-of-the-art technology, the Courage Community provides a revolutionary grassroots pipeline and on-line portal of interactive experiences, which enable a user experience that enriches human connection and promotes a sense of belonging. Our capacity building process allows us to remain nonpartisan.

Author - Never Give In, Never Give Up

Sourcebooks, Inc. - Shreveport, LA
June 2005 to Present

Carlana lost the use of her legs after being involved in a car accident when she was 16. She's known frustration, pain, doubt, fear and rejection. She tells it like it is and calls it like she sees it. Carlana connects deeply with people because her paralysis has put her in the unique position to see how alike we all are... we're all paralyzed.

Carlana's story includes searching for a stem-cell miracle cure in the Soviet Union at the height of the Cold War, becoming the first wheelchair-bound on-air reporter in Miami, and pushing my way into Hollywood to become a highly successful television producer.

I ski, scuba, skydive and became one of the few paraplegics in the world to pilot a plane!

Television Producer & Content Development

Various Major Network & Cable - Los Angeles, CA
January 1996 to Present

Emmy-nominated, award-winning television producer and storyteller with over 25 years experience, partnering with some of the top creative entertainment & technology pipelines in the world.

Develop and produce factual programming for ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX and various cable networks such as A & E Network, and distribution partners such as ITV Studios.

Keynote Speaker

Various
July 1995 to Present

With a spirited alchemy, Carlana models her own vulnerability and summons others to break out of their metaphorical cages. By bringing us into the healing process, Carlana leaves the members of the audience with the challenge to stop being tourists in their own lives, move past their own 'paralysis' and become the true heroes of their own stories.

"I can't walk but I can fly!"

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Some clients include: United States Army - Readiness & Resiliency; Boeing's Diversity & Inclusion, National Pain Foundation, Britain's House of Lords, Christopher & Dana Reeve Paralysis Foundation, Alfred E. Mann Foundation, Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas

STEM Educator, Community Engagement & Outreach

NASA Team II, Aviation & Aeronautics; SciPort Discovery Center - Shreveport, LA

August 2022 to July 2023

Spearheaded SciPort's Community Engagement for NASA Team II, Aviation & Aeronautics, taking an out-of-the-box approach to the museum experience and providing a fresh lens to what's possible in the field of aeronautics.

Forged new relationships and enrolled community members across Region 7 and beyond, joining forces with community partners to lay a foundational pipeline from engagement through education to employment.

Performed live demos and hands-on activities to inspire the next generation of explorers through STEM learning - and to expand student participation in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

Teamed up with Barksdale Air Force Base and Starbase STEM Zone for a massive Hands-On, Hangar Full STEM for the 2023 Defenders of Liberty Airshow. Other events included Eyes Above the Horizon, Aersospace Technology Center Open House, Red River Revel.

Education

Slavic Languages & Literatures

University of California University of California-Berkeley - Berkeley, CA

August 1992 to May 1995

Communications

University of Colorado University of Colorado at Boulder - Boulder, CO

August 1986 to May 1989

Skills

- Specialties (10+ years)
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- Content Development
- User Experience (UX)
- User Interface (UI)
- English
- Experience with children

Links

<https://www.carlanastone.info>

Awards

Marquis Who's Who

March 2024

Certifications and Licenses

Diversity: Inclusion in the Modern Workplace

January 2021 to Present

EVERFI

Managing Bias in the Workplace

January 2021 to Present

EVERFI

Disability Rights and the Digital Future

2020 to Present

Texas DOT

ADA

IAHV's Sky Advanced Leadership

March 2022 to Present

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<https://us.iahv.org/portfolio/yes-plus-for-universities/>

I am certified in SKY's advanced leadership program that empowers student leaders through personal development, soft skill-building, public speaking, organizing skills, regular practice of SKY techniques, training in meditation facilitation and assistance of SKY trainers.

SKY Campus programs teach students to thrive in life and lead with clarity of mind, resilience, purpose and belongingness.

Human Trafficking Essentials

December 2021 to Present

PBJ Learning

Driver's License

Groups

VA Mental Health Consumer Council Member

August 2023 to Present

The Veterans Mental Health Council (VMHC) is a group of current and former VA mental health consumers, their family members, and other relevant stakeholders who provide input on VA mental health services. VMHCs are established at many VA medical centers to improve mental health services and promote recovery.

Additional Information

Virtual Classrooms

Healthcare with a specific focus on mental health

STEM & CTE skills with specific focus on undervalued and underserved

SPEAKING CLIENTS:

Boeing's Diversity & Inclusion, AIAA, SoCal Aero Club, Air & Space Museums

US Army's Readiness & Resiliency Program at Joint Base Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio

The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis

The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation

Alfred E Mann Foundation

National Pain Foundation

Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas (FAWCO)

Britain's Illustrious House of Lords

American School in England

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