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The Imagine Solutions Conference, a Nationally Recognized Thought Leader Forum Held in Naples Each Year, Announces Its 10th Anniversary Conference Speakers and Topics

10th Anniversary Imagine Solutions Conference to Be Held February 24, 2020

NAPLES, Fla. - (January 22, 2020) - The nationally recognized Imagine Solutions Conference, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, today announced the 2020 conference's full lineup of speakers and topics. Once again bringing the biggest ideas influencing America and the world to Southwest Florida, the 2020 Imagine Solutions Conference will be held February 24th at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples and will present 18 world-class thought leaders who will address 7 critical topics in one extraordinary and enlightening day.

The theme of the 10th anniversary conference is "Visionary Viewpoints," and the day will bring game-changing, future-shaping ideas – and the brilliant minds who imagined them – together to address the following key topics: advances in medicine & health, advances in science & technology, leadership, adventure, the influence of the arts, social impact & entrepreneurship and "There's Always a Next Chapter."

Additionally, American icon Norman Lear will participate in a live interview, telecast exclusively to the Imagine Solutions Conference. His daughter, Kate Lear, will be present at the conference and will moderate the interview. Emmy Award-winning CNBC anchor Tyler Mathisen will serve as the conference's host & moderator.

The 2020 Imagine Solutions Conference speakers – and their presentation topics – are as follows:

Medicine | Health

- **Dr. Daniel Kraft** – Founder, Exponential Medicine; "The 12 Innovations that Will Revolutionize the Future of Medicine"
- **Dr. Yung S. Lie** – CEO of Damon Runyon Foundation; "Breakthroughs in Cancer Research"
- **Dr. Larry Jameson** - Dean, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania; "The Future Doctor"

Science & Technology

- **Regina Dugan** - First female director of DARPA, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency of the U.S. DOD; "INNOVATION!"
- **David Aguilar** - Internationally recognized naturalist/astronomer, author, space artist and musician

Adventure

- **Richard Browning** – Inventor of the Gravity Jet Suit; meet him and watch him FLY!; "Reimagining Human Flight"
- **Michael Gunton** – Executive Producer, BBC Natural History *Dynasties*; "The Story of the Making of Dynasties"

There's Always a Next Chapter

- **Norman Lear** – An American television icon. Will be interviewed live, telecast exclusively to the Imagine Solutions Conference
- **Larry Brilliant, MD MPH** – CEO, Skoll Global Threats Fund; MD for the Grateful Dead

Leadership

- **Michael Porter** – Harvard Business School; recognized as world's top business strategist; "Why Competition in the Politics Industry Is Failing America"
- **Katherine Gehl** - Prominent business leader, author and speaker: "Why Competition in the Politics Industry Is Failing America"
- **Ed Hyman** - Head of International Strategy & Investment; voted Wall Street's top economist for 35 years
- **John Palfrey** - CEO, The MacArthur Foundation

Voices for the Arts

- **Taalbi Brothers** – flamenco guitarists; creators and performers of the breakthrough music behind "Breaking Bad" TV series; will speak and perform.
- **Cory Pesaturo** – Three-time World Champion accordion player; will speak and perform.

Social Entrepreneurs

- **Gary White** – founder of Water.org; most important voice on the world water issue
- **Dylan Thurais** - Co-founder of Atlas Obscura, an Explorer's Guide to the World's Hidden Wonders

"Our 2020 Imagine Solutions Conference marks a decade of Imagine Solutions leading the way on bringing big ideas to Southwest Florida that link continued learning and leadership," said Imagine Solutions CEO Randy Antik. "Our ultimate goal is that area leaders and other members of the community walk away inspired by the accomplishments of others, more knowledgeable about a variety of important topics, and motivated to leverage or locally apply some of the 'Big Ideas' presented."

The Imagine Solutions Conference will take place February 24, 2020, 8:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m., at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples. Attendance is limited to 650 participants. The cost is \$650 per person, includes lunch and is 85% tax deductible. Interaction and collaboration are encouraged throughout the daylong conference; there will be several opportunities for attendees to meet the speakers during breaks and lunch. Learn more at www.ImagineSolutionsConference.com.

Sponsors of the 2020 Imagine Solutions Conference are: AARP, Comcast, CVS Health, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida Power & Light, Lee Health, Moorings Park, Naples Daily News, Naples Illustrated, NCH Healthcare System, Northern Trust, WGCU and Wilson & Johnson Attorneys at Law.

About the Imagine Solutions Conference

The Imagine Solutions Conference, created and operated by the Searching for Solutions Institute (SFSI) — a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation that operates under the brand Imagine Solutions — is the organization's signature event. Celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2020, Imagine Solutions Conference is a one-day, annual forum that brings the biggest ideas influencing America and the world — *and the brilliant minds that imagined them* — together in Naples, Florida to link continued learning with leadership. In 2019, Imagine Solutions launched an additional program — Imagine Solutions Seminars — through a strategic partnership with Florida Gulf Coast University and the Community School of Naples, to bring leading-edge knowledge to the Southwest Florida community throughout the year. For more information on Imagine Solutions, please visit www.imaginesolutionsconference.com.