

# Chris Jahnke

A nationally recognized author and consultant on effective public speaking skills, Chris Jahnke helps people stand and deliver. With her guidance, elected officials, heads of state, senior executives, philanthropists, entertainers, and grassroots activists have earned standing ovations at TED Talks, town hall meetings, conventions, and campaign rallies.

Visionary leaders at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Deloitte, eBay, Intel, Planned Parenthood, Sierra Club, and Union of Concerned Scientists have turned to Chris for guidance on how to deliver a compelling presentation. At the Women's Media Center, Chris leads the Progressive Women's Voices, a program dedicated to changing the face of media by elevating the voices of women and people of color on headline issues.

A political communications expert, Chris has coached Michelle Obama, advised Hillary Clinton's presidential campaigns, and prepped thousands of women candidates and elected officials. She was a backstage speech coach at five Democratic National Conventions. *The New York Times*, *Politico*, *NPR*, *Glamour*, *US NEWS*, *Elle*, and *Vice Media* have featured Chris' speech and debate coaching.

Right out of college, Chris was a local TV reporter in Minnesota inspired by Mary Richards of the *Mary Tyler Moore Show*. Overcoming her own qualms about public speaking forged her determination to help others speak out. Chris has two books filled with confidence-building tips and strategic advice, *The Well-Spoken Woman Speaks Out* (Prometheus Books, 2018) and *The Well-Spoken Woman: Your Guide to Looking and Sounding Your Best*.

