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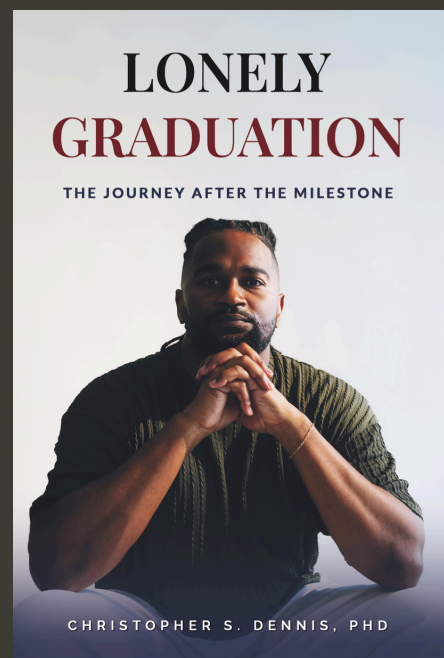
Expert in:

- Leadership Transitions
- Culture & Governance
- Belonging and Achievement
- First-Gen & Identity-Based Leadership
- Institutional Change & Equity

AUTHOR OF **LONELY GRADUATION**

A COURAGEOUS EXPLORATION OF THE SILENCE AFTER SUCCESS AND HOW INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS MUST LEARN TO SUPPORT THE MOMENT AFTER THE MILESTONE.

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Audience Outcomes

- ✓ Recognize emotional transitions as leadership work
- ✓ Support achievement without isolating achievers
- ✓ Build structures of belonging, not just applause
- ✓ Redefine success as a human-centered journey

Audience Fit

- Colleges & Universities
- Leadership Institutes & Organizations
- Independent Schools & Boards
- Equity/Justice Conferences
- Mental Health, Student Success, & DEI Events

Signature Keynote

Lonely Graduation: The Emotional Cost of Success

This keynote exposes the hidden emotional work of achievement. Dr. Dennis invites audiences to recognize and respond to the loneliness that follows visible success especially for high achievers, first-generation professionals, and leaders of color. He shows how institutions can support individuals not just when they perform, but when they become.

Additional Speaking Topics

- Leading in the Silence: Why leadership is lonely
- The Hidden Curriculum of Professional Success
- Visibility Without Support
- Governance That Honors Identity (CAISBG)
- Success as a Transition, Not a Landing

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