

MARSHAWN EVANS is CEO of **Communications Counts!**[™], a national professional development and public speaking consulting agency where she travels the country working with politicians, athletes, entertainers, and media personalities.

Her successes in the classroom and the courtroom took her to the infamous boardroom as one of **Donald Trump's** handpicked cast members on **NBC's** hit show **"THE APPRENTICE"** – watched weekly by over 10 million viewers. She also has appeared nationally on ABC, VH1, MTV, Showtime and FOX.

As Miss District of Columbia, she finished 3rd runner-up winning talent and interview at the **Miss America** competition. She is a **national spokesperson** on youth crime prevention and leadership development, and worked with the **U.S. Justice Department** as a co-founder of the National Youth Network. In 1996, she founded *America CAN!*, a comprehensive non-profit youth leadership initiative. As a professional public speaker and activist, she has addressed over 400 audiences at conferences, seminars, universities, and events around the country on leadership, communication, self-image, and her ongoing **platform** "United Against Crime: Investing in Youth for a Safer Future."

Once underestimated and labeled a "problem child," Marshawn believes in providing youth with the skills and motivation they need to succeed. She encourages young people to make positive choices regarding school, peers, drugs, and alcohol. She states that, "ALL children can learn and that ALL children can succeed! It's up to America to make sure that happens."

Because of her passion for youth, Marshawn was given the **"Strengthening the Voice of Youth Across America Award"** by the U.S. Justice Department, and the **Miss America National Community Service Award**. Then-Governor George W. Bush appointed her to the **Texas Juvenile Justice Advisory Board** at the age of 19, and she was later named the **National Juvenile Justice Advisory Council** in Washington, DC.

She graduated **magna cum laude** from Texas Christian University with **honors** and **distinction**, and was named a **Harry S. Truman Scholar**, a **USA Today's All-Academic First Team** member, an ambassador to the **International Summit of Achievement** in Dublin, Ireland, and one of **Glamour Magazine's "Top Ten College Women."**

She received her **Juris Doctor** from **Georgetown University Law Center**, where she served as a volunteer criminal defense attorney in the **Juvenile Justice Clinic** and as a litigator on Georgetown 's world-recognized **International Commercial Arbitration Team** competing in Vienna, Austria. Born and raised in Dallas, TX, she relocated from Washington, DC to Georgia where she recently began her career as a **litigation** associate with a top Atlanta law firm.

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