



As one of the original players of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), the first Caribbean WNBA player, team captain of the Jamaica National Basketball Team from 2006 - 2013, and WNBA Champion Simone Edwards achieved her grand dream. The former 6'4 center's current dream is to inspire others to achieve theirs. Her real life story of adversity and perseverance has captivated thousands, as her powerful presence and inspiration in connecting with people as she brings the high-performance sport of basketball home to each of us in our professional and personal lives. Her message is not only universal but impactful – Simone gives everyone a sense of great possibility and hope. All keynotes are 60 – 90 minutes or can be modified into 30-minute inspirational speech.

SPEECH TOPICS

A PATH TO UNSTOPPABLE YOU – Imagine boarding the ship not knowing where your life is going, what to do, who am I... not having a clear sense of direction, and having issues with confidence and self-worth, but getting off the ship feeling inspired, empowered, confident and having an idea and plan on how to create a better life from now on. Wow! What a vacation this could be. This is a keynote that covers 7 steps. Suitable for opening or closing keynote for attendees interested in personal growth and development.

HOW TO STAY IN THE GAME WHILE SITTING ON THE BENCH - As an athlete, the bench is the last place you want to end up on game day. The odds are you will at one point or another be on the bench. If you're only getting 5 minutes of playing time per game what are you going to do with the other 35 minutes you spend on the bench to help your team be successful? What most people don't understand is bench players do influence the outcome of the game greatly. And if you want more minutes on the court, becoming a great bench player will get you a step in the right direction. Simone touches on 3-points: 1) How to be a great bench player; 2) Put team success before personal glory and; 3) Watch what the opposition is doing. Suitable for opening or closing keynote.

WALKING TO GREATNESS - Simone Edwards shares her personal story of poverty, hope and triumphs. In believing in herself and determination, she became the first Caribbean and Jamaican player in the WNBA. Simone illustrates her presentation with her improbable story of a road that took her from the gang-infested village of Kingston, Jamaica to the WNBA to the WNBA championship. Suitable for opening or closing keynote.

COMPETING WITH BULLYING - Simone Edwards shares stories about growing up as an extremely tall young girl and being a victim of constant bullying. Simone experienced bullying from childhood to college, because she was different. By 12 years old, she stood at 6 feet tall and now she is using her story as a champion against bullying for children and teens. Suitable for opening or closing keynote for youth/teen conferences/schools.



WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

“Simone is a dynamic speaker with the ability to captivate her audience. Her rise to become one of the elite athletes of the world, is truly a story in perseverance, belief and adaptability.”

– **Donna Orender, Founder of Generation W Conference**

“The story of her journey from humble beginnings in Jamaica to the highest level of women's basketball is one that is a welcome addition to the history of women in sports.”

– **Hoopfeed.com**

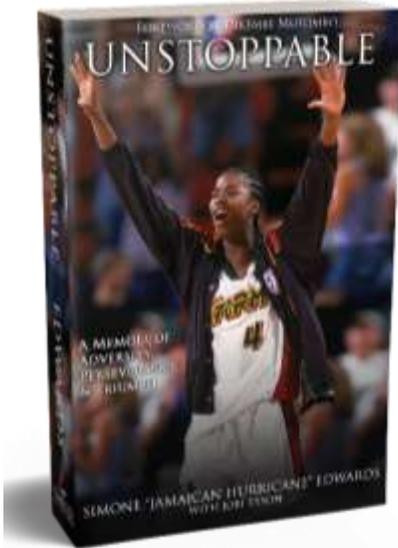
“Simone's story speaks to the fact that the world cannot stand in the way of a person who knows where he or she is going.”

– **Portia Simpson Miller, Former Prime Minister of Jamaica**

“Simone Edwards brings energy and sunshine. The audience loved her and appreciated her positive presence.”

– **Clayton County Public Schools**

The road to glory is never easy. This memoir of one of the most dominant rebounders to ever play the game of basketball, reveals the heart and soul of a true champion and the obstacles she overcame on her path to greatness.



In her heartfelt memoir, *Unstoppable*, Simone Edwards reveals the harsh realities of growing up poor in a gang-infested village and how she found the inner strength to maintain hope in the face of opposition.

Edwards, the first Caribbean and first Jamaican in the WNBA, is a history-making player, possessing a combination of size and athleticism. She is equally known for making headlines off the court, speaking out on issues of bullying, sexual abuse and self-esteem.

Edwards gives readers an insider's view of college and professional basketball as well as competing internationally, revealing obstacles and triumphs she experienced on her journey from taunted teenager to international sports figure.

Unstoppable is raw and powerful, yet filled with the humor and personality Edwards has become known for. It is a captivating portrait of one woman's relentless pursuit of a dream and her unwavering determination not to allow her circumstances to dictate her future.

Edwards has been featured on ESPN, Seattle Times, Seattle Post, LA Times, Hoopfeed, Jamaica Gleaner and Jamaica Observer. Among others, the following groups have enjoyed Simone's presentations:

