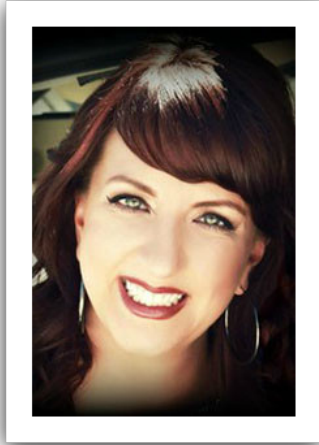


Biography – Charlene S. Gibson



Charlene S. Gibson is the Co-Creator and Associate Producer of the Emmy-nominated documentary, *No Greater Odds*, and an award-winning tenured communication professor at the College of Southern Nevada. Known as an incredibly passionate, dynamic, and engaging instructor, Charlene challenges her students – known as #TeamGibson – to find their passion and reach their fullest potential through excellent public speaking that opens doors and changes lives. She has also taught for University of Maryland Global Campus (formerly UMUC/UMUC Europe) and previously taught students and consulted clients in Japan, Germany, and the Netherlands. She is the Founding Faculty Advisor of the North Las Vegas Chapter of The National Society of Leadership and Success, and serves as an ambassador for Blackstone Launchpad, an organization dedicated to the development, education and support of small businesses and entrepreneurs. Previously, as Faculty Initiatives Coordinator, she helped College of Southern Nevada achieve Achieving the Dream Leader College and Leader College of Distinction status. Charlene was honored in 2018 with the President’s Distinguished Excellence Award as Full-Time Faculty of the Year.

Charlene is also a highly sought-after international keynote speaker and presenter, and frequently trains and consults while sharing her passion and expertise with educational institutions, corporations, military bases, and nonprofit organizations. She is also often asked to share her incredible stories about living and working abroad, which afforded interesting travel, work, and performance opportunities all over Asia and Europe for eight years before joining College of Southern Nevada. Finally, Charlene is also incredibly passionate about speaking about her NICU journey to increase awareness and research for babies born prematurely due to PPRM after her youngest niece was born three months early weighing only one pound, nine ounces.

Charlene earned a Bachelor and Master of Arts in Communication Studies from Baylor University and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Higher Education Leadership with a community college specialization. She loves Las Vegas, Diet Pepsi, Blue Bell ice cream, karaoke, and being a professional aunt to her three nieces and nephew.