

# Inspiring Teachers<sup>®</sup>

(NAPSA)—Educators teach, influence and inspire students to reach their full potential, but who's inspiring them?

Perhaps **Earvin "Magic" Johnson**, **Dr. Ben Carson** or retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice **Sandra Day O'Connor** could **inspire teachers** and reinvigorate them in the classroom. **Exclusive interviews** from these inspiring voices are only available in the **Verizon Thinkfinity Community** as a part of the **Thinkfinity Education Speaker Series**. **Thinkfinity.org** is an online platform developed by Verizon offering **free content**, lesson plans (K-12) and more for teachers, parents and students. Only in the **Verizon Thinkfinity Community** will educators have direct access to these videos, getting commentary from these 21st century leaders who discuss the challenges they faced and how they overcame them.

When **"Magic" Johnson** was growing up, no one thought he could succeed. He shares how he "loves to prove them wrong."

**Dr. Carson**, renowned neurosurgeon, was the "dumb" kid in his class, but reading and encouragement from his mother, who can barely read, changed his life.

The **Verizon Thinkfinity Education Speaker Series** is intended to connect educators and parents to some of the most **inspiring voices**. Exclusive videos also feature:

- **Retired Justice O'Connor**, who has come up with an online education project using interactive games to teach civics, the rights and responsibilities of citizens and how the government works;

- **Jason Falls**, educator and social media expert;

- **Dr. Chris Dede**, the Timothy E. Wirth professor in learning technologies at Harvard's Graduate School of Education; and others.

**Verizon Thinkfinity.org** offers many resources, **all free**, including activities for parents and children, online courses and more. The **Verizon Thinkfinity Community** is a **virtual home** to engaging, thoughtful dialogue on some of today's most challenging classroom issues.

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