

**New Accredited Speaker** — Congratulations to Forrest Tuff, for achieving the Accredited Speaker designation! This elite title is reserved for those who combine expert knowledge in a particular subject with a mastery of public speaking. If you know members who are interested in the program, share the Accredited Speaker Program Handbook so they can learn about the application process.



Forrest Tuff, DTM

## Accredited Speaker Program

For the 2021 program year, there were 11 applicants for Level 1, and three candidates moved on to present in front of a live virtual audience and panel of judges for Level 2.

**Forrest Tuff, DTM**, of Tucker, Georgia, earned the prestigious AS designation after completing the challenging program requirements and progressing through the two levels of evaluation. His speech was entitled “Brand Strategy For Business Success.” Learn more about the Accredited Speaker Program.



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## Tucker resident finds success as Accredited Speaker

*Toastmasters International recognizes Forrest Tuff for mastery of the spoken word in professional presentations*

**Tucker, GA, US August 31, 2020** — Forrest Tuff of Tucker, Georgia, joined Toastmasters 4 years ago to begin his journey as a Toastmaster to become a better presenter. That passion has since turned into much more; it has become his life’s work. To further advance his speaking skills, Tuff recently earned the Accredited Speaker designation – the prestigious designation recognizing professional-level public speaking skills offered by Toastmasters International.

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit, educational organization devoted to communication and leadership skills development. The Accredited Speaker designation is sought-after by Toastmasters members who are paid professional speakers, have met high standards and are credible authorities in their chosen fields. Fewer than 100 other Toastmasters members have earned the title since the Accredited Speaker program began in 1981.

Tuff is the first African-American in Georgia to earn the Accredited Speaker Designation. In his interview, he said, “It is amazing to be a part of history in Georgia, it feels surreal.”

Tuff is an award-winning speaker, author, filmmaker, and television producer. He is the founder and CEO of One Vision Productions, a multimedia production, and branding agency that is recognized as one of Atlanta’s Best and Brightest Companies to Work For. A Certified Business & Master Life Coach, he was named one of Atlanta’s 500 Most Powerful Leaders and voted among the Top 100 Transformational Leaders by the John Maxwell Team.

After receiving the news that he earned the Accredited Speaker designation, Tuff said, “This has been an enlightening journey to understand the business of professional speaking. While I am relieved it’s over, this has been well worth it and a life-changing experience.”

To become an Accredited Speaker, Tuff had to meet a rigorous set of requirements, including the presentation of at least 25 speeches before various audiences within three years. These presentations, varied in topic and purpose, had to include speeches that persuaded, entertained, informed and motivated. Tuff was required to give two additional presentations before a panel of judges that determined his final qualification for the award.

Since its founding in 1924, Toastmasters International has helped more than four million men and women develop their communication and leadership skills. The organization’s membership exceeds 300,000 in more than 15,800 clubs in 149 countries.

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### About Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International is a worldwide nonprofit educational organization that empowers individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Headquartered in Englewood, Colo., the organization’s membership exceeds 300,000 in more than 15,800 clubs in 149 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people from diverse backgrounds become more confident speakers, communicators, and leaders. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org). Follow [@Toastmasters](https://twitter.com/Toastmasters) on Twitter.