



**Tonya Tiggett, CEO and CSS**

Promoting University, LLC  
Speak Our Language, LLC



Tonya Tiggett was born to talk in both English and Spanish, and has built a career around helping others develop the fine art of business conversation to make their voice heard too. She has over 20 years experience in the learning and development field in public schools, higher education and for a Fortune 500 company.

During her corporate career Tonya led programs in both English and Spanish for three lines of business in Columbus and New York City for a financial firm, reaching thousands of colleagues over a 13 year-period and twice being named an ICON winner. It was during this tenure that she realized the number one obstacle many of her colleagues faced was being able to speak up in business settings, share their successes and establish their value at work. This critical communication need spurred her to create Promoting University, LLC for professionals who find themselves at a loss for words during critical business interactions such as stakeholder meetings, performance reviews and job interviews.

Tonya currently serves on the board of Women for Economic Leadership & Development (WELD) and runs Promoting University as the Chief Success Strategist (CSS) where she houses her Speak Our Language programs as well. Promoting University is a privately-owned communication consulting company in Central Ohio helping businesses and individual professionals find their "voice" to more effectively engage others clearly and confidently during business interactions.

As a result of using her own tools from the Promoting U! Program, Tonya was invited to join The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business as an adjunct faculty member for the working adult M.B.A. program for 2013-2014 to teach core communication and leadership skills to over 100 graduate students. In 2011 she was selected as one of only three 2011 National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Visionary Award finalists for her global learning approach in teaching Spanish language communication skills.

When not helping professionals find their voice through her Promoting U! and Spanish language workshops, Tonya enjoys actively participating in various professional organizations, traveling with her husband David and playing sports. She holds a B.S. in Spanish Education and an M.A. in Spanish Peninsular Literature from The Ohio State University and proudly maintains her Ohio teaching licensure in Spanish, grades k-12.

