"We need more people like Chris in the World," says Dr. Jane Goodall.
National Geographic Explorer **Chris Bashinelli** pulls from real-life experiences in over 40 countries to empower organizations to create a culture of true human connection. He helps companies reignite employee inspiration, foster a culture of trust and empathy and tap into the power of their greatest asset – their people.
Chris Bashinelli, better known as "Bash", was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York to Lebanese and Italian-American parents. After a decade-long acting career including an appearance on the HBO hit television show, The Sopranos, Bash decided to follow his real passion – using media to build bridges between cultures. He now traverses the globe from Uganda to Haiti as Host of Bridge the Gap, a television series featured on PBS and the National Geographic Channel, where he experience's life in countless cultures around the world.
A celebrated Diversity, Equity & Inclusion speaker, Bash brings to life an inspiring message of empathy and connection that has birthed lifelong friendships around the world. His world-view was shaped on his childhood "Stoop" where his friends shared a combined total of over thirteen nationalities. His ancestors immigrated to the United States from Lebanon, through Ellis Island and his great-grandmother was onboard the Titanic. Bash helps companies understand in engaging, humorous and practical ways how to create a culture of trust, belonging and empathy in the workplace.
A passionate Mental Wellness advocate, Bash has studied meditation & mindfulness for more than a decade. After studying Anthropology in East Africa at 20 years old, he returned home to discover his father had been diagnosed with term...

Testimonials

"Chris is unlike any other Virtual Presenter I've seen – he reaches across the digital space and makes you feel as though you are right there with him! Our attendees walked away with the confidence and tools they need to face these uncertain times with a positive attitude. We love Chris!"

- ReloOlogy.

Bash offered a very authentic, engaging, and energetic presentation for our conference attendees. He brought many of his valuable life experiences to the table, and though all proved very different, they revolved around one common theme- breaking down barriers and finding a common ground with whomever you engage. Attendees left feeling exhilarated, taking with them many of the principles Bash illustrated back to their local institutions.

- Jake Parks, The Institute of Internal Auditors.

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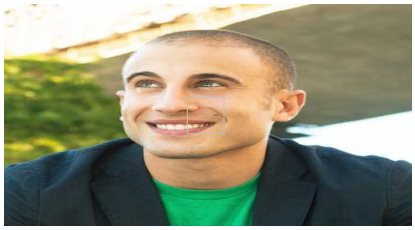
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