

All In For Social Capital: The New Charlotte Currency

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Wes Moore is a best-selling author, decorated Army combat veteran, youth advocate and CEO of the Robin Hood Foundation, one of the nation's largest foundations with a sole focus on alleviating poverty. He is also founder of BridgeEDU, an organization that provides support to students as they navigate to higher education. He is the author of two instant *New York Times* bestselling books, *The Other Wes Moore* and *The Work*. *The Other Wes Moore* is currently being made into a major motion picture from Executive Producer Oprah Winfrey. It tells the story of how educational opportunities, community support and other factors helped Wes transcend the fate of a man with the same name who lived just blocks away and took a tragically different path to prison.



Wes is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Valley Forge Military Academy and The Johns Hopkins University. He was selected as a Rhodes Scholar, earning a MLitt in International Relations and Affairs at Oxford University. A combat-decorated Army Captain, Wes Moore served for ten years, including a tour of duty in Afghanistan as a paratrooper in the elite 82nd Airborne division. He later served as a White House Fellow and special assistant to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and worked with CitiGroup as an investment specialist.

Wes has also made his mark as a television producer and host, championing the challenges faced by veterans and underserved youth in critically-acclaimed programs and miniseries. These include PBS's *Coming Back with Wes Moore*, about returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and *All the Difference*, chronicling two African-American teens from Chicago's South Side pursuing their dream of graduating from college. He also hosted *Beyond Belief* on the Oprah Winfrey Network and *American Graduate Day* on PBS. Wes is the author of four books and a contributor to media ranging from *The Huffington Post* to NBC News.