

Join us April 9-11, 2026, in Columbus, Ohio, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center for the premier professional development and networking event for professional counselors. With thought-provoking presentations, enlightening discussions and meaningful opportunities to advocate on behalf of counselors and clients, you will walk away feeling refreshed, renewed and ready to tackle the challenges facing you, your clients and the counseling community.



Opening General Session

## The Warrior Within

Thursday, April 9 | 3:30-5:00 PM ET

**D.J. Vanas**

*President, Native Discovery Inc.*

*Former U.S. Air Force Officer, Best-Selling Author*

We all want to be brave. We all want to deliver when it matters—and in this session, you'll be inspired to do both. Enduring uncertain times and turbulent change can bring fearful doubt, which can affect our focus, wellness and the way we serve others. Based on his new book, "The Warrior Within," D.J. will share a unique, powerful perspective from Native American culture on what the