

Bea Wray Author - Keynote Speaker

Bea Wray has dazzled audiences for 20 years speaking about entrepreneurship, leadership, and women in business. She is the author of Barnes and Noble bestseller <u>What</u> <u>an MBA Taught Me ... But My Kids Made Me Learn</u>. Additionally, Bea is the Co-Founder of the Millennial Women Network empowering and mentoring women in 24 countries. She has launched several high-tech and non-tech companies. One exit which afforded Bea 6 years off on a resort bridgeless island where she dedicated her time to raising her three children. Bea serves as a founder, mentor, investor, and board member to several companies. She has also served as the Executive Director of the entrepreneurial non-profit The Creative Coast and was the Chair of the ForbesBooks Entrepreneurship Practice Group. She holds an MBA with Distinction from Harvard Business School and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Emory University. Bea lives with her husband and three children in Charleston, South Carolina.

Speaking Engagements include:

Geekend Mayor's Business Roundtable Women in AutoCare Women in Consumer Finance Rhodos Learning University of South Carolina TEDxSavannah Emcee TEDx Hilton Head Speaker McNair Innovation Summit National Consumer Reporting Assoc. Conference Leading Business Women DigSouth Startup Weekend One Million Cups FastStart Business Plan Elysian Magazine TEDx Hilton Head Emcee Ohio State Bar Association Women Presidents Assoc. Vistage Microsoft

Bea's favorite introduction focused not on her successes, but on her failures saying:

"Bea attempted to lead an innovation center but was not selected for the final round of interviews. Bea played a significant role in launching four startup companies. One had a successful exit; the others suffered painful, long deaths. Bea received a 13 percent on her university biology dissection exam and later flunked German Class. Bea secured no roles through numerous musical auditions. We are delighted to welcome Bea Wray on Iterative Innovation and Cultural Challenges."

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