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**LETTERS ^{TO} THE
FUTURE**

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Program

Introduction: Chris Anderson TEDx

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Welcome and Thanks: Myren Bobryk-Ozaki

1. Nick LaLone



The generation of people born after 2004 have inherited worldwide problems that need to be addressed sooner than humanly possible. From sudden, unpredictable storms to identifying risks across societies, Dr. LaLone urges all current and future grads to lean into their unique perspective as the first generation to see the world in differently than all generations before them. This is the dawn of a new era, your era.

2. Alexander-Joseph Silva

The future should be a promise, not a privilege. Join Alexander-Joseph on a journey of self-discovery and resilience. Although gender is more than binary, Alex discovered his code compiled him as male.



3. Samuel Malachowsky



Do Software Engineers live in the near future? If they do, what does that mean, and how can others benefit from this knowledge? In this talk, Samuel will discuss what it's like to live in the near-future, how to understand what is to come, and how to apply this knowledge to your life, career, and strategic decision making.

4. Leah Humenuck & Izzy Moyer

This presentation discusses accessible, low-barrier-to-entry, cultural heritage imaging, specifically two types, 1) multispectral imaging for revealing damaged and faded content and 2) spectral imaging, turning a traditional RGB camera into a spectral imaging device, to create color accurate masterfiles. Ongoing and escalating circumstances, such as global warming and conflict areas, plus travel restrictions from such events as the Covid-19 pandemic, have shown just how necessary the democratization of cultural heritage imaging is in order to preserve history.



Intermission

5. Ahmad Kirmani



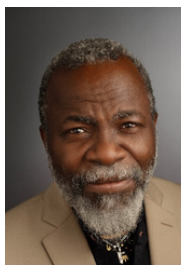
As our presence begins to expand beyond Earth, global space agencies and industry are eyeing space habitats on the Moon and Mars and utilizing the low-Earth orbit (LEO) as a product manufacturing base. This expansion requires a low-cost and sustainable approach, necessitating the discovery of a semiconductor technology that is tolerant to the extreme space environment – perovskites are one of the most radiation-tolerant semiconductors known to us and appear highly promising for enabling the new space era!

6. Kayley Judd

This is a letter to the leaders who are for the future. In a world that runs on numbers amid chaos, how can we lead without allowing the definition of numbers to limit our future leaders? Numbers are a constant and also a complexity.



7. Ernest Fokoue



Precious beloved bright future! I was told to write a letter to you, and was already concerned because I kept looking for your address and couldn't find it. How so kind and loving of you, precious bright future that you spared me all the grief and anguish by coming to be with me right here right now.

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