



*Motivational Speaker – Author – Entrepreneur – Trainer*

James "Bird" Guess was once homeless after high school, yet he personally financed his way through college and graduated with hopes of climbing the corporate ladder and becoming a rich executive. But after only working a year in "Corporate America," James' ambition and goals outgrew his corporate career plan and he decided to risk everything to go after wealth, success, and the "American Dream."

Starting with only \$1,000 saved from college, poor credit, and a dream to become a millionaire, James single-handedly built a quarter million dollar enterprise selling products from the trunk of his car.

After expanding his business model from retailer to wholesaler, he made over a half million dollars, cashed out by investing in rental property, founded JBG International Success Academy, and decided to pursue his passion more than profit.

During that process he learned priceless lessons on leadership and performance from some of the *world's most successful business & political leaders including Billionaire Businessmen, Chief Executive Officers of Fortune 500 corporations, & Prominent State & National Politicians*, that has enhanced his philosophy on achieving individual & organizational greatness.

James is currently the President and Founder of The **JBG International Success Academy**, a personal and organizational development company specializing in the training and development of working professionals, entrepreneurs, students, and organizations, to go from where they are to where they want to be and achieve their greatest potential.

James is a world-renown speaker and trainer on *Change, Leadership, and Financial Empowerment*. He is the founder of **TheBlackEconomy.com**, an on-line financial education magazine created to entertain, educate, and empower Black America to learn about money, wealth, business, and economics. He is also the best selling author of the book, *How I Made A Quarter Million Dollars From the Trunk of My Car*.

In 2009, the Texas Legislative Black Caucus honored James as one of the **"African American Leaders Under 40 Across Texas."** He has written countless articles on change, leadership, entrepreneurship and financial empowerment that have been published in the *Dallas Morning News*, national magazines, prominent blogs and websites worldwide.

As an entrepreneur, trainer and motivational speaker, James truly believes that ambition, vision, strategy and perseverance are the basic ingredients to achieving success. However success is secondary to GOD, family, health and happiness.