

## ***BRENÉ BROWN'S RECENT RAVE REVIEWS***

*“Dr. Brown’s gift for combining a thoughtful analysis of her research with her actual experiences as a teacher makes her one of the most engaging speakers we’ve ever had at St. Andrew’s School. The point she makes about the tension between holding kids accountable and the unsustainability of a perfectionistic culture speaks to the complexity of being a human being and the beauty of the middle path. If your school is interested in more than simple academic excellence, and wants to explore the importance of balance, purpose, and wellbeing, I don’t know of anyone better to start the conversation than Brené.”*

**~Academic Dean St. Andrew’s Episcopal School**

*“We invited Brené to speak at The UP Experience – a daylong event for business, education, and cultural leaders. She was amazing! Her presentation had all 500-plus people in the audience completely mesmerized. Out of the sixteen internationally renowned writers, scientists, and business experts speaking that day, our audience rated her presentation as one of the top two. Not only was Brené informative and thought provoking, but her willingness to talk about the parts of our lives we rarely discuss was profoundly honest. As she spoke about the importance of living our lives from a place of worthiness, her humorous approach to storytelling made us all sit back, appreciate our imperfections, and laugh at the same time. If you are looking for an excellent speaker who is extremely knowledgeable, inspiring, and relatable, I highly recommend Brené. She will offer your audiences a very real look into the powerful emotions that affect every aspect of our lives.”*

**~The UP Experience**

*“Brené has delivered numerous lectures for us over the past several years, and we believe that in addition to being an incredibly gifted speaker, she is a change agent and a thought leader. She combines research and storytelling in a way that creates real paradigm shifts for audience members. A few examples of their responses include, ‘This changed my life,’ and ‘I’ve never heard anyone talk about these issues,’ and ‘Brené’s parenting guideposts changed the way we raise our children. Brené uses warmth, humor, and vulnerability to connect with her audiences at a deeply authentic level. Whether addressing corporate leaders and philanthropists or parents and mental health professionals, she educates and inspires audiences to cultivate more courage, compassion, and connection in their lives. It’s truly an experience to hear her speak.”*

**~Council on Alcohol and Drugs Houston**

*“Brené Brown is one of the best trainers we have had in the eleven-year history of Hazelden’s Women Healing conferences. What’s so unique about Brené is that she does her own research and has the talent to share her work using an extremely engaging presentation style. Over 2,000 people attended our conferences in 2007, and she received excellent reviews on all her evaluations. We hope to have Brené at our conferences again in the future.”*

**~Hazelden Foundation**

*“Today’s global economy is forcing businesses to increase productivity and efficiency while reorganizing to reflect the global landscape. Brené’s research on connection, empathy, and vulnerability in the workplace helped us better understand how the emotional consequences of change play out in the workplace, and how to more effectively engage with one another. She delivers a critically important message that is supported by original research and does so in an engaging and intelligent way. Leaders at all levels of the organization come away with a new framework for looking at these issues and making effective changes to how they lead.”*

**~Shell Oil Company**

*“Brené is one of the most requested speakers among our teachers, administrators, and parents. As a teacher and a parent, she is able to connect with the joys and struggles in the classroom, at home, and within the school community. She talks openly and honestly about the pressures that come from living in an anxious and overscheduled world, offering real strategies for change. She has talked to us about perfectionism, privilege, addiction, bullying, and many other issues. Brené’s speaking style is one-of-a-kind. One minute the entire audience erupts in laughter, and the next minute everyone is so captivated that you can hear a pin drop. She’s real and inspiring, and our school community is grateful for her ability to combine her fresh perspective with original research, providing the kind of stories that make you realize that we’re all in this together.”*

**~Alamo Heights Independent School District**