

Casey Taylor
Founder and Executive Director,
Achieve Charter Schools of Paradise Inc.

Speaker Bio:

Casey Taylor is the founder and Executive Director of Achieve Charter Schools of Paradise Inc. After the 2018 Paradise Camp Fire, Casey led her team in reopening schools in temporary facilities in Chico while building a permanent school facility on a Chico church softball field, “just in case” they could never return to Paradise. In the 2021-22 school year, Achieve opened Achieve Charter School of Chico at the new facility in Chico and reopened Achieve Charter School of Paradise at the original campus in Paradise. She and her team are now working to reopen Achieve Charter High School in Paradise in the coming years. Casey serves on the Paradise Citizen’s Alliance, the Rebuild Paradise Foundation Board, the Paradise Rotary Club Board, the Valley Contractors Workforce Development Foundation Board, and the California Charter Schools Association Board.

Presentation:

The Paradise Camp Fire - A Story Full of Heros

On the 5th anniversary of the Paradise Camp Fire, Paradise native and Camp Fire survivor Casey Taylor will share an inspiring story of tragedy, recovery, and hope as her hometown rebuilds, leveraging new financial resources and the dedication of community leaders. From the initial emergency response to a realized community-driven recovery plan, Paradise is rebuilding better and stronger. A firm believer in post-traumatic growth, Casey will share her perspectives on why Paradise is a model for communities planning for disaster response and for those working to recover and rebuild.