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Director Of The Fisher Agency

“Without inspiration the best powers of the mind remain dormant, there is a fuel in us which needs to be ignited.” - Johann Gottfried Von Herder

Chris has been the director of The Fisher Agency for over 13 years. His top priority hasn't changed since he started with the agency...to bring your school or organization the nation's best speakers in the education market.

Having parents who are educators, as well as many friends who are teachers, administrators, and coaches, Chris understands many of the issues and needs facing schools today. He and The Fisher Agency staff will help you select the best possible speaker for both your event and your budget. The Fisher Agency looks forward to working with you in the future.

ABOUT THE FISHER AGENCY

The Fisher Agency is a specialized service originally formed in 1988 to help schools, districts, and educational associations find quality speakers for audiences of children, teenagers, educators, school administrators, and parents.

With great care and concern, The Fisher Agency has gathered the finest speakers from across the United States and Canada. Think of us as your one-stop station where knowledgeable and friendly guidance can be found.

- We have thoroughly studied speakers within the education market and can give objective opinions of them.
- Our bureau representatives will listen to your needs and budget guidelines, then recommend the best possible speakers for you to consider.
- Further literature, pricing and scheduling can be supplied upon request. All promo videos can be found on the TFA Website.

- Since most speakers are frequently on the road, our service will save you time, phone calls and frustration.
- All the necessary paperwork, down to the last detail, will be monitored by our agency.

With strategic planning, local networking, and the help of your agency representative, there are ways to afford your favorite speaker. Fees generally range from \$900 (on a shared day) to \$10,000—with a few exceptions. The most economical approach to bringing a quality speaker into your area is to share the day with another school or build a tour.

Many speakers offer discounted rates for consecutive days. Also, we will let you know when a specific speaker is scheduled in your area, allowing travel expenses to be prorated.

You will not pay one cent more to use our services. Fee integrity is very important to us! We quote speakers' fees and travel expenses exactly as each speaker would quote. Also, we will negotiate on your behalf when multiple or consecutive days are scheduled, or when you have an unusual circumstance.

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AARON DAVIS
The Enthusiator

PROGRAMS

THE TRUTH ABOUT LEADERSHIP (Students)

What type of leader are you, and how are you affecting those following you? This workshop assists students in defining their leadership style and it's effect on others.

THE TRUTH ABOUT FOLLOWING YOUR DREAMS (Students)

Students will learn the importance of not just having a dream but taking action to make it happen!

THE TRUTH ABOUT SEX (Students)

This is an abstinence workshop.

5 THINGS EVERY TEEN MUST KNOW AND AVOID (Students)

Students will walk away from this presentation knowing the 5 things they must know and avoid in order to have success in school and in life!

EXTRA-ATTENTION (Students)

This is a program for selected students who may need extra-attention as a result of a number of issues. Aaron believes ALL students are at-risk so he refrains from describing them. But he isn't naive to the fact that some students do require a different learning style and environment! This program is designed just for them, at their level, on their turf!

SENIORS ONLY (High School Seniors)

This program is designed to encourage your seniors to be the P.T.S. (Positive Trend Setters) of your school campus. Aaron will also challenge seniors to think about the BIG STEP of graduation!

STAFF DEVELOPMENT & PARENT MEETINGS

Each program is customized to address your areas of interest.

Aaron Davis can empower your students and staff to take positive action before tough issues become headlines. Based on his expertise and life experiences, he thoroughly understands the importance of making the right decisions early in life, as well as the dreaded consequences of following the wrong crowd. Aaron has been where your students are today and he has experienced first-hand some of the success that they seek tomorrow. Because of his enthusiasm and passion for seeing young people's lives change, he is known, nationwide, as the Enthusiator.

Aaron holds a degree in Psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and was a member of the 1994 National Championship football team. He has spent countless hours with young people in junior and senior high schools, colleges, and juvenile detention centers. He has worked directly with youth as Urban Outreach Director for Campus Life, and as an Educational Specialist for the University of Nebraska. Aaron is co-author of the books: *The Making of an Unshakeable Character* and *The Heart of a Difference Maker* and is the author of the inspiring book, *The Truth About Success*.

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LEADERSHIP: WE ARE ALL LEADERS (Students, Leadership Conferences)

Every one of us has the opportunity to be a leader at some time and place and leadership qualities are a necessity for success. This is a program that shows students how to hone their leadership qualities to become a leader in life.

PEAK PERFORMANCE: WHO ARE THE CHAMPIONS? (Students/Staff)

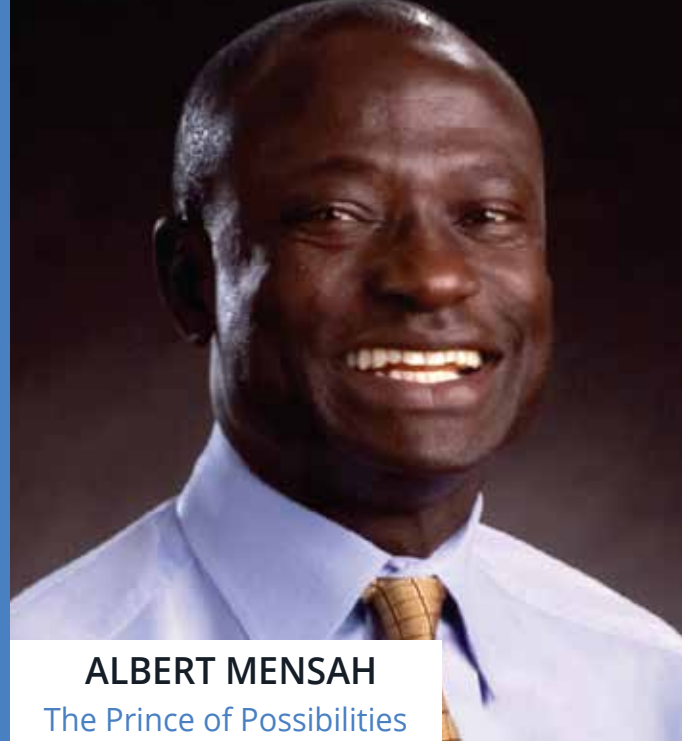
This program will motivate your students and staff, while showing them how to set practical goals, recognize opportunity, face fears and obstacles and develop ways to act on opportunities.

DIVERSITY: WE NEED ALL OF US (Students/Staff)

This program shows the importance of having all of our talents and various viewpoints included in the decision making process. We are all different. We think, talk, look and interact differently. But we all want the same things: to be accepted, to love and to be loved.

BULLYING: THERE'S ALWAYS A BIGGER BULLY (Students/Staff)

Bullying is an act of cowardice that stems from feelings of inadequacy. Because bullies feel inferior, they pick on others in order to feel better about themselves.



ALBERT MENSAH

The Prince of Possibilities

Albert Mensah grew up in Ghana, Africa, where he walked four miles, barefoot, twice a day, to carry firewood and water to his home that didn't have electricity or plumbing. When Albert was eight years old, he saw his first American movie and admired all the unparalleled opportunities in America. From that point on, his only dream was to attend college in America and that dream came true when he received a four year scholarship to Western Maryland College, where he became an All-American soccer player.

Ever since then, Albert has been speaking to audiences of different calibers, both young and old, nationally and internationally. He believes that people born into an opportunity filled country, such as America, can't see the many opportunities that they take for granted. So, he is here to remind his audience to seize and maximize their opportunities. Albert is the author of *When the Drumbeat Changes*, *Dance a Different Dance* and *Shake off Your Fear Snakes*.



ARIC BOSTIC

Empowering & Infectious

PROGRAMS

FIRED UP – HERO ON DUTY! (Students)

Webster’s Dictionary defines a hero as any person admired for courage, nobility, and regarded as an ideal role model. It is hard to be a hero, but heroes are what we need to transform our schools, our communities and our world. Are your students FIRED UP and READY for the challenge to become FIRED UP HEROES? Students Will Learn the following HERO Principles: Honesty + Empathy + Responsibility + Optimism = A FIRED UP HERO!!

SUCCESS STRATEGIES FOR THE EVERYDAY HERO TO KEEP THEIR FIRE ALIVE! - Get Your Staff Fired Up! (Educator Training)

Is your staff exhausted? Overwhelmed? Apathetic? Not Fired Up? Do you want your staff to 1) Build lasting relationships with their students and peers? 2) Make connections with ALL students in 30

seconds or less using strategies that work? 3) Create a “COOL” learning environment that leads to making connections? 4) Incorporate exercise and diet Strategies for on-the-go educators! 5) Utilize happiness tips that will keep your tank fueled so you have more to give?

UNLEASHING YOUR INNER HERO! - (Leadership Camps)

Many students today want to be more confident, self-assured and be able to connect with others so they can make a difference. This interactive workshop will help them do just that. They will learn how to meet people with the inner confidence they need to be able to make new friends, network with others, and make others feel special and important. They will also learn some essential skills for setting and achieving their goals and pursuing their passions. They will leave this workshop knowing they are AWESOME, how to value others, and that everyone’s dreams can come true!

Aric is proof that setting goals and striving to live out your dream is possible even under the most difficult circumstances. From personal experience, he understands that many students and teens don’t have the “perfect” home life. Divorce, emotional neglect, instability and verbal or physical abuse can certainly create a sense of self-doubt and hamper one’s ability to achieve in school and in life. Aric faced some of these very same circumstances as a teen, but rather than surrender, he decided to harness his energy to do something positive for himself to change things in his own life. Aric began his quest by going to college and becoming a teacher at San Antonio’s Judson High School. It became his mission to help his students overcome their own personal stories—the stories that were holding each of them back.

In the past decade, Aric has spoken to over half a million students across the US. Aric teaches actionable lessons on how to succeed at the game of life by making good choices, staying in school, being a role model for others, and helping others to see their own potential.

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DON'T BE SCARED - #1 Requested Program (Students) In life there are only two ways to live, In Fear or IN ACTION! However, before action can go forward A'ric reveals a proven system that helps leaders, students and staff to release the fear and produce unprecedented results.

THE RIPPLE EFFECT - Anti-Bullying Program - (Students) Do you really know the impact your words and actions really have? This and other questions are posed in the program "Ripple Effect." To focus on Anti-Bullying, this program does not give most of its attention to the bullies. However, its main focus is on those who have experienced it and those who have been on the fence about it. Through authentic conversation and particular exercises, students quickly realize how the smallest of things can have the largest effect!

HOW TO UNDERSTAND, REACH & TEACH GAY & LESBIAN STUDENTS (Teachers/Advisors)

Over the last few years, one of the questions / concerns A'ric heard from teachers is how to connect with students who identify as LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, BiSexual and Transgender). In response to these questions and concerns, the seminar: How To Understand, Reach and Teach Gay & Lesbian Students, was created. A'ric firmly believes that each and every student deserves the right to learn in a safe environment that will produce a confident, educated, and fully self-expressed global citizen.

CUSTOMIZED WORKSHOPS

Sometimes a preset workshop is good but doesn't really address issues that are particular to that school's/association's wants. A'ric has workshops specifically designed to address these issues. With a wealth of team building exercises and activities, workshops will meet the needs of the school/organization.



A'RIC JACKSON

Remember Be Great . . .
Which Simply Means Be You!

For the last nine years, people have allowed themselves to be inspired and motivated by the words of A'ric Jackson. His mission is to "T.I.E." – Teach, Inspire and Encourage all those who hear him, and to take the challenge of helping others pursue their goals and dreams. What began as passionate poetry designed to uplift the spirit has turned into the pursuit of affecting attitudes and changing conventional thought. A charismatic and genuinely heartfelt facilitator, A'ric knows that his "passion and desire for his audience allow him to connect with them while he is speaking."

Selected as "Best New Speaker" in 2000 by the Chicago Chapter of the International Speech Organization, Toastmasters, this recognition made him realize how much he wanted to pursue this and how much a void needed to be filled with teens and youth across America. Watching him speak on stage helps you realize why he is such a unique and gifted orator. For it takes a genuine speaker to present information with shared experience, passion to research a topic much deeper, and to share that information with the audience using skills that will make it a memorable and exciting experience for all.



BEN GLENN
The Chalk Guy

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SIMPLY SPECIAL - Finding your Place in the World - (Students)

Ben shares the inspiring story of his journey from being diagnosed LD in third grade to finding his calling as an artist, author and popular speaker.

This presentation is high energy with lots of humor and heart-felt stories about surviving school as a “different” learner and learning how to utilize his ADHD traits to succeed in life.

SIMPLY SPECIAL - Signature Message (Teachers)

So how does a kid who started out in an LD classroom in third grade, barely graduated high school and dropped out of college to pursue a passion for speaking and art, end up with three books to his name and find himself traveling all over the world to share his message of hope and inspiration? Of course, there are many factors that have contributed to Ben’s success, but one of

them, unquestionably, is the two teachers who made a huge difference in his life while he was in school. Think those kids aren’t paying attention? Think again!

This is a story that all educators should hear! An excellent keynote to kick off or close out your conference or teacher in-service.

SIMPLY SENSATIONAL (Teachers)

Ben shares in greater detail about ADHD. Learn the secrets of an ADHDer’s inner workings! Get a better understanding on why those kids do what they do and learn that ADHD is not about lack of discipline and that it is much more than just a mental disorder. There are lots of stories! No more boring medical facts and DSM-IV definitions! Ben will only share information that’s relevant. Teachers will be able to apply what they learn in this session in their very next class.

*All Ben’s Programs Are 60 Minutes & Include A Drawing.

Ben Glenn was diagnosed with Dyslexia and other Learning Disabilities while in grade school. As an adult he also learned that he has ADHD and suddenly everything about his life made perfect sense. You see, Ben belongs to an ever-growing group of individuals, who took their disability turned it upside down and discovered that they have ALL kinds of abilities that “normal” people just don’t have. Dropping out of college to pursue a love of art and speaking, Ben has been on the road, full-time since 1995, traveling to every part of the United States as well as to more remote places like China and Australia. He blames his ADHD...but he’s secretly happy about it.

Ben’s ADHD-adventure filled messages of inspiration and hope are both entertaining and educational. Youth relate to his struggles for acceptance in school, parents and teachers get an insider’s perspective on what it’s like to grow up “different” or “special”. Ben has spoken to thousands of people honing his ability to take complex, emotionally-charged subjects and give his audience a fresh, easy-to-digest perspective that produces real changes.

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TRIUMPH OVER TRAGEDY

(Youth/Adults)

Bobby's life changing story is one of personal triumph - instilling hope and courage in all of us. One night he went to bed in suburban America, a happy man with a loving wife...but when he woke up, dazed in his dining room, his wife lay dead and his life forever changed. The pickup truck that crashed through his bedroom wall was driven by a man with a blood alcohol level nearly twice the legal limit.

10 SECONDS: THE POWER OF ONE DECISION

(Youth/Adults)

Discover the power of one decision. Learn how each choice either strengthens or weakens your foundation. Things don't just happen. The habits, patterns, and decisions of everyone impact our entire world. Learn how to build a strong foundation one brick, one decision at a time!

VIRTUE REALITY (Youth/Adults)

Have we lost our edge? What happened to the essentials of good character? For us to be successful, we must return to Virtue Reality consisting of Responsibility, Courage, Compassion, Loyalty, Honesty, Hard Work, Self-discipline, Persistence, Faith, and Friendship. An exciting character building program as it inspires the virtues in all of us.

CAN YOU HEAR THEM? ARE YOU GETTING THROUGH? (Parents)

Maximize every moment. Through Bobby's message he states: "we as parents and educators need to realize how important our own decisions are in creating an environment where our young people can thrive." Bobby Petrocelli will encourage & empower you to take the steps you need to maximize your life - "If we change ourselves, we will see the change we want to see in others!" Discover how to live in the present, to be present, & to stay present.



BOBBY PETROCELLI

10 Seconds Can Change A Life Forever

Bobby Petrocelli is an engaging presenter, author, educator and coach. With almost 2 decades of professional speaking experience, he has become a leading voice in the educational field. A former teacher, counselor and coach, Bobby's contagious zest for life and sincere love for people are communicated through his message. Those who experience him, leave motivated by his awesome stories and refreshed by his charismatic personality. By no means is Bobby a victim, He has taken a tragedy in his own life and turned it into a platform to radically impact lives forever. Bobby undoubtedly harvests the energy of 10 speakers. He never fails to captivate his audience with his expertise and powerful message.

He has been described as real, relatable, and relevant. Bobby's professional experience includes 11 years as an educator, counselor and coach. He holds a Masters degree in Counseling. He is author and co-author of eight different motivational books. His powerful story is presented in Triumph Over Tragedy. His latest book is 10 Seconds IS Changing Lives Forever: Letters of Hope. His story has been featured on Geraldo, Sally Jesse Raphael, The Hour of Power and The Family Channel.



BRETT EASTBURN

Handicapped Is Only A State Of Mind

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NO ARMS, NO LEGS, NO HANDICAPS
(Student Assemblies and Conference Keynotes)

With humor and heart, Brett Eastburn teaches us that handicaps are not people – they are things that one can overcome and eliminate from one's life. Be inspired and challenged by Brett's story and demonstrations. Learn to overcome your obstacles with determination, creativity and a positive attitude. You will thoroughly enjoy the antics, wisdom, and true life experiences of this very special man.

This assembly program is designed in several variations, mainly for corporate motivation, high school and junior high school; but also available for grades 4-6, industry, churches, military, and police groups.

Upon request, Brett can tailor his program for any group or occasion.

The main focus of this presentation is overcoming life's obstacles. This assembly teaches the listener that Handicaps are not people—they are things that can be overcome and eliminated from one's life.

Upon request, Brett can adjust his speech to be a motivational speech, an inspirational presentation, or a comedy. (Clean comedy, of course)

Spend just one minute with Brett Eastburn and you will be motivated, challenged, and never quite the same. He'll touch your heart, your attitude, and your funny bone. Brett was born in 1971 with no arms and no legs, a condition known as Quadmembral Limbs Deficiency. Despite his obstacles, Brett truly believes that he was also born with no handicaps. He considers his body to be a very special gift designed to inspire others to be the best that they can be!

During his senior year of high school, Brett started speaking professionally on self-improvement and drug prevention. Since then, he has spoken to audiences throughout the United States, Okinawa, Japan, Panama, Mexico and Canada. Brett and his service dog, Murray, are the frequent subjects of news articles and television interviews that deal with great success stories. Brett, Murray, and his wife Chrisa, enjoy visiting cities across the nation in the company's 31 foot mobile home. When not on the road speaking, Brett is a certified substitute teacher in his home town.

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SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES AND CONFERENCE KEYNOTES

This one hour presentation is packed with humor and learning. Chris addresses risk taking and empowers students not to give into peer pressure simply because it would be the cool thing to do. He helps students see that another's perspective is not nearly as important as their own happiness and success. Secondly, Chris addresses problem solving and dealing with frustration. He stresses that over-reacting, yelling, and passing blame during frustrating situations not only does not lead to a resolution, but tends to make these situations worse.

Even though these are tough topics to address, the audience WILL learn valuable lessons while laughing and having a great time. Chris will encourage your students to believe in themselves and the dream they have.

As a professional speaker, Chris' life is dedicated to the positive influence and motivation of students through the use of humor. He is a dynamic storyteller that uses his hilarious tales to emphasize the lessons he is trying to convey. His presentations are exciting, his enthusiasm is contagious and his audiences are always captivated and filled with laughter. Chris speaks to audiences about the power they have to take risks and have confidence in themselves. He uses humor to build camaraderie with students so he can encourage them to overcome their fear of failure and fear of what others may think of them. He leaves students with the ability and the power, to be their own person.

Chris is a graduate of Ball State University and holds a BA degree in Political Science. He began his speaking career working with student leaders in Indiana and eventually ventured out to speak nationwide. He now appears at over 100 high schools and middle schools per year, presenting keynotes and facilitating leadership conferences.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

This is a three hour opportunity for students that have already shown some leadership potential. Chris will mold them into an effective team that can go back to school and make a difference. It's a great kickoff workshop at the beginning of each semester for your student council and other leadership teams.

CONFERENCE FACILITATOR

Chris really enjoys being the opening speaker and attending the entire conference. While there, Chris will do workshops, fill in for other speakers that can't make it at the last minute, fill in any program gaps with activities, and be a general resource for the conference staff.

He can also do a closing presentation to bring the entire conference together. Students really enjoy the opportunity to talk with Chris one-on-one or in small groups.



CHRIS BOWERS

Motivation of Students Through Humor



DEREK CLARK
I Will Never Give Up

PROGRAMS

YOUTH EVENTS

After the audience listens to Derek's Inspiring story of overcoming adversity and sharing his leadership tools, the audience is now ready to inspire others.

Derek uses music to show the audience how they can change the direction of their life by creating a new destiny. The audience is instructed on how to write lyrics in a song format. The classroom audience is split into groups of seven.

They write down their hardest struggles and darkest fears as well as their hopes and dreams. They are given a sample sheet to show the word and syllable arrangement to flow with the music that Derek has already created. (Music ranges from top 40 pop, rap and rock)

When they are done completing their lyrics, they have the opportunity to sing

their song in front of the others as Derek accompanies them with his pre-programmed music. If the group is shy or does not feel comfortable about singing their song, Derek will then sing their song and dedicate it to the particular group.

THE U-R.O.C.K PROGRAM - Symbolizes The Awakening Of The Voice From Their Soul

Derek helps the youth modify their limited perception. A lot of youth go through high school feeling lost and hopeless. Derek helps them change their focus to see, feel and actually hear hope. Music is the tool that speaks to the youth on a lyrical level, whether it is Rap, Rock, Heavy Metal or Country. They communicate through sad songs, love songs, angry songs, promiscuous songs and gangster songs. This music is communicating to our youth and then they act out what they hear. It is important in this program that they change the way they perceive the present moment.

As a child, Derek was in foster care for 13 years and "labeled and misdiagnosed" in almost every psychological evaluation in existence. Having suffered unthinkable child abuse, abandonment, emotional distress and being wrongfully labeled, this has never held Derek back from accomplishing what he set his heart and mind to. He has turned his situation from a victim to a victor, equipping him with the Wisdom and the Will to never give up.

Derek shares how he achieved great personal and financial success with his motivational leadership style and how he lives his life on purpose. His triumphant message has inspired many youth conferences, student leadership conferences, at-risk youth conferences, foster youth conferences, colleges and high school assemblies. Since achieving his professional dreams, Derek's life mission has become helping others find the mental strength to recognize and take advantage of opportunities. His keynotes are based on true-life trials and triumphs, and have inspired thousands of students to have the mental strength to overcome adversity and fear. His purpose is to cultivate responsibility, drive, focus, and the courage to take action.

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WHAT'S YOUR '3:58'? - CREATING SUCCESS IN UNDER 4 MINUTES

Find your vision by using your in-born gifts of imagination and creativity to build the Ultimate Winner. Join internationally known speaker Eddie Slowikowski as he gives participants the ride of a lifetime by taking the journey to discover the greatness within all of us. Through storytelling and high-energy showmanship, Eddie takes participants through what it means to be a role model, how to follow through on a vision from inception to achievement and what positive energy can create for yourself and others.

REALITY CHECK - WHAT I'VE LEARNED ALONG THE WAY

Your biography is the roadmap to your future. Knowing who you were when gives you insight on how to achieve the life you want right now. Eddie takes participants through his own biography to

reveal personal truths, setbacks and triumphs. Uncovering your past helps you consider your life honestly, uncover your true talents and conduct your own reality check.

THE POWER OF ONE (Teachers/Advisors)

Do you realize how powerful you are? Within every one of us is the ability to take charge of our lives and develop concrete action plans for the future. The positive actions of one person can have a ripple effect on a community of people. Eddie guides participants on that path to empowerment through self-esteem exercises and real solutions for overcoming the obstacles that face us.

SETTING THE PACE

Do you have what it takes to be a leader for your peers? Eddie takes participants on a journey of what it is to lead and what it is to follow. Through exercises, Eddie gives them the tools to make powerful, life changing decisions.



EDDIE SLOWIKOWSKI

Because Life Is Meant
To Be lived, Not Observed

Stop standing on the sidelines and become a true player in life! With Eddie Slowikowski's dynamic and inspiring presentations, you'll learn what it's like to be a part of the action. Eddie teaches audiences everywhere to take ownership of their true potential, or what Eddie calls, your "3:58." This number not only stands for Eddie's mile time, but also the greatness that lies within each and every one of us. Finding your "3:58" means getting engaged in the world around you, and there's no better place to start than one of Eddie's interactive presentations. Through a multimedia program like no other, Eddie uses music, sound effects, dancing and storytelling to get across his exciting message of empowerment.

Eddie's programs run the gamut of emotion, echoing the rollercoaster of life - you'll laugh, you'll cry, but most of all, you'll be inspired! Eddie's story has always been about taking the lead and setting the pace. Through his years as a world-class runner, winning gold in the 1990 London Olympics as a part of the USA Track & Field Team and running the mile in less than 4 minutes and now as an internationally known Speaker/Trainer, you can count on Eddie to be out in front.



GABE SALAZAR

Challenging And Encouraging Teens To Make Positive Choices And To Dream Big

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CONNECTING CHOICES WITH CONSEQUENCES

Motivational Youth Speaker Gabe Salazar overcame obstacles of homelessness, hopelessness, and gang influence to become the first in his family to go to college. Through the power of education, Gabe Salazar is a renowned youth speaker who travels around the world making teenagers laugh and motivating them to make positive choices.

In his message about choices, Gabe encourages teens to avoid life's pitfalls such as drugs, alcohol, school violence and bullying, and instead dream big and create a plan to make that dream come true.

Anyone can do it... Gabe says if he can go from being homeless only having a station wagon and taking towel baths before school growing up in Houston,

and now he lives in Los Angeles overlooking the Pacific Ocean, he believes even greater for the youth of today. It's all about connecting choices with consequences, and thinking before taking action.

Born to a teen mom and abandoned by his biological father, Gabe Salazar could have become a statistic. Instead, his energy, tenacity to succeed and enthusiasm led him to become a motivational speaker for teenagers. It wasn't easy. He had to overcome obstacles of poverty and gang influence to become the first in his family to go to college. He attended Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie, TX and pursued a degree in Theology. He worked in Texas at a school as an aide with at-risk and behavioral students, and he was a church youth pastor. He soon discovered an amazing talent to inspire teens to go after the very best that life has to offer, so he pursued professional youth speaking as a full-time career.

Today, Gabe travels all over the world speaking at schools, teen conferences, and teen camps. Through the use of master storytelling, humorous stories about his youth, and powerful skits, Gabe's message inspires and motivates his audiences. Gang members have turned over their gang rags, a teen handed over a knife he intended to use on a boy who bullied him, and others have made similar decisions after hearing Gabe's message.

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DEAL WITH IT! (Teens/Young Adults)

This dynamic leadership program combines humor with a thought-provoking message that shows everyone CAN achieve their dreams. However, Harriet doesn't give participants unrealistic hope. Just because "We dream it," does NOT automatically mean "We achieve it!" By reinforcing the concept that we all possess personal power, participants learn that they are in charge of their choices, but they don't always get to choose the consequences. Learning how to cope with failure, & trying again are integral components of this program. Harriet leads participants in a "Get real & go for it" journey. Believing in themselves, developing character & living a balanced life are important concepts.

PEACEMAKERS IN A VIOLENT WORLD (Teens/Young Adults)

In recent years, homes, schools and

communities have become increasingly more violent. Gone are the days of fighting with fists; now more powerful weapons are used. If you want to transform yourself, break the bonds of violence and build the future for others, you need to hear this program. Harriet will give you skills and attitudes that can positively change a non-caring community into a productive one. Conflict resolution, anger management, bullying and creative problem solving are included in this hard-hitting, no-holds barred program.

ARE YOU DYING FOR A DRINK? (Teens/Young Adults)

Using her experience, Harriet combines knowledge, humor and real life stories to encourage students to buckle up, not ride with a drinking driver and, most importantly, to "party with style". (Partying and style do NOT equal consuming ANY alcohol or other substances.) This program is excellent for Prom week.



HARRIET TURK
Positive Life Choices

For more than 25 years, Harriet has challenged teens & adults to make positive, empowered life choices. Her presentations are punctuated by down-to-earth Southern-speak, contagious energy & a calm confidence. Harriet believes affirmation & enthusiasm are fuel for living. While we can make positive choices, we'll sometimes encounter consequences that we have no control over. Harriet's interactive & energetic presentations identify these times as our opportunities to "deal with it" -- live to our full potential with purpose, integrity & character.

In addition to her years as a internationally-known professional speaker, trainer & consultant, Harriet has worked as a probation officer, youth programs coordinator, flight attendant, pharmaceutical sales rep, & college-level instructor. She's always been regarded as a top performer & quickly promoted to training, consulting & mentoring positions. Why did Harriet experience this success? Because she was confident in her abilities & ready to seek positive change. Harriet's more than a 45 minute general session speaker. Harriet can develop a workshop or retreat for 25-10,000 people, customize it to fit your needs & deliver it with passion.



HEATHER SCHULTZ

Youth Are the Solution,
Not the Problem.

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BECAUSE IT MATTERS (Youth)

Decisions will last a lifetime. Young people will learn to think about consequences and how each decision they make will determine their future. Topics Heather speaks on include: Leadership, Character Education, Overcoming Obstacles, Anti-bullying, Accountability, Drug & Violence Prevention, Responsibility for Others, and Random Acts of Kindness.

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING (Conference Keynote for Youth)

This energetic and inspiring message brings every audience to their feet. Through personal triumphs, Heather will encourage young people to believe in themselves and to be a positive force in our world. Every young person deserves to feel worthy. Young people will leave feeling motivated and excited about the important part they play in our world.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, CAUTION (Teachers, Parents, Administrators)

This is an adult only program that assists adults in maximizing their impact on young people. The role the media plays in influencing young people is explored through prime time messages, music, movies and the Internet. Adults are shocked by what young people are being exposed to, but more importantly, they are empowered to do something about it.

IT'S ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Heather presents a 45-minute, high-energy, interactive learning experience for elementary students. The assembly blends music, comedy, dialogue, role-plays, and an audience involved game show. Although the program is extremely entertaining, the audience is bombarded with messages of drug-free living, positive decision-making, acting to avoid trouble and respect for others.

Heather Schultz believes that in today's world, young people are a solution, not a problem. It is that kind of belief that makes her a highly requested national youth speaker for conferences, assemblies, prevention rallies, and staff and parent meetings. Both youth and adults leave Heather's programs with the knowledge of the positive steps they can take immediately to create a better world for themselves and those they care about. As a registered nurse and professional speaker, Heather became a certified trainer for PRIDE's "Parent to Parent" program. She has spoken at all major prevention conferences including National MADD, National SADD, National DARE, Youth to Youth International and the International PRIDE Organization.

Based on her personal and professional experiences, she is also a powerful influence with student leaders. For over 16 years, Heather has spoken in 48 states and 7 other countries - her message has been heard by millions. She has worked with HBO and has appeared in People magazine, as well as numerous radio and television specials. She is also a contributor to the books, *Teen Power* and *The Burning Heart of a Difference Maker*.

PROGRAMS

THE BLUE PROJECT

The Blue Project is based around a song written by Jared entitled “Catch a Glimpse of Blue”. The basis behind this song is a story Jared tells about being out for a walk one day under a particularly overcast sky. As he walked he noticed this awesome break in the clouds exposing the clear blue sky behind it. He thought to himself, “this sky is that blue every day. It’s just the clouds in front of it that alter our vision of just how blue it is”. Upon this thought he wrote this song relating life to the blue sky in thinking that life can be amazing but you’re bound to get clouds from day to day. The focus needs to be on the blue and the potential each one of us has to be someone great and not on the clouds we face. Everyday we should be striving to “Catch a Glimpse of Blue”.

During Jared’s show he takes the students through his life as a musician

and the struggle that came with pursuing his dream. Throughout his personal stories he interweaves stories of how other people have been affected by his songs throughout the years. His approach to relating to students is unlike any other presenter you will see. He mixes humor with deep emotion and literally takes the listener inside his songs through the use of powerful videos that are played behind him during the show. Students are captivated by his personality and his way with throwing out phrases only they would get.

It’s not all about his music though...if need be he will throw the occasional Justin Bieber hit in there or possibly even a tune from Journey so the teachers and staff can rock along with him! He sings about fighting for what you believe you’re capable of becoming, the importance of relationships and why “people need people”, tolerance, bullying and recognizing the great things we have in life and focusing on an amazing future!



JARED CAMPBELL

Award Winning Singer / Songwriter

Jared is an award winning singer/songwriter from upstate New York and has toured the country speaking at hundreds of schools and playing with national acts such as Jason Mraz, Gavin Degraw and even Journey! He sold over 20,000 albums independently and had his music featured on hit TV shows such as MTV’s “the Real World” and “Road Rules”. His main focus is allowing his music to impact the lives of his listeners by experiencing joy, finding comfort through pain, and looking past obstacles towards living a better life.

His songs are said to be uplifting, thought provoking and emotionally heartfelt. Jared mixes humor, stories of life on the road and personal experience to relate to the audience set before him. Young people have walked away with life changing experiences such as finding their true passion in life, appreciating others around them and ceasing to bully those that are different, stopping their attempts at suicide and forming life lasting relationships with the friends and family surrounding them.



JASON HEWLETT

Signature Moves:
How To Stand Out in a Sit Down World

Jim Carrey, Michael Jackson, Elton John, Louie Armstrong, Nat King Cole, Led Zeppelin, Stevie Wonder, Ricky Martin, Cat Stevens, The Temptations, U2, Guns n' Roses, Coldplay, and Alvin & The Chipmunks are just a few of the performers to take the stage during the unforgettable one-man show of Jason Hewlett, The Entertainer. Audiences Coast-to-Coast have thrilled at the creativity, hilarious impersonations, touching portrayals, and nostalgia of this one of a kind impressionist/musician/humorist and corporate entertainer.

Jason Hewlett, Inspirational Humorist, Master of Ceremonies & Entertainer, has appeared at over 2,000 events in the last decade as one of the country's premiere corporate event presenters. From performing in every hotel in Las Vegas, to headlining the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, Jason has been a member of the National Speakers Association since 2003. His message of joy, humor, and be your best authentic self is received with standing ovations from audiences worldwide. The winner of Best of State 2010 "Specialty Act in Arts & Entertainment", and in 2013 awarded Best of State "Individual Vocalist".

PROGRAMS

HEAD TO HEART

Students today are bombarded with experiences telling them they are alone and something is wrong with them. Experiences about looks, social status and grades cause thoughts and emotions that lead to saying and doing things that are destructive to self and others.

Students think they are alone and feel something is wrong with themselves. In this state, they activate their fight or flight response to protect themselves even though they are not in real danger. We call this being in our head.

Students in their hearts think I am accepted and feel I am of worth. What they say and do will build up themselves and others. Students get in their heads by reacting to experiences they have. The way out is creating a new experience where they learn to choose to be in their heart. We do this by working with the

students directly with the Head To Heart assembly and indirectly by training teachers to do the process for themselves and with the students.

This is a co-created assembly with the students and speaker. Students will recognize how much they are in their heads and how so often they feel awkward, uncomfortable and embarrassed. They will then choose to experience what it is like to be completely in their Hearts. They will be high-fiving, laughing, dancing and singing. Students will stop trying to protect themselves by being in their heads and experience being in their heart by fully expressing themselves.

We can focus on challenges your school is having (bullying, drugs, alcohol, suicide). These are all symptoms of being in our heads. The way to get to the core of the problem is having the kids experience going from their head to their heart.

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10 THINGS EVERY TEENAGER NEEDS TO HEAR - The Things No One Challenges Students On! (High School Students)

High school students are planning for life after high school. It is likely that they have heard topics like how to choose a college, what to do with their life, finding that life-long partner, and how to budget their money. But, have they ever been asked pointed questions that impact their life? How about:

- Does how you dress impact your life? What about your future?
- How much drama do you create for you and others?
- Do you think you're "all that" and have lost friends because of it?
- Have you been told some things that just aren't true like "follow your heart?"

Jerry unpacks questions that EVERY student needs to hear and challenges them to evaluate their life choices.

Over the last 10 years, Jerry Ackerman has spoken to nearly 1 million students in schools, conferences, and camps. He has shared the stage with NFL stars, appeared on Sirius/XM Satellite Radio, authored 6 books, and spoken in numerous countries including South Korea, Germany, and Guam.

Jerry packs a punch with his delivery believing that students need to hear authentic, practical information that will challenge their lives and future. A strong background in teaching, leadership, and entrepreneurial skills allows him to present from a unique perspective to students across the nation. Providing wisdom, humor, and an energetic style, Jerry will bring a visible change to the lives of students. Speaking primarily on bullying prevention, necessary leadership skills for leaders, and social media, Jerry is well-equipped to deliver to any age audience.

Jerry lives with his wife in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is a proud father of five children.

I WILL DEFEND MY ONLINE LIFE - An Always-Current Keynote Addressing Recent Apps, Social Media Platforms, and Online Trends While Equipping Students to Defend Their Online Life (Students)

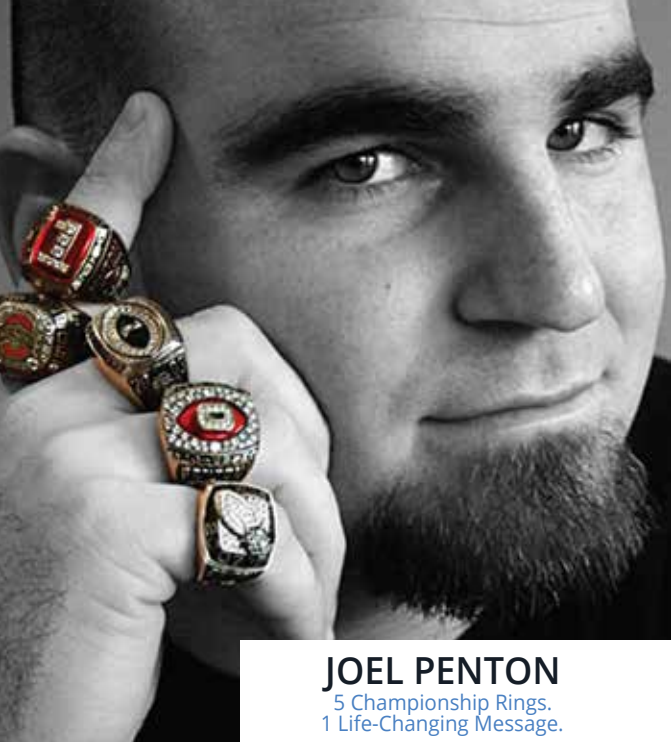
This program includes insight like:

- The current most dangerous social media platforms and why you should be concerned
- How a text message really travels
- 5 questions you ALWAYS need to ask yourself before posting to social media!
- What online gossip accomplishes and questions to ask yourself before you do!



JERRY ACKERMAN

Direct, Funny And Challenges
Every Morsel Of Your Being!



JOEL PENTON
5 Championship Rings.
1 Life-Changing Message.

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ABOUT JOEL'S POSITIVE APPROACH

Students are constantly bombarded with negative approaches to making the right choices, "Don't do drugs, Don't be a bully. Don't mess up like I did." They are often told what not to do, but rarely told what to do. From his platform as a champion, Joel brings a positive message to students that is both relevant and impactful. Combining humor and sincerity, Joel gives a real-life example of the rewards that result from making the right choices. His stories of personal trials and subsequent triumphs are proof that ordinary people can accomplish great things by simply following through with their commitments.

ABOUT JOEL'S STAND YOUR GROUND THEME

What does it mean to stand your ground? People today are constantly making commitments and breaking them. Look at divorce rates, credit card debts, New

Year's resolutions... and the list of unfulfilled promises goes on. Is it even possible to keep our commitments?

Joel Penton says, "Yes it is possible" – he knows from experience. Like most of your students, Joel was put into situations in middle school and high school where it would have been easy to compromise and break his commitments. However, he chose to rise above the pressure and keep the commitments he made in school, in football, and in life.

Joel will say that it takes character, it takes will and the road will be hard. But his personal experience is proof that ordinary people can accomplish great things by simply following through with the commitments they have made. Your students will be inspired and reminded of the importance of not just making commitments, but also keeping those commitments.

Joel Penton is a graduate of Ohio State University and played 5 years of football for the Buckeyes. He was a member of 3 Big Ten championship teams, a member of the National Championship team, and a 4-time Academic All-Big Ten selection. In his senior year, Joel received the prestigious Danny Wuerffel Trophy, also known as the HUMANITARIAN HEISMAN. The trophy is a national award that recognizes the one college football player in the entire country who best combines exemplary community service with athletic and academic achievement. After graduating from OSU, Joel turned down an opportunity to play in the NFL to begin a career in full-time speaking. Since then he has spoken to more than 500,000 teens across the country.

Joel Penton has quickly earned a reputation as one of the nation's leading youth motivational speakers. His relevant approach to teen issues focuses on the POSITIVE results of good decisions instead of the NEGATIVE consequences of poor choices. Joel proves through his own personal stories of triumph that ordinary people can accomplish great things by simply making the right choices.

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THE CRAZY ONES - Length: 45-60 minutes (Teens / Young Adults)

Johan believes that we all have a little bit of crazy in us that is waiting to be unleashed. His story is **CRAZY**, to say the least. He is a product of Humboldt Park Chicago, one of the roughest areas in Chicago; an area where he has witnessed everything from friends being killed to family members living destructive lives. An area of Chicago, he was told, he would never get out of. An area where, he was told, he would never make it, never amount to anything, never succeed, never create, never inspire.

Johan refused to believe the messages of his environment. Instead, he was crazy enough to believe his life could make a difference. He was crazy enough to make choices that no one else was making; he decided to live a life worth living as a teen and young adult.

Johan Khalilian has dedicated his life to helping people dream great dreams and foster the courage to live them out. Johan connects easily with audiences of all ages and racial backgrounds and keeps their attention with his warm charisma, witty humor, comical story-telling and thought provoking message. He uses his life story to compel his audience to make healthy choices, avoid destructive behaviors, and pursue their life dreams and passions. Johan does a masterful job of meeting audiences where they are and easily relates to their lives, effectively breaking through walls and touching hearts.

He has been featured on the front cover of Chicago's premier young adult newspaper, "The Redeye", he has been a special guest on a number of TV and radio shows which include, two appearances on "The Tyra Banks Show", "Fox News in the Morning", WLS Radio Chicago, and the critically acclaimed "Today Show". Along with being a nationally known speaker, Johan currently works as a counselor/educator for the non-profit community program called **CANDO** in Chicago, IL. He is also an aspiring actor and a former Ford Model. Johan earned his BA from Northeastern University in Communications and lives in Los Angeles, California.

Now he is spending his life encouraging kids to be crazy enough to think that their lives can make a difference. While others use their voice to be "realistic", Johan motivates kids to move past reality and begin to dream and create even the craziest of possibilities for their lives and the world around them.

STRENGTH AND HONOR: Manhood and the Masculine Journey - Length 45-60 Minutes (Teens or Young Adults)

"I'm a Real Man!" Those words spill out of the mouths of males of every shape, size, age, and color. But what do those words really mean? Have we really figured out the mystery of masculinity? Do we know what a real man looks and acts like? Or have we bought into our culture's perception of manhood and masculinity?

In this informative and thought-provoking session, Johan leads us through some of the misconceptions of manhood and then unveils the primal essence of a "man"...



JOHAN KHALILIAN

Motivate. Engage. Equip.



JOHN BEEDE

Climb On!

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THE CLIMB ON! (Success Keynote)

Prepare to be amazed. John Beede, “The Climber Guy,” combines powerful success lessons with incredible adventure stories. Participants have literally fallen out of their chairs laughing. Audience members discover the “Climb On! Success Strategies,” the life-changing leadership goal setting principles that are guaranteed to create a massive positive change in grades, test scores, club performance, leadership skills, family life, physical health (includes anti-drug message), and overall happiness.

THE CLIMB ON! (Success Workshop)

In this wickedly fun, hands-on workshop, John will show students how to create a “bomb-proof success plan” for the next 3-5 years of their lives. Attendees literally beg John to elaborate and show more of these powerful personal and business success skills. Finally, you will be blown away by the special surprise ‘hush hush bonus session’ that is revealed only to those who attend. Even advisors are regularly seen taken notes! Plus, every attendee wins a free surprise gift!

In his wickedly entertaining style, motivational speaker John Beede will show your audience his proven formula to ‘Climb On’ to their top personal, leadership, and achievement potential. John’s adventure stories have earned him the nickname, “The Climber Guy,” and he’s going to help you “Climb On!” to your highest personal leadership potential.

John has been an instructor of rock climbing, white-water rafting, wilderness survival, sailing, mountaineering, and has participated in dozens of expeditions and adventures around the world. In his talk, John’s integration of his outdoor adventure stories and his powerful success strategies will catapult you to a new level of personal achievement. The success and leadership strategies shared at John’s talk are based on his highly acclaimed book, *Climb On! Success Strategies for Teens*. If you’re lucky, you might just get a free copy of the book at John’s session.

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INSPIRATIONAL COMEDY

(Assembly, Keynote)

His most requested show - "Inspirational Comedy" is just that – funny & inspiring! Judson talks about the two main realities in life – 1. There are things in life that you cannot change. 2. There are things in life that you can change. By helping students to understand the difference between the two & by showing them how to control the things they can Judson gives students the simplest formula for creating the life they want. You can create any change in your life through the choices you make.

This program can be molded for many different topics with specific examples & explanations & has been presented on bullying & respect, alcohol & drugs, general motivation, classroom commitment, & much more. Capped with "The Evolution of Dance" this program is one that people never forget.

Funny enough to be a comedian (he won the only contest he ever entered), educated enough to teach college (he taught several classes and turned down an offer to teach full-time), and lucky enough to learn that combination is one of the most powerful mediums for addressing anyone. People like to laugh and people like to learn. Judson gives all of his audiences both. His keynotes or assemblies are the perfect balance of laughter and thought-provoking ideas. His wide background of experiences including: working on a cruise ship, managing a Dominos Pizza, being a published author and poet, earning a Master's Degree in Education, Hosting the Miss Minnesota and Miss South Dakota USA pageants, being a certified aerobics instructor, and much more allow him to relate to almost any audience.

Winner of many awards including Speaker of the year by campusawards.com and his favorite "Coolest Uncle" by his 7 year old nephew. His finale "The Evolution of Dance" (a hilarious routine of the last 50 years of popular dance moves) has been hailed as "The funniest thing ever" and ends his shows on a super high. From the moment he steps on stage until he dances away his audiences are laughing and learning!

FROM PLAYDATES TO PROM: RELATIONSHIP AND DATING IN YOUTH

Times have changed since the days of going steady & wearing a guy's letterman sweater. Fact is young people are more educated & informed about dating & sex than their parents were. Or are they? This program will cover basics of relationships such as: stages of a relationship, understanding attraction, ways to tell if someone is interested, common myths, characteristics of healthy relationships, & much more. Sex education can be included or excluded depending on the school preference.

Dating, relationships, & sex take up a large chunk of a teenager's thought process and most of the time they are unaware of what is going on. Things they see on TV or in movies become reality to them. This program assists by being educational & entertaining while helping students to better understand their relationships.



JUDSON LAIPPLY
Evolution Of Dance



JUSTIN BOUDREAU
Encouraging Kids To Think Vs. Telling
Them What To Think

KEYNOTES

BE YOU-NIQUE (Students)

Today's teenagers have to deal with issues ranging from anorexia and pregnancy to suicide and school shootings. The increasing number of broken homes and divorces explain the unprecedented percentage of students who choose to turn to drugs, sex, and alcohol. Teenagers don't always see the link between today's actions and the consequences of tomorrow, so now is an opportunity for students to discover their true self. Justin's keynote inspires students to Be YOUUnique and challenges them to accept themselves; understand others; connect with and act on their dreams; deflate peer pressure; unclique and be real; and master school & life.

EDGE-UCATOR (Educators)

Justin's humor continues to shine through as he shares his experience as a successful coach. He believes every educator/parent is a coach, they just don't know it. Justin will inspire most if not everyone attending to get their lives in shape by running two marathons a year. Not with your legs but with your heart.

In closing, Justin shares a simple and effective model that will make you reflect on the importance of building rapport with youth.

Justin Boudreau, known by students as the "Dude Who Changed My Life," is ready to take your event to the next level. Justin brings his insightful "There YOU Are" vision and his expertise in HUM-ERGY (Humor & Energy) to his mission of empowering students to be their best. At the age of 22, Justin fulfilled his childhood dream by qualifying to compete in a professional beach volleyball tournament. He proudly states: "Even though we lost (big time), I know how it feels to make it to the top, and now I want to coach students on how to reach their dreams."

This former high school teacher, coach of the year, world traveler, author, and musician, exudes a realness that students don't question. On stage, his heart (not his ego) will inspire your students to worry less about being cool and focus more on their future. Justin's words will resonate with the entire audience and motivate students to start accepting themselves and understanding others.

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WHAT IF SANTA HAD A NOSE RING?

(High School Assemblies, Conferences)

Life is about change. More than that, it is like riding a bus – it requires change. In order to change the course of a generation, we must start at the top. We hold the key to giving our youth the passion for living. Let's take the key out of our pocket, open the lock and unleash an excitement in our youth that will move them from where they are, to where they dream to be – so they can live with no regrets!

BULLIES, BRACES AND BIOLOGY

(Junior High School Assemblies)

Justin provides tools that will help young people handle the 3B's that make junior high so tough. He sneaks hardhitting facts in between humorous hits. This is a high speed presentation for a confusing time of life. Kids will learn facts about alcohol, tobacco and inhalants. By the time they are done, they won't want

anything to do with the stuff and they will be able to handle peer pressure.

DATEABLE: ARE YOU ARE THEY?

(High School Assemblies)

The biggest issue derailing teen success and leadership is their dating relationship. Their "crush" actually can crush their future and spirit of adventure. This hard hitting talk on teen dating will teach your students to stop lying to themselves about his/her crush and start facing the truth.

SUCCESS WITH A TWIST?

(Staff Development)

This program will push your staff past gaining knowledge into living life on purpose. It is part stand up comedy, part ancient theory, part pearl-like-wisdom, all taught by your worst hyperactive nightmare. Topics include commitment, life-long learning, overcoming obstacles and reaching out to others.



JUSTIN LOOKADOO

Live With No Regrets

Justin Lookadoo is a Teen Culture Expert who knows how to reach teenagers! He ignites and excites passion in young people -- to become more than they ever dreamed -- to dream bigger than they ever have -- to have more than they ever thought possible -- and to live with no regrets. He speaks from experience! As an award-winning juvenile probation officer and prevention specialist, he has seen his share of successful teens, as well as lost teens. They all respond to his magnetic presence.

For nearly a dozen years, Justin has been encouraging teenagers to take risks, follow their dreams, and laugh at the simple things in life. He has been described as the Humoticator. He uses humor in order to educate and motivate his audiences. Through props, costumes, drama and enough energy to light up New York City, Justin allows students the opportunity to interact and participate in his presentations.



KELSEY TAINSH
See Differently, Try Differently,
LIVE DIFFERENTLY

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Why Do Some People Turn Problems Into Possibilities, While Others Give Up?

In this program, Kelsey Tainsh helps you become the person who actually grows and prospers as a result of the obstacles you face. She shares her powerful story of surviving two brain tumors and a stroke that paralyzed the right side of her body and finding innovative solutions that allowed her to relearn how to do things that she was told she would never do, including graduating from college with honors and going to work for a Fortune 100 company.

Kelsey delivers an original and powerful inspirational message that kids today desperately need to hear. We're surrounded by people and institutions that tell us, "You can't do that", "Your Not Good Enough, Pretty Enough, Smart Enough" and so much more. Being told these things often keeps us from

reaching our goals and our dreams. Kelsey teaches youth about feeling different and including others, how to change your mindset, turn problems into possibilities and the importance of being able to ask for help.

She will help you See Differently, Try Differently and Live Differently, allowing you to discover the tremendous hidden power that lies within and to turn what often limits us into the fuel that propels us to grow, helps us reach our goals, and helps us make the most of all situations...even the hard ones.

Kelsey Tainsh, has had to live her life different than she planned, hoped, or dreamed. Through Kelsey's unique, sometimes challenging circumstances, she has learned the secrets of how to live an extraordinary life no matter what obstacles we face. She teaches kids and young adults to See Differently, Try Differently & Live Differently. Kelsey shares her powerful story of surviving two brain tumors and a stroke that paralyzed the right side of her body.

She was first diagnosed with a brain tumor at the age of 5. Later on at age 15, the brain tumor returned and changed her life forever. Sometime during or after surgery Kelsey had a stroke. Now at 15 she would have to relearn how to do everything from tying her shoes to brushing her teeth. As she relearned to do even the most basic tasks she found innovative solutions that allowed her to relearn how to do things that she was told she would never be able to do including; running, swimming and even putting her hair into a pony tail. Despite the many challenges she faced, Kelsey graduated from high school on time with honors, graduated from college with high honors and went to work for a Fortune 100 Company.

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NOTHING IS OUT OF REACH

In March 2009 Kevin was awarded a scholarship from Manhattan College, a Division-I school where he became the first Division-I Basketball Player on scholarship with one hand. In 2012, Kevin graduated Manhattan College as an honor student with a 3.5 GPA.

His moving tale of perseverance has inspired countless across the world. In 2013 a documentary film called *The Long Shot: The Kevin Laue Story* was released and qualified for an Academy award.

Kevin is currently working with members of the United Nations representing persons with disabilities. He is also a board member for Special Olympics of New Jersey, and a spokesperson for Boys and Girls Club of America.

Messages Included in Kevin's NOTHING IS OUT OF REACH Presentation:

- Overcoming adversity
- Anti-bullying
- Accepting yourself for your strengths and short comings
- Finding success through innovation
- Maximizing self-potential
- What it takes to make dreams into reality.



KEVIN LAUE

Nothing Is Out Of Reach

Kevin Laue began fighting for his life before he was even born. With his umbilical cord wrapped around his neck in the womb, Kevin fought back using his arm as a shield. Due to a lack of circulation from the cord, he was born with an arm that ended just below the elbow. His disability is a testament to his toughness and refusal to quit: "It was either my arm or my head," Kevin often jokes. When Kevin was 10 years old his father died of cancer and Kevin became determined to make his father proud by proving that he could be a success—not only in Basketball, but in life.

He did just that, playing Division-I basketball and graduating as an honor student from Manhattan College. Kevin had his share of adversity, but never backed down or gave in. Full of courage and perseverance, Kevin became the team MVP by his senior year of high school. Mid-season he broke his leg and lost all scholarship offers. Kevin attended Fork Union Military School for a post graduate year to redeem scholarship offers in 2008. In March 2009 he was awarded a scholarship from Manhattan College, where he became the first Division-1 Basketball Player on scholarship with one hand.



KEVIN ROBINSON
World Record Holder And
5 Time X Games Gold Medalist

Kevin comes from a hard-working, blue-collar family from East Providence, Rhode Island. After a slow start to his pro career, Kevin took his family's work ethic to the vert ramp and now finds himself consistently on the podium as one of the most progressive and creative Vert and MegaRamp riders in BMX. Kevin defines perseverance. After eleven X Games appearances and three bronze medals, Kevin finally had his dream season in 2006 when he took home two gold medals from X Games 12. In the BMX Vert Best Trick competition Kevin made history when he became the first to land the fabled double flair (two back flips with a 180 degree twist). Two days later at X Games he took his second gold medal in the inaugural BMX Big Air event.

In 2007 Kevin added to his X Games medal collection a Bronze in BMX Vert and a Gold in BMX Big Air. He also took the honor of "Athlete of the Games". On June 12, 2008 in Central Park, NYC, Kevin set a new BMX high air world record soaring 55' above ground. The following Monday he appeared on The Late Show with David Letterman to discuss the feat.

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BULLYING PREVENTION AND LIVING POSITIVE LIFESTYLES - Most Popular Program (K-12)

Kevin's Bullying Prevention Program focuses on teaching students the importance of treating others how you would like to be treated. Several topics are combined into one presentation, and they can be customized for each school's needs. Topics include (but are not limited to): Bullying & Cyber Bullying, Overcoming Adversity, The Power of Perseverance, Character Building, Overall Kindness, Productive Teamwork, Respect, Living a Positive Lifestyle and more!

DRUG AWARENESS AND ABUSE PREVENTION - Great to incorporate into Red Ribbon Month (K-12)

This program focuses on teaching students how to stand up to peer pressure, and learn how to make positive choices in life. Hear from a professional

sports athlete inspiring reasons for living a drug free life! Topics include (but are not limited to): Alcohol & Tobacco Abuse Prevention, Drug Abuse Prevention, Building Self Esteem, Living Healthy Lifestyles, and more!

BIKE SAFETY AND ACTIVE LIFESTYLES (All Ages)

This program focuses on teaching the importance of being safe while riding a bike, skateboard, scooter, etc. as well as bringing awareness to why we should all strive to live active, healthy lifestyles. Topics include (but are not limited to): Importance of wearing a helmet; Checking your equipment to make sure it's safe to ride; Adjusting your bike (etc.) to give you the most control; See and Be Seen; Rules of the Road and Bike Path; Riding at Night; Living an Active Lifestyle; and more!

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HOW TO GET HIGH NATURALLY - Keynote (High School)

This powerful and entertaining presentation focuses on natural highs and how to be a healthy L.E.A.D.er in high school. It has been described as the perfect combination of stand-up comedy, interactive demonstrations and inspirational stories. Matt empowers students to be leaders in their lives and make changes in their environment. During the program, he also shares his own story of student prevention leadership, as the founder of a nationally recognized student group at Bucknell University.

THE RESILIENCE TO RISE ABOVE- Keynote (High School)

This dynamic presentation focuses on three qualities that allow teens to be more resilient: Leaning on Positive People, Coping with Emotions in a Healthy Way and Having the Confidence to Rise Above. Research suggests that teens with positive social support are less likely to bully or be bullied. In addition, resilient teens have been shown to cope better with emotions and are more confident when bouncing back from adversity. This program handles a sensitive topic with the perfect combination of stand-up comedy, interactive demonstrations and inspirational stories. We must all accept that life is full of stressful life events (e.g., bullying, failure, social rejection), but we all have a choice in determining our response to the stressors.



MATT BELLACE
Comedy & Learning

Matt Bellace, Ph.D., has been a youth motivational speaker and stand-up comedian since 1995. Dr. Bellace has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology (subspeciality in neuropsychology), is a member of the National Speakers Association and the author of the book, "A Better High" (Wyatt Mackenzie, 2012). He is also a contributing author for the National Geographic Kids book series, "This or That." His "How to Get High Naturally" program encourages over a hundred thousand students a year to pursue natural highs and make healthy choices. Matt was a recurring comedian on truTV's "World's Dumbest." His stand up can be heard - and requested - on Sirius XM's Comedy Channels.

The teen brain is not just a smaller version of the adult brain. The frontal and temporal lobes of the brain continue to develop until the age of 25 and it is these developing brain areas that are the most vulnerable to damage from alcohol and other drug use. During the teen years, it is critical to educate young people about the importance of brain health, while encouraging them to pursue positive risks and natural highs. Matt's programs do just that.



MATT McFADYEN
Adventurer & Speaker

PROGRAMS

A JOURNEY TO THE END OF THE EARTH - Keynote

This inspirational keynote speech is perfect for school assemblies, leadership conferences and both middle and high school students.

Detailing Matt's world first expedition to Antarctica this presentation focuses on:

- Inspiration and Motivation
- Leadership
- Goal setting
- Following one's Passion
- Team Work
- Planning and Preparation
- Overcoming Adversity
- Turning the Impossible to Possible

Matt's story will make the audience laugh and cry as he articulates the highs and lows of his amazing adventure leaving the audience inspired and motivated to

achieve their own unique goals in life. This is a powerful and emotional presentation that will be memorable for all.

JOURNEY TO LEADERSHIP - Workshop

This interactive leadership workshop is designed for smaller more senior students and is focused on their own unique leadership journey and how to become a better leader in their schools and communities.

In 5 short years Matt went from being a 22 year old novice adventurer to leading his 3rd expedition to the North Pole with a team of people double his age. Matt delivers the insights into his journey to leadership and gives the audience the tips and techniques they need to accelerate their own leadership journeys.

For over 10 years adventurer Matt McFadyen has been part of and led teams to some of the most remote, some of the most beautiful and some of the most dangerous places on the planet. Matt originally heralding from Sydney Australia now based in San Francisco is one of only a handful of humans in history to reach the Geographical North Pole on foot, sail across the most dangerous ocean on earth to Antarctica, paddle crocodile infested waters in Africa and most recently spend 41 days rowing across the Arctic Ocean.

Taking a small boat across the most dangerous ocean on earth was no easy feat and a near death experience deep in the Southern Ocean was a catalyst for change in Matt's life. Matt's amazing story of survival in the extremes, his ability to emotionally connect with people around the world and his message that the impossible is in fact POSSIBLE make him one of the most inspirational must see speakers of his generation. For the last 8 years Matt has been and still is one of the most in-demand inspirational speakers in the world having spoken in 25 countries to over half a million people.

PROGRAMS

Michael Pritchard's topics are gleaned from his award winning PBS educational series for youth.

Life Steps -The ABCs of Emotional Intelligence - Building Character - Bouncing Back

Responsibility – Respect - Empathy, Caring and Compassion - Taking Charge - Developing Healthy Relationships - Getting Along With Others - Knowing Who You Are - Doing Your Best

PeaceTalks - Resolving Conflicts - Managing Your Anger - Dealing with Bullies, Troublemakers and Dangerous Situations - Respecting Yourself and Others - Bridging Racial Divisions - Handling Peer Pressure - Triggers to Violence - Stepping up to Peace

SOS: Saving Our Schools from Hate and Violence

Breaking the Silence On Hate and Violence - Building Caring and Safe Communities

Big Changes: Big Choices The Three R's of Growing up: Respect, Responsibility and Doing the Right Thing. You and Your Values - Setting and Achieving Goals - Dealing with Pressures Preventing Conflicts and Violence - Saying "No" To Alcohol and Drugs - Friendship and Respecting Others - Getting Along With Parents

You Can Choose Being Responsible, Dealing with Feelings, Saying 'No,' Doing the Right Thing, Dealing With Disappointment, Appreciating Yourself, Asking for Help, Being Friends, and Resolving Conflicts.



MICHAEL PRITCHARD

Big Changes, Big Choices

Michael Pritchard is America's leading motivational speaker featured in Time magazine and on CNN as 'somebody who's making a difference.' He's been profiled on CBS Sunday Morning and the Today Show for using humor to help initiate positive change in Youth Across America. His professional comedy career has brought him to share the stage with Robin Williams, Jay Leno and Jerry Seinfeld. He's been featured on the Tonight Show, Emmy winning episode of Taxi, and done voices for Star Wars...even hosted the Pope's celebration to San Francisco.

But Michael took his talents and devotes himself to youth and now has his 6th Emmy nominated highly acclaimed PBS series for youth, LifeSteps and a new book, "Listen to What your Kids Aren't Telling You". He is the recipient of numerous awards including an Honorary Doctorate, Parent's choice Award and President's Action Award.



MIKE SMITH

Exciting. Passionate. Real.

PROGRAMS

LEAVING A LEGACY - Leadership

Everyone has the capability to be a leader. It takes courage and passion, and sometimes you have to be uncomfortable, but we can all do it. You're leaving a legacy on this world whether you realize it or not.

What you do with your life will boil down to one question: "What do you want to be remembered for?"

FINDING YOUR CALVIN - Bullying

The things that you do and the words that you say leave a mark on someone's life forever. And if you're a bully, that mark is a scar.

When discussing bullying, Mike references his experience in dealing with young people for over a decade as well as his personal experience with a boy named Calvin that changed his life forever.

RECKLESS PURSUIT - Pursuing Your Passions

Mike has accomplished things that few people have done and his reckless pursuit of his passions has been a significant factor in getting there.

In this talk, Mike explains that every decision we make can have a lasting impact on our lives and motivates people to live life intentionally, with purpose, and with a healthy dose of correctly-applied recklessness.

So there's this kid. He lives in the small town of Imperial, Nebraska. He's got a 2.4 GPA. He's a bit of a troublemaker. To top it off, his name is Mike Smith. Sounds like your average, ordinary kid, right? Wrong. In his senior year of high school, Mike realized that being ordinary was a choice. Since then, Mike has never stopped believing that he can do whatever he puts his mind to. That hard work, dedication, and the reckless pursuit of his passions can turn his life into something extraordinary; that he is the only one who can control his legacy. For over a decade, Mike has done just that...and he's never looked back.

From his humble beginnings in Imperial, NE, Mike has since founded two non-profits and influenced hundreds of thousands of youth in schools nationwide. Mike lives his life as a "professional teenager" that doubles as a youth motivational speaker and action sports personality. While other professional speakers struggle to remain current, Mike stays relevant by talking about what he's doing, not what he's done. He's been featured by multinational companies like Red Bull, State Farm & TEDx. Even pro skateboarder Ryan Sheckler has taken notice of Mike's drive and shown his support both personally and philanthropically through his Sheckler Foundation.

PROGRAMS

PASSION. PURPOSE. PERSEVERANCE
(School Assemblies and Conference Keynotes)

Patrick's keynotes are a great way to kick off or conclude a leadership conference, engage and impact the student body at your school, and/or energize and inspire your organization. His stories are authentic, personal, and purposeful, tied together to provide a message that not only connects, but also resonates with the audience, while his humor is quick, laced with pop culture references and literary allusions, leaving audiences in stitches and asking for more.

Patrick's versatility is perhaps his greatest asset. His speeches are customized to meet your organization or school's needs. Some examples include Testing the Limit for academic kickoff or state testing, Seniorize This for graduating seniors, Celebrate for kindness or anti-bullying presentations,

and Be A Hero for a student leadership conference. Audiences emerge feeling refreshed and motivated, having experienced both laughter and occasional tears, with a greater belief in themselves and those around them.

FACILITATOR AND WORKSHOP PRESENTER

Patrick's talents are not limited to the stage. Patrick has served as a facilitator on both high and low ropes courses and in retreats and brainstorming sessions working with student and corporate groups. He can facilitate your group through an hour-long meeting or through a multi-day retreat.

Many organizations will have Patrick keynote and stick around for a few workshops and most schools take advantage of Patrick's ability to present a leadership breakout for student leaders in addition to school-wide assembly. His workshops cover areas such as communication, conflict, recognition, teambuilding, goal setting, and creativity.

For over a decade, Patrick Maurer has helped transform campuses and communities, challenging today's leaders to make the most of their time and to contemplate their potential impact. He is a proven leader, serving in both local and national organizations, guiding groups through profound change, and receiving numerous awards for his contributions. Patrick's degree in Communication, combined with his experience and training as a high school teacher as well as his background as an improvisational comedian make him one of the most unique speakers out there.

He has the experience, but he's also mastered the approach. He's real. He's relevant. He's relatable. Whether it be a keynote or an assembly, a content-filled workshop, or a customized facilitated program, Patrick will take your group to the next level.



PATRICK MAURER

Speaker, Educator, Entertainer



PATRICK PEREZ
Motivational Break Dancer

PROGRAMS

MAD SKILLS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS (Keynote/Assembly)

Give your audience an experience they'll remember! Energetic music and dance paint the backdrop for an engaging, high-energy program focused on choices, goal setting and positive peer influence. Patrick brings youth into his world and relates to them on their level as he reminds them that they don't get what they wish for, they get what they work for.

Your students will savor Patrick's fresh dance moves and funky humor as he effectively challenges them to accept who they are, take responsibility for their choices and strive for academic and personal success.

THE BREAKTHROUGH PROJECT (Workshop)

This program is an experience for the mind and body. Identity and self-image affect every aspect of life...this workshop helps teens break free from the negative "labels" and embrace their true potential. Students will be highly engaged as they move, compete and collaborate on "teen-building" activities that help them recognize who they are, the roles they live out and how their thoughts can make or break them.

Students will complete a mission statement by the end of this workshop focused on goals they wish to pursue. This program is based on Patrick's book "Break Free: Be True. Be You." Available on Amazon.com

Student success author and super-fresh Latino youth speaker Patrick "Pac Man" Perez combines the eye-catching style of break dance (b-boying) with pop music, student interaction and student success principles. Patrick has performed to over 250,000 people across the USA, Canada, Mexico and Germany. Patrick's passion is to use his gifts in order to reach out to those students who are in need of hope, encouragement or just a good kick in the pants to get going! Patrick is the author and co-author of *Mad Skills For Student Success*, *Bully Breakthrough* and *Break Free*.

He earned his B.A. in Communication Studies from the University of Texas at El Paso and a diploma in Christian Life Studies from Texas Bible Institute. His impact in his local community garnered him the 2006 El Paso Small Business Administration's Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award. He's also been honored by the National Speakers Association & Toastmasters International. After hosting several of his own regional and international level street dance competitions he was approached by Red Bull in 2007 to collaborate on a state-wide Texas vs. New York high school break dance competition!

PROGRAMS

USE YOUR MIND - Keynote (All Ages)

Russ uses his 'Magic of the Mind' in a high-energy presentation that will teach your audience that the technique and discipline used to accomplish any feat is within the grasp of each of us. We simply need to define our goals, push beyond the limits, and establish a path that leads to victory. A person can go through life trying to predict the future - hoping and dreaming of what might happen tomorrow - or they can decide what they want, take control, and invent the future.

BELIEVE! - Keynote (All Ages/Workshop/Staff Session)

What power does belief play in your achievements? Can negative beliefs hold you back from your dreams? How can you identify and eliminate your negative beliefs and replace them with new empowering beliefs that will lead you to success? What would

happen if you were to really develop a sincere belief in your goals? Russ answers these questions and more as he takes the audience on an entertaining and truly transformational exploration into the power of belief.

MIND GAMES: A COMEDY HYPNOTIST ACT (All Ages)

Audience participation takes on a whole new meaning when over thirty volunteers are selected from the audience and quickly placed into a hypnotic trance. Then, the laughter is non-stop as Russ' subjects become the stars of the show! They turn into their favorite celebrities, meet visitors from different worlds, forget their names, lose their belly buttons, travel back to their childhood, become lifeguards, ballerinas, and savage barbarians, and take place in the most captivating and hilarious hypnotic experiments ever performed. This presentation is safe, fun, and 100% clean!



RUSS PEAK

Life Changing Motivation
With Mind Bending Fun!

It's not often that you're able to find an award-winning magical entertainer, a powerful inspirational speaker, and one of the nation's leading authorities on youth motivation packaged into one powerful keynote presenter. Unless, you find Russ Peak. Russ Peak is a dynamic one-of-a-kind presenter who knows how to take your audience beyond the limits of their imagination. He does this with an interactive performance of extraordinary mental feats, mind-boggling magic, incredible demonstrations of hypnosis, and a high-energy motivational message that is all blended together with a side-splitting dose of comedy!

You see... Russ Peak is recognized as one of the world's most skilled mentalists or "thought readers!" and a member of TV and Hollywood's famous Magic Castle. Since 1993, Russ has performed his dynamic mix of 'Magic of the Mind' over two-hundred times each year for a variety of audiences. He has been featured nationwide at both corporate and campus events, by cruise ships and resorts, conventions and conferences, theme parks and fairs, on television, and by corporate giants including IBM, Compaq, AT&T, Intel, Yahoo, Hewlett-Packard, and Disney.



RASHIDA JOLLEY

Education, Leadership,
And Healthy Choices

PROGRAMS

Rashida Jolley shares from her personal experiences.

She speaks about such things as making a decision at a young age to remain abstinent until marriage. She speaks on "The Three Keys to Success (Self Esteem, Self Respect and Self Control)", goal setting and lifestyle tips for healthy relationships. As an expert in abstinence, she has briefed congressional representatives, congressional staffers and political organizations on abstinence education.

With her personal motto "Take Action, and Make your Dreams Happen!" this powerful speaker and songstress has produced an abundance of awards, citations and accolades. She was one of 7 finalist for the "Quality of Life Award" at the 2001 Miss America Pageant, and is the recipient of: The "2008 Impact Award" from the National Abstinence Clearinghouse for greatest positive influence on youth throughout the

country; The "2008 Excellence In Music Award" from the Best Friends Foundation; The "2004 Tomorrow's Leader Award" from Black America's Political Action Committee; And the "2001 Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award" from Generations United to name a few.

Rashida touches and changes the lives of thousands yearly; this continually ignites publication partnerships and leadership alliances throughout the country. Rashida's system of "total immersion" produces the education, the strategies and the momentum for measurable and lasting change.

Rashida Jolley is one of the hottest music and speaking personalities in America's today. She is a former Ms. America contestant, was a hit on America's Got Talent & is now a featured performer on the hottest pop tour in the world, The Lady Gaga Tour! She speaks to young people across America and in other countries on topics of self-esteem & how to make wise choices that will impact your long term success. She has appeared on countless TV programs including: MTV, BET, FOX, ABC, C-Span, The E! Cable Show, & even Belgium TV. In print Ms. Jolley has been featured in Vogue Magazine, The Washington Post, The Washington Times, US Weekly Magazine and in numerous teen and women's magazines.

Rashida developed her dynamic, entertaining speaking manner from her years on the stage as a speaker, during her time in the Ms. America contest & America's Got Talent. She has an innate ability to inform and inspire audiences toward higher levels of achievement. With humor and riveting insight, Rashida speaks straight from the heart. Her authority and wisdom are born from her hard-won personal experience & acclaimed professional expertise.

PROGRAMS

Sabrina Thompson shares from her personal experiences.

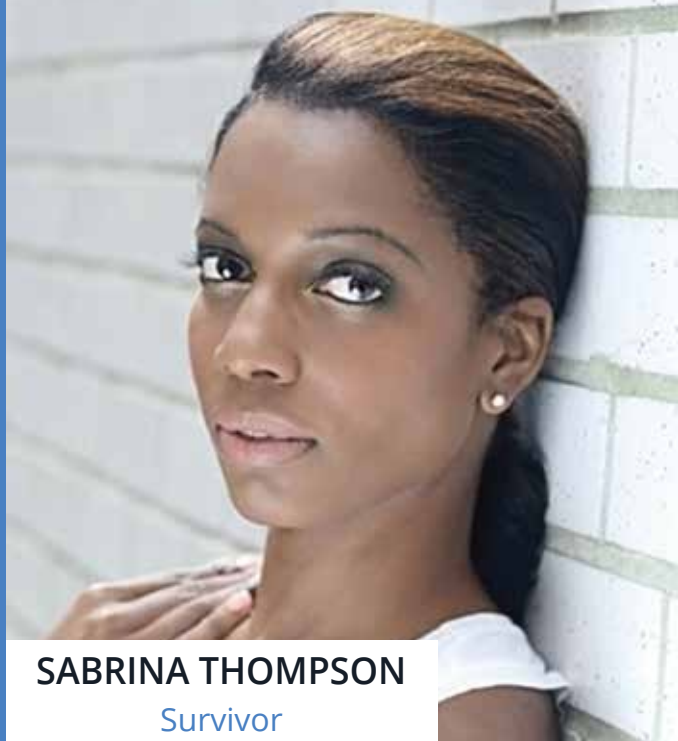
As a young girl she outran the boys all the way to a track scholarship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she competed in the 100-meter dash. A few years later with a degree in Communications and \$500, she was off to NYC to start a high-profile internship in television production at the Ricki Lake show. From there she landed a job at Columbia TriStar, Sony Pictures, and Court TV as a booking and segment producer for series on the O.J. Simpson 10th year analysis, Michael Jackson, and Kobe Bryant trials.

Like leaving a career in television for the humble calling of a New York City public school teacher just for the challenge, which was what Thompson did when she joined the staff of Frederick Douglass Academy VII High School. With creativity

and a no-nonsense demeanor, she taught high schoolers in the roughest sections of Brooklyn and put her industry Rolodex to good use inviting celebrities and top executives to the classroom.

At the same time Sabrina was changing the world one student at a time, she was also co-helming WEEN (Women Empowerment in Entertainment Network) a program that educates young women how to be moguls and executives in the world of entertainment.

As if that wasn't enough, Thompson also launched beanpYe, a jewelry line comprised of her own handcrafted bracelets, earrings, and necklaces for authentic fashion lovers. These tropically themed pieces, inspired by art from Samoa and Fiji, graced the pages of prominent magazines and adorning the wrists, necks, and earlobes of Grammy award-winning Alicia Keys, Jill Scott, Nelly Furtado, Joss Stone and India Arie.



SABRINA THOMPSON

Survivor

Sabrina Thompson is no stranger to mastering multiple careers that involve her passions of media, art and activism. She is the owner of KUU productions, a dynamic media production company specializing in mini documentaries, social media/viral campaigns, and lavish domestic and international weddings. Her clients range from HBO, BET, the Robert Wood Johnson foundation and amazing clients worldwide. For the last eight years, Thompson has been owning and operating her custom made jewelry company called beanpYe, where her clients range from A-list celebrities to the everyday woman who dares to have a bold look. In 2007, she co-founded WEEN (Women in Entertainment Network), a New York City based women's non-profit which currently has over 40,000 members.

She holds a BA and Masters degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Long Island University in New York. In 2012, she went on the wildest adventure of a lifetime and appeared on SURVIVOR (Season 24: One World). She was the runner-up of the Emmy award- winning program.



SCOTT BACKOVICH

Inspiring A Generation Of Action

PROGRAMS

BE A CATALYST - Conference
Keynote/Assembly Presentation

Scott's presentations begin as a giant party. In one moment, students are laughing hysterically, moving actively on their feet, and shouting "ROCK ON!" at the top of their lungs. Yet only minutes later, that same room is silent; students find themselves hanging on to every word of Scott's heartfelt and challenging message. It is at this point that the students in attendance realize they are no longer watching a presentation to an audience of hundreds or even thousands—they are hearing their own personal call to action.

Scott gets that students have a HUGE impact on those around them—from their casual acquaintances at school to the close friends they see virtually 24/7. Each and every student has the power to influence their world in some way, shape, or form. Before changing anything,

though, each student must undoubtedly recognize that the world in which they live is not perfect by any means. It takes passion and determination to make it a better place.

Regardless of the situation, capacity, or context, the only way students will truly change their circumstances is if they decide to be a catalyst—someone who changes the status quo.

PAST SPEECH TOPICS & WORKSHOPS
INCLUDE:

- Respect
- School Spirit
- Issue Awareness
- Standardized Testing
- Freshman Orientation
- Senior Institute Days
- Bullying
- Public Speaking
- Student Activity Planning
- and many more...

Social media fanatic, pop-culture enthusiast, student leadership whiz Scott Backovich is changing the lives of millions of students across the United States and Canada. Witty by nature, caring at heart: for Scott Backovich, this is merely the tip of the iceberg. Scott's quirky yet powerful style and message speaks to students where they are, helping them to understand the true potential for change they hold. Scott recognizes the monotonous cycle that students can undoubtedly fall into while in school, and has dedicated his life to helping them break it. By the age of 21, he had already presented to hundreds of thousands of students, appeared as a guest on television and international radio, and gained positive recognition around the continent.

Still currently in his twenties, Scott gets that students need to be reached in new and innovative ways. From cell phones and YouTube to Twitter and Instagram, teens have both grown up in and created a culture that has redefined what it means to connect. Scott understands. On any given day, he can be found not only empowering students around North America, but also training student leadership groups everywhere to do the same.

PROGRAMS

BOUNCING BACK - Student Assemblies, Conference Keynote, Teacher Inservice
By sharing his real-life experiences, Scott demonstrates how strong and powerful we ALL are. Learn specific techniques for managing adversity and how the use of your own sense of humor and positive attitude can release your inner strength. Audience members walk away with renewed optimism and excitement for their lives.

But this presentation will do more than make you feel good. It'll also give you a real-world look at problems and how to cope with them. Scott will customize his presentation based on the needs of your group. He can incorporate messages of leadership, attitude, making good choices (including drugs and alcohol resistance), overcoming adversity, power of humor and embracing life.

While attending film school at NYU, Scott Greenberg was diagnosed with cancer. He spent the next year battling for his life. It was during this time that Scott discovered the power of laughter and attitude. Inspired by his grandmother, a holocaust survivor on "Schindler's List," he conquered the disease and went on to complete the Los Angeles Marathon. Like his grandmother, Scott learned to bounce back and turn adversity into opportunity!

Scott Greenberg will NOT motivate you! He'll help you motivate yourself. With a background in filmmaking, creative writing and comedy, Scott is a master storyteller. Add to that over 15 years in leadership training and professional life-coaching, Scott will give your group the 'nuts and bolts' techniques to live more powerfully. His down-to-earth style lights up enthusiastic audience members, while also connecting with the more cynical students (and teachers!) who aren't easily won over. Whether you're looking for entertainment, information or tone setting for your event, Scott will get your group laughing, feeling and thinking. And unlike a lot of feel good and forget presentations, Scott's programs empower audiences to act. He'll also stay to teach workshops, visits classes or speak one-on-one to students.

DIVERSITY, TOLERANCE & UNITY - Assemblies, Keynotes & Workshops
Intolerance goes way beyond race and skin color. It also seeps into classes, clubs and cliques. Now more than ever we need increased unity in schools. If it's true that "It's not what you know, it's who you know," then school should be as much about friendship as it is academics. Scott reminds students of the importance of mutual respect, courtesy & school unity.

He'll discuss the unreliability of stereotyping and why we must get to know someone before rushing to judgment. Students will learn how they benefit from a little kindness & how they may live to regret the bridges they burn.

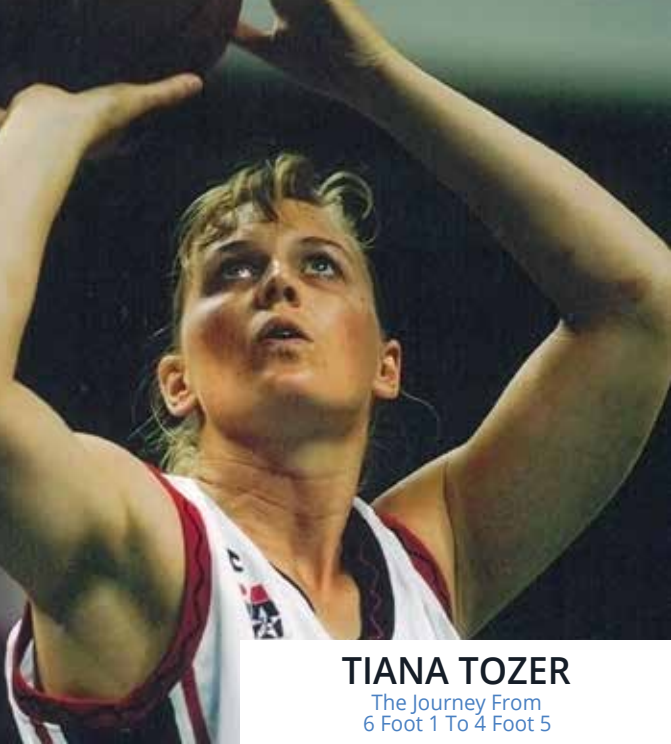
STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING & TEAM BUILDING - Keynotes & Workshops

Scott can design a leadership-training program for your students and give them skills they'll use for a lifetime.

A close-up portrait of Scott Greenberg, a middle-aged man with short, wavy, light-colored hair, smiling warmly at the camera. He is wearing a white dress shirt and a dark suit jacket. The background is a solid, muted blue color.

SCOTT GREENBERG

*A Challenge Is An
Opportunity In Disguise*



TIANA TOZER

The Journey From
6 Foot 1 To 4 Foot 5

Tiana Tozer has been speaking for more than 20 years, sharing her story with teens across the United States and Canada encouraging them to make responsible choices and take responsibility for choices they make, good and bad. In 1988, Tiana's life changed when an intoxicated driver ran a stop sign and hit the car in which she was riding. She spent more than a month in intensive care, endured more than 30 surgeries, and spent four years learning to walk again.

Since then Tiana's life has been about exceeding limitations she went on to become a Paralympic athlete, activist, University of Oregon's 2010 Outstanding Young Alumni and a humanitarian aid worker in Iraq and Sudan. Because she's overcome tremendous odds and perceived limitations, she challenges young people to do the same — reject constraints others may place on them. With her personal story and humor, she encourages teens to look beyond the label, question their complacency towards the legal drug of alcohol, and helps young people understand that some choices are forever.

PROGRAMS

TAKING THE STAIRS: “Help I’ve Fallen and I Can Get Up!” - Keynote (Youth/Adults)

Tiana Tozer limps on stage and immediately addresses how someone who walks can play wheelchair basketball. Through humorous stories she addresses people's misconceptions about people with disabilities. She addresses the unimportance of physical looks, and instead emphasizes the importance of actions and behavior.

Although many funny things have happened to Tiana since she started using a wheelchair, there is nothing humorous about how she became disabled. Tiana captures the audience as she shares her recovery journey—the victories and setbacks. Skillfully, she then challenges the students' complacency towards the legal drug of alcohol.

After sharing her hospital stories, Tiana illustrates the power of choice through

role playing with audience “volunteers”. Tiana encourages young people not place limitations on themselves nor to let other people place limitations on their lives. She empowers everyone to make good choices and take responsibility for those choices.

MOTIVATING THE MOTIVATORS - Workshop For Keynote Follow-up (Educators)

Working with youth can be difficult. Like any job there are successes and failures, but unlike other jobs there is a heightened level of heartbreak or inspiration.

Tiana shares the three rules that advisors, teachers or anyone who works with youth needs to keep in mind. (And yes, there are only three.) Tiana draws from her own experience as a youth advisor and speaker, sharing stories about the kids she helped and the ones she lost. She also speaks to a need rarely discussed: self-evaluation and self-care for those who work with America's greatest commodity—its youth.

PROGRAMS

KEEP IT FUNNY (Student Assemblies, Conference Keynote, Teacher Inservice)

Regardless of varying entertainment tastes, it's hard to find anyone who isn't intrigued by magic. Combine that with our love of comedy and it's no wonder Tim Gabrielson has taken the country by storm.

Using quick wit, interactive magic, and a playful spirit to connect with his audience, Tim focuses on his underlying theme of "Keep It Funny" and takes the audience along on the comedic journey. He masterfully weaves a subtle, uplifting message throughout his high-energy, interactive show and leaves the audience thoroughly entertained, enlivened, and inspired. Pure entertainment!



TIM GABRIELSON
The Magic of Comedy

Magic is mysterious, inexplicable and wondrous. Yet it is primarily the magician not the magic itself that we remember. Tim Gabrielson is no exception. Adept at the intricacies of magic, this Minnesota native entertains by more than just demonstrating his finesse at slight-of-hand. He also adds to the mix a winning personality, unheralded talent, and spot-on comedic timing. For Tim, the pursuit, practice and perfection of magic are life-long passions.

Fun, fast and frantic – that's Tim Gabrielson in a nutshell. The gleam in his eye reveals the depth of his passion for his profession. "This is my calling. This is what I'm supposed to do – entertain people, make them laugh." He pauses for a bit of reflection. "For the rest of my life, I want to touch people's lives." And he does – with every trick in the book. Tim has appeared on national television and was flown to Los Angeles to appear on the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. He has even appeared on E! Entertainment's Talk Soup. Recently, Tim was named one of the top 10 comedy entertainers by Campus Activity magazine.



TY BENNETT

Playing To Win In Life

PROGRAMS

PLAYING TO WIN - Keynote (Youth)

Using a college football analogy, Ty will ask the youth if they are just playing not to lose in their life, or playing to win. The answer makes all the difference. He will share life changing stories while delivering a message that every teenager needs to hear.

Dismal statistics of teen suicide, drop out rates, drug and alcohol abuse and teen pregnancy indicate the need for teens to find purpose in their lives. Ty's unique ability to relate to teens in a fun, motivating way will leave them with tools and inspiration to make the most of their lives and live up to their potential.

THE POWER OF INFLUENCE: Increase Your Influence & Your Impact - Keynote
In *The Power of Influence* Ty teaches people how to become influential leaders. Ty shares practical and profitable ways to increase your influence with people.

Strategies, which include: Investing In People, Focusing on Being Interested – Not Interesting, and Practicing The Platinum Rule.

Based on Ty's book – *The Power of Influence*, audiences have described this keynote speech as, "entertaining, hilarious, thought-provoking, and inspirational."

TEACHING THROUGH STORYTELLING - Keynote (Teachers)

People love stories. But more importantly stories engage emotion in people that causes them to respond, take action, adopt your ideas and remember information. Ty has been described by audiences around the world as a master storyteller, and in this program Ty teaches the art of storytelling as a key communication and influence strategy, covering the mindset, skillset and toolset to be an effective storyteller.

It is rare to find a speaker who is both relatable and credible to youth. Being not too far removed from High School himself (and looking like a teenager) makes Ty relatable. Having built a multimillion dollar business, written a bestselling book and spoken around the world makes Ty credible. More than 500,000 people from 50 countries have learned from Ty Bennett's insights on Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Communication.

When Ty was 21 years old he started a business with his brother Scott, which they built to over \$20 million in revenue while still in their twenties. Ty's early entrepreneurial success led New York Times Bestselling Author Bob Burg to say, "I wish I could get back to Ty's age and know what Ty knows. He will amaze you!" Ty credits his involvement in a leadership program in High School as his catalyst in life. He served as a state officer, and took 2nd place in the national competition in the entrepreneurship category. As a speaker Ty is a young, fresh voice with a fun, engaging style.

TOP TEN TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM

A Checklist From The Fisher Agency

BEFORE THE PROGRAM

- 1 In order to secure the date on the speaker's calendar, review the Program Agreement, sign and return one copy to The Fisher Agency [TFA]. Begin to process the paperwork for payment, as indicated in the Program Agreement terms.
- 2 If the speaker has supplied press release information, you are welcome to submit it to your local television and newspaper outlets. Speakers welcome the opportunity to support your event through media coverage.
- 3 Assign a technical assistant who is knowledgeable about lighting and audio equipment to assist the speaker throughout the program. Also, select a dynamic personality to read the introduction provided by the speaker.
- 4 If your speaker has requested additional audio-visual equipment, please make arrangements in advance. If your sound system and microphone are not adequate, borrow or rent a quality system. Good sound is crucial to the success of your program! Supply either a cordless microphone or a hand held stand microphone with 50 to 100 feet of cord. In most cases, the speaker will ask to have the podium moved off stage.
- 5 Coordinate all logistics with TFA. If required, make hotel arrangements for a non-smoking room, secure the room for late arrival and provide TFA with a confirmation number. Check that you have flight information from TFA and that all ground transportation has been coordinated. If the speaker is driving to your event, please provide map and written directions to the hotel and to the speech location.

DAY OF THE PROGRAM

- 6 Upon arrival [30 to 45 minutes early] the speaker will want to work with the technical assistant to check the sound system, microphone, cord,

lights, room temperature, etc. Each speaker will explain their preference for stage and room lighting [spotlight, stage, full house]. If using the gymnasium, use full lighting. If your gym has mercury lighting, turn the lights on early to allow for warm-up time. Ask the technical assistant to play upbeat music through the sound system as attendees enter and leave the auditorium.

- 7 The speaker will expect the contact person and technical assistant to listen for and eliminate disturbing noises before and during the program [weed blowers, lawn mowers, overhead exhaust, heater fans, loudspeaker announcements, bells, hallway noises, etc]. Not only do we want your audience to hear the speaker without a problem, speakers must protect their voices. Please provide the speaker with a bottle of water.
- 8 Have the audience seated in time so that the speaker can present the entire program without having to cut material or go over time. If the audience consists of students, ask teachers and advisors to sit among them. Seat the front/center section of the auditorium first. Do not allow the audience to scatter throughout the auditorium. If using the gymnasium, please make every effort to seat the audience on one side of the gym. The overflow can sit in chairs or on the floor. Whenever possible, speakers want to avoid having their backs to part of the audience. The introduction should begin only after the room is quiet. Read the introduction exactly as written or follow instructions given by the speaker.
- 9 Final fee payment is due to the speaker on the program date unless other arrangements have been secured with TFA. A travel invoice will follow the event. Speakers prepay many airfares far in advance, therefore, prompt payment is requested and greatly appreciated.

AFTER THE PROGRAM

- 10 For school assemblies, teachers are encouraged to conduct a follow up lesson with the students. Students and teachers are welcome to write the speaker to express feelings and opinions. Your opinions are very important to TFA! Please send your comments to TFA to assist in the professional development of each speaker.



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