

# ANDY'S IMPACT PRESENTATIONS FOR CONFERENCES

## ANDY'S BACKGROUND – LEADING SINCE 1983

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“Making Care Contagious” is the mission of Andy’s student leadership programs. Combining motivational comedy, powerful stories, pep rally energy, and insights for classroom & leadership success, Andy will make an IMPACT at your conference!

Andy was an active student leader who also excelled at academics throughout his school career. In elementary school, Andy was Student Council VP and the Top Academic Male Graduate. As Student Council President in high school, Andy led his school to win “Most Spirited in Canada” in MOGA (Most Outrageous Group Activity), an annual contest run by Much Music and the Intramural Council of Canada. He was also valedictorian of his graduating class. At King’s College, Western University, Andy was Orientation Week coordinator, “Most School-Spirited Graduate” of 1993 and on the Dean’s honour list for four years, while completing his degree in History & Geography.

Since graduating, Andy has been recognized by both his high school and university for his contributions. Laurier Secondary School in London named him its “Inspiring Excellence” award winner as one of its most outstanding graduates since it was founded in 1966. King’s University College chose Andy as its Alumni of Distinction in 2014, an annual award given to only 22 people as of 2020. Andy was also honoured by the Rotary Club of London as a “Paul Harris Fellow” in 2012 for his work as a community leader. Andy has keynoted Rotary’s youth leadership conference for the area of southwestern Ontario and eastern Michigan every year since 2003.

Andy still lives in London, Ontario with his wife and 2 daughters. He loves to return to his alma maters. He speaks annually to the grade 8s of his elementary school and the student council and grads of his high school. Since 1997 every first-year student at his university has heard Andy’s IMPACT on their first day of school!

## ANDY'S SPEAKING EXPERIENCE – MAKING AN IMPACT SINCE 1992

Andy has appeared at over 2000 different schools and conferences in 10 provinces and 40 states.

- Over 100 schools every year in every province across Canada including:
  - Ontario: over 700 of the approximately 1000 high schools. 500+ he has visited 3 or more times.
  - New Brunswick: 51 of 53 English high schools
  - Saskatchewan: over 110 different schools, including almost 70 K to 12 schools.
  - British Columbia: over 80 different schools
- Over 35 conferences of all sizes every year across North America.
- Canadian National student leadership conference keynote 5 times
- Every provincial student leadership conference keynote at least three times
  - The Ontario Student Leadership Conference (OSLC), workshops every year since 1992
  - Nova Scotia Provincial keynote 12 times
  - New Brunswick Provincial keynote 7 times
  - BC Provincial keynote 8 times, including 2018
  - Saskatchewan Provincial keynote 6 times, including 2015
  - Alberta Provincial keynote - 2016 was his 6<sup>th</sup> appearance here
  - Newfoundland Provincial keynote 6 times, including 2017
- USA National Student leadership conference and keynoted 34 different US state student council conventions

- Over 250 different American schools from California to Maine, including over 80 Michigan schools.
- Andy has inspired at a wide range of conference settings: Junior and Senior High School Student Councils, USA National Honor Society, Key Club, Rotary Youth, Future Business Leaders of America, 4 H, Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation, DECA, Relay for Life, Safe Schools Programs, Yearbook, Youth Athletics, Parks & Recreation Employees, Teachers, Administrators and College & University Leadership events.

## **WHY HIRE ANDY AS YOUR CONFERENCE SPEAKER?**

1. Andy's unique mix of professional speaking talent and actual student leadership experience helps elevate the energy, impact and success of your event. He was a student leader at every school he attended. Andy provides hands-on leadership training with humour, inspiration and energy.
2. Andy personalizes each speech to reflect your conference's school participants and your conference theme. He will work with you to ensure his message matches the goals of your event.
3. Andy's conference keynote and workshops are completely different from his school assembly options. Delegates who have seen him at their school will hear different material during his conference program.
4. No Numb Bum! Andy ensures that audiences of all ages stay engaged by getting them up several times during his programs to cheer, play and participate. It's part pep rally, part leadership workshop, and part inspirational talk! Yes, he has options for your VIRTUAL event!
5. Andy's programs are adaptable for students from ages 11 to 25 and their teachers.
6. Conference organizers love Andy's 100% time commitment to their event. He arrives early to greet delegates, and spends time getting to know them, both students and teacher advisors, throughout the conference. He is available to help wherever needed – with icebreakers, fun trivia contests, cheers, and as MC. He offers powerful workshops for both the student and adult delegates.

## **ANDY'S IMPACTING CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. "The Look Bounces off me! Dealing Positively with Negativity" - Andy's Student Leadership Conference Keynote**

We have all seen it when we are in a leadership role ... someone gives us the "look" of disapproval and we feel our enthusiasm for leadership fade a little. In this hilarious and life-changing keynote, Andy gives you effective strategies on dealing with negativity while inspiring care. Andy reminds leaders that, *"Care is contagious, but as a leader, it has to start with ME!"* From his own school and community leadership experiences, he offers realistic, easy-to-implement insights that will motivate you and your team!

Andy's presentations always include a mix of cheers, icebreakers and group games. He will keep you laughing and moving while teaching engaging activities that you can use at your next event! He will keep the delegates active while giving them leadership skills that will inspire them to improve school spirit and increase participation.

With fantastic online resources and videos, you will come away from Andy's sessions with many tools to help you in your leadership journey!

Andy's keynote presentation runs 45 to 120 minutes in length, based on your needs.

## **2. "Initiate Inclusion by Invitation" – Andy's Three "I's" of Building Community.**

Inclusion is at the forefront of our goal as school leaders. In the fall of 2018, Andy's friend Jules was finally reunited with his wife and 7 children from Congo after 8 years of separation! With his apartment too small to accommodate the family, Andy's family opened their home for ten months to the three eldest children. The ongoing experience of being "Uncle Andrew" to 3 college/high school aged new Canadians from Africa is hilarious, powerful, and insightful. When you initiate inclusion by invitation, Andy's family's experience shows that the rewards go both ways – blessing the giver and receiver!

Since 2017 Andy has volunteered at the week-long Peace Camp hosted by his university. This is where 75 children ages 6-9 from the Islamic, Jewish, and Christian faiths learn from each other across a week. This all started because Andy's family participated in a Peace Rally at the local mosque. This opened their eyes to challenges faced by other faiths in their community and inspired him to get involved in helping.

From these experiences Andy offers student leaders perspective to the following challenges: How can you initiate inclusion? What limits our courage to invite? How can one maintain enthusiasm for invitation and leadership when negative experiences and rejection challenge us in our schools and community?

## **3. "The Impact of Educators" – A Presentation for School Staff**

In October of grade 9, Andy received a letter from his high school's track and field coach "recruiting" him to be part of the team. That letter changed his life. Expect laughter and powerful reflection as Andy shares the lessons he learned from Coach Young and his efforts to connect with students. Coach Young was a leader in invitation and inclusion because he had the COURAGE to INITIATE.

Andy is married to a high school French teacher and balances her insights with his 30+ years of experience working in North America's schools. His brother is a school bus driver. His sister works in a school cafeteria.

Designed to be enjoyed by all school professionals, this presentation can run from 30 to 60 minutes to a half-day staff professional development session! This program can be a keynote for educators or as a workshop. It can be combined with his educator workshops on "Reliability" and "Making Care Contagious" outlined below.

## **ANDY'S INSPIRING WORKSHOPS FOR CONFERENCES**

### **1. "Making Care Contagious" – Andy's Student Leadership Workshop**

School Spirit is caring, but how do leaders make this care contagious? This presentation draws from Andy's experiences as a student leader and as a speaker traveling North America. He has developed 5 Habits that form the core of all successful student leadership activities. This hilarious and high-energy workshop gives hands-on advice on handling negativity; dealing with rejection; having the courage to be an example of good decisions; effective appreciation; communicating care; and improving event promotion and attendance. Follow Andy's 5 Habits to "get your care, out there!"

The session includes games and activities that can be shared with your school at your next meeting or assembly.

Workshop format is completely flexible. Andy can perform a 30 to 60-minute version as part of a workshop rotation or do a 2 to 4-hour version which includes group discussions, a question/answer sheet, and more icebreaker games.

## **2. “Can I Count on You?” – Improving the Reliability of your leadership team**

Execution of ideas is the number one challenge for young leaders. This session will immediately improve the ability of your students to work together, improve their organization and time management skills, and teach them how to execute ideas into action and activities! With all students, student leaders and staff balancing their time between school, family and work commitments, this program can transform how you and your team organizes their priorities!

This session addresses the concepts of time management from a unique perspective. Trust is the foundation for loving families, fun friendships, spirited students' councils, successful businesses, impressive customer service and effective leaders. Yet people earn the trust of another by being reliable. In “Can I Count You”, Andy offers useful and immediately applicable advice for improving reliability. Through his insights, Andy demonstrates how increased reliability improves one's time management, creates successful events, prepares students for success in class and the workplace, and inspires TRUST in you as a leader!

Workshop format is completely flexible. Andy can perform a 30 to 60-minute version as part of a workshop rotation or do a 2 to 4-hour version which includes increased interaction, a question/answer sheet, and more icebreaker games.

## **3. “Let’s Talk!” - Effective Communication Skills for Youth Leaders**

Get "excited" about your next speaking opportunity! This session draws on Andy’s massive speaking experience, ranging from high school pep rallies and university orientation weeks to adult programs across North America. He offers realistic insights on: overcoming the fear (and how it is linked to self-esteem), putting more "you" into all of your communication, using the power of the positive, and how to visualize your improved speaking performances. Andy’s ideas are applicable whether you're communicating with one person or one thousand.

Workshop format is completely flexible. This workshop can run from 30 to 90 minutes.

## **4. “The IMPACT of the Advisor” – Two Options for Advisors and Leadership Teachers**

Both “Making Care Contagious” and “Can I Count on You?” are available as adult advisor workshops. Each of these presentations empowers adult leaders to support their students when they return to school. In “Making Care Contagious”, Andy shares numerous activities and events that schools can run that support the 5 Habits. “Can I Count on You?” will give adult advisors the tools to keep their team organized. In addition, both programs are an empowering reminder to adult advisors about the difference they make inspiring youth leaders. These workshops can each run from 30 to 120 minutes.