

# ANDY'S IMPACT PRESENTATIONS FOR CONFERENCES

## ANDY'S BACKGROUND

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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 its most outstanding graduate 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 18 people as of 2016. 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 and loves to return to his alma maters. He speaks to the grade 10s and the graduating class of his high school every year. Kings and Western book him 10 times annually for events for their students. He has also returned several times to speak to his elementary school where his two daughters now attend.

## ANDY'S EXPERIENCE:

Andy has been professionally speaking since 1992, appearing 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 600 of the approximately 880 high schools. 500+ have had him speak 3 or more times.
  - Ontario: over 100 different elementary and middle schools.
  - New Brunswick: 51 of 53 English high schools
  - Saskatchewan: over 90 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) every year since 1992
  - Nova Scotia Provincial keynote 12 times
  - New Brunswick Provincial keynote 7 times
  - BC Provincial keynote 7 times
  - Saskatchewan Provincial keynote 6 times
  - Alberta Provincial keynote - 2016 was his 6<sup>th</sup> appearance here
  - Newfoundland Provincial keynote 5 times.
- 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's specialty is getting audiences of all ages up several times during his programs to cheer, play and participate. Its part pep rally, part leadership workshop, and part inspirational talk!
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 ice-breakers, fun trivia contests, cheers, and as MC. He offers powerful workshops for both the student and adult delegates.

## ANDY'S IMPACTING CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### 1. **"Care Starts with ME!"** – Andy's Student Leadership Conference Keynote

Negativity can kill the enthusiasm for leadership. In this hilarious and life-changing program, Andy gives youth leaders effective strategies for 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 leadership experiences, he offers realistic, easy-to-implement insights that will motivate your team!

Andy's keynote presentation runs 45 to 120 minutes in length, based on your needs. Andy's presentations always include a mix of cheers, icebreakers and group games. He will keep the delegates active while giving them leadership skills that will inspire them to improve school spirit and increase participation.

### 2. **"Mix & Mingle"** – An Icebreaker and Interaction Session

Andy can deliver 15 to 60-minute Icebreaker Sessions that will get your delegates on their feet to mix and mingle, meet and greet, laugh and cheer! Delegates will learn activities that can be shared with their school.

Many conferences have used Andy as an MC, where his stage presence and energizers assist with the smooth operation of the event.

### 3. **"The Impact of Teachers"** – A Keynote or Workshop for Teachers

Andy is the teaching profession's #1 fan because of the difference teachers have made in his life. It also helps that he married a high school French teacher! This program is an empowering reminder to school staff about the difference they make with youth.

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 tears of laughter and powerful reflection as Andy shares the lessons he learned from Coach Young and his efforts to connect with students.

# 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 organizing events. This session will immediately improve the ability of your team to work together and improve their organization skills.

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, and effective leaders. Yet people earn the trust of another by being reliable. 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, and inspires TRUST in leaders!

With all student leaders and teachers balancing their time between school, family and work commitments, this program can transform how your team organizes their priorities!

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. **"Adult Advisor Workshops"** – 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 of these programs are an empowering reminder to adult advisors about the difference they make inspiring youth leaders.

Workshop formats are completely flexible. These workshops can each run from 30 to 120 minutes.