

# ANDY'S IMPACT PRESENTATIONS FOR CANADIAN SCHOOLS

## ANDY'S BACKGROUND

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"School is about learning AND having fun" has been Andy's message to students since his first school assembly in 1992. "Making Care Contagious" is the mission of his student leadership programs. Combining motivational comedy, powerful stories, pep rally energy, and insights for classroom & leadership success, Andy will make an IMPACT!

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.

Andy has been recognized by his schools for his contributions. Laurier Secondary School in London named him its "Inspiring Excellence" award winner as one of its most outstanding graduates. King's at Western chose Andy as its Alumni of Distinction in 2014, an annual award given to only 22 people as of 2020.

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 hears his IMPACT messages on their first day of school!

## ANDY'S EXPERIENCE

Andy has been professionally speaking since 1992, speaking at over 2000 different schools and conferences in 10 provinces, the Yukon and 40 American states.

- Over 100 schools every year across Canada and the USA including:
  - Ontario: over 600 of the approximately 880 high schools. 500+ have had him speak 3 or more times.
  - Ontario: over 200 different elementary and middle schools
  - New Brunswick: 51 of 53 English high schools
  - Saskatchewan: over 110 different schools including almost 80 K to 12 schools
  - British Columbia: over 90 different schools
- 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 8 times
  - BC Provincial keynote 8 times, including 2018
  - Saskatchewan Provincial keynote 6 times, including 2013 and 2015
  - Alberta Provincial keynote - 2016 was his 6<sup>th</sup> appearance here
- USA National Student leadership conference and keynoted 34 different US state student conventions
- Over 250 different American schools from California to Maine. Over 80 Michigan schools.

Andy is adept in every school situation in Canada.

- Large high schools - St. Francis Catholic High school in Calgary with 1700 students had him return for a 13<sup>th</sup> year in a row to welcome their grade 10s and deliver leadership workshops.
- Small town schools – Tantramar High School in Sackville, NB has booked Andy 8 times.
- Elementary/Middle Schools – Centennial Senior Elementary, Brampton, ON, Andy has inspired 4 times
- K-12 schools – Bengough School, Saskatchewan with only 57 students had Andy deliver two assemblies in 2015; the first inspired the students in grades 1 to 5 and the second was for grades 6 to 12.
- References from your province are available by request.

# ANDY'S PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

## IMPACTING SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Andy offers schools three completely different assembly programs, the length of each is flexible from 45 to 90 minutes. All assemblies use high energy comedy, stories, and interactive cheers to keep your students laughing and listening.

**A Unique Feature of Andy's Assemblies:** Your activities and school character are incorporated into each program, promoting your events to increase participation. Andy will ask for a list of your activities before the speech and will include these examples throughout his presentations. Money invested in Andy's assembly is returned through better fundraising and event participation after he leaves!

### 1. "Get Your Hand Up" - School Assembly for grades 6 to 12

School is about Learning AND having fun. Do that by getting your hand UP! Answer Questions. Ask Questions. Volunteer. Get involved in the classroom and in the activities of your school!

This powerful assembly will entertain and inspire your students by encouraging them to bring back their grade two enthusiasm and "get their hand up". In the classroom, ask questions, answer the teacher, and try your best. In school and life, volunteer and get involved in all the great activities.

Why don't students "Get Their Hand Up?" The fear of failure: the fear of being wrong in front of friends. You might give a wrong answer, ask a "stupid" question, learn that your best is not as good as others, or volunteer to get involved and yet get cut from a team or play. Andy challenges youth to bring back their grade 2 "recess attitude" which says that although I will make mistakes and get things wrong at times, I will put my hand back up and try again.

**ANDY'S SPECIAL "GRADS ONLY" VERSION:** With examples from students who were bound for university, community college, the trades or the workforce, Andy uses powerful stories, workplace insights and hilarious comedy to inspire, empower and entertain. When booking Andy later in the year, please consider a separate assembly for your grads to help prepare them for the final months of high school and life after grad. This presentation can run from 45 to 90 minutes, or as a two-hour retreat or a full day program.

### 2. "Share Your Care" - School Assembly for grades 1 to 12

Andy's Top 3 ways to care: #3 - Show Up! #2 - Participate! #1 - Listen!

Andy challenges your students to care about their friends, family, and school the same way they care for millionaires from their favourite bands and professional teams. His Top 3 examples of care: Show Up - to class, to practice, to work, to special events; Participate - cheer, dress up, put your hand up in class, dance, laugh, be part of the fundraiser; Listen - Create inclusion by asking your classmates and friends questions and truly listening to their answers!

What are the rewards of care? It's fun! Fun fills your yearbook and your life story with great memories. Care changes the world! Your acts of care can brighten someone's day, add to a fundraising total, brings energy to a dance, or feeds a person through a school food drive! With his messages of kindness, caring and listening, this assembly is a popular choice for "pink shirt day" and "be kind" campaigns. "Make care contagious" and be an example of good decisions for others to follow!

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

Inclusion is at the forefront of our school's goals. 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!

For several summers Andy has volunteered at the week-long King's College Peace Camp. 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 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?

## **INSPIRING LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS**

### **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. Schools that book Andy's workshop get a free copy of the handbook for this program.

This workshop for grades 6 to 12 can run from 45 minutes to 90 minutes. It is also frequently used as a leadership retreat for 2 to 3 hours. Andy can deliver this as the follow up to his school assembly or as a stand-alone leadership event for your school or a group of schools. The program will also empower student council advisors and leadership teachers who are encouraged to participate in this session.

### **2. "The Impact of Educators" – Inspiration 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.

Andy is married to a high school French and Business Studies teacher and balances her insights with his 30+ years of experience working in North America's schools. Designed to be enjoyed by all school professionals, this presentation can run from 30 to 60 minutes as an after-school program to a half-day staff professional development session! It can be combined with his educator-version of his workshops on "Reliability" and "Making Care Contagious".

### 3. "Can I Count You?" – Building Your Reliability to LEAD Others!

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 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!

This program is flexible from 60 minutes to 2.5 hours. Also available for school staff sessions.

#### Insights on Booking Andy At Your School

- A half day OR full day option? See below for examples of how that would look.
- Is there another local school or two that you can contact about sharing the day or the trip to your area? Each school would receive a significant fee discount. Andy can assist with promoting this.

#### Half Day Option

A half day with Andy includes TWO presentations of 45-90 minutes each. You have the following choices:

- Two assemblies: Dividing the school in half OR speaking to two different grades.
- K to 12 school, Two assemblies: A grades 1 to 5 assembly for 45-50 minutes, followed by a grades 6-12 assembly for 50 to 75 minutes.
- Assembly for the younger grades, followed by a separate assembly for your grads.
- One assembly followed by a student leadership workshop. 60 to 75 minutes each.
- Leadership Retreat: A two to three-hour student leadership program, catered to your needs, using my "Making Care Contagious" and "Can I Count on You?" workshops.
- A third presentation may be possible by adding a workshop for the leaders over lunch

The afternoon school always gets a free after school program: either a staff meeting or student workshop.

#### Full Day Option

A full day program could include up to 4 assemblies, a 2 to 3-hour student leadership program, and an after-school teacher's program. The day's schedule is completely adjustable to your needs. Two full-day examples from 2015: Banting Secondary in London had a full day by having Andy deliver two assemblies in the morning to the entire student body. Afternoon, a 90-minute program at their student leadership camp. I.E. Weldon Secondary in Lindsay had Andy deliver two assemblies in the morning, a 2-and-a-half-hour leadership retreat in the afternoon, and an after-school staff program for 45 minutes.