

ANDY'S IMPACT PRESENTATIONS - AMERICAN ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE 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 elem/middle 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 Canada's MTV 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 High School in London named him its "Inspiring Excellence" award winner as one of its most outstanding graduates. King's College at Western University 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, Canada with his wife and 2 daughters. He loves to return to his alma maters. He speaks annually to the 8th graders of his elementary/middle 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 the 53 English high schools
 - Saskatchewan: over 110 different schools including almost 80 K to 12 schools
 - Michigan: over 80 different schools
 - NY: over 70 different schools
 - Ohio: over 30 different schools
- Canadian National student leadership conference keynote 5 times
- All 10 provincial and 34 USA state student leadership conference keynotes:
 - The Ontario Student Leadership Conference (OSLC) every year since 1992
 - Nova Scotia Provincial keynote 12 times
 - Michigan State Student Council Conference keynote 4 times
 - Ohio State Student Council Conference keynote 4 times, including 2018
- USA National Student leadership conference in 1996 and 2006.
- Over 250 different American schools from California to Maine.

Andy is adept in every school situation in Canada and the USA.

- Large high schools - Lancaster High school, near Buffalo, NY, with over 2000 students, had him return 17 times to welcome their freshmen and deliver leadership workshops.
- Small town schools – St. Clair High School, Michigan, has booked annually since 1999.
- Elementary/Middle Schools – North Royalton MS, Ohio, Andy has inspired 5 times, including virtually
- 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 state or province are available by request.

ANDY'S PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

IMPACTING SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Andy offers schools two completely different assembly programs, the length of each is flexible from 40 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 5 to 8**

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 of 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.

2. **"Share Your Care" - School Assembly for grades 1 to 8**

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!

Andy also has a version of this assembly for grades 1 to 4 which lasts 45 to 55 minutes. This shorter assembly focuses on Participation and Listening as the Top 2 examples of care. In addition, Andy will have the students up and participating in a cheer or song 4 or 5 times during the program. It is high-energy fun!

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 8 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 Invitation" – Inspiration for All 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".

A REFERENCE FROM JANUARY 2016, From a London, Canada Elementary School:

Andy, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your presentation. It is quite evident that this is not just a job for you. You are trying to make a difference in student's lives and we certainly appreciated the message you delivered. It was a wonderful way for you to help us kick off our character education focus for Jan/Feb 2016. Sharing your Care for our "Encouraging Others" character trait worked out perfect!

Your presentation style is top notch. The way you allow the children to participate, especially the younger students, is great and helps them to maintain their focus! This is so important to keep them tuned in. It also appeals to the different learning styles - especially with the boys! The content was very applicable and we will be watching for this kind of behaviour when the classes put together their success criteria for Encouraging Others. You are a wonderful speaker for students!

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