

Mighty Mike



Imagine a speaker delivering a message so powerful and so compelling that in an hour or two he has almost magically transformed the lives of an audience forever.

Imagine an individual who has committed his life to breaking down barriers of fear by captivating audiences with his dynamic story and truly heartfelt insights.

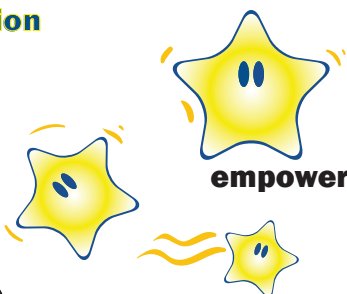
Imagine a speech combined with an athletic performance that is guaranteed to thrill everyone.

Imagine being inspired to take action by a speaker long after his presentation.

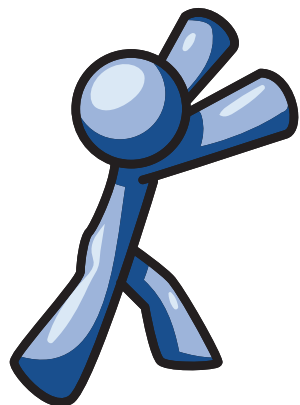
Is this a "dream"? Yes it is. Could it be your team's, students', or employees' reality?

Yes, when they experience "Mighty Mike" Simmel!

Determination
Realization
Energy
Actions
Motivation



**empowering people to
LIVE THEIR DREAM**



Schools
Organizations
Corporate Groups
Civic Associations

Mike Simmel is the Founder of the Bounce Out The Stigma Project. A not-for-profit charity seeking to promote a unique message to children and adults. His programs have been featured at College and Pro Sport events.

Mike travels nationally speaking to audiences regarding goal setting and living the life you dream.

Visit:
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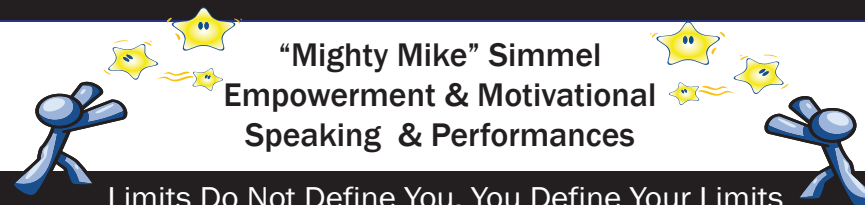
empowerment & motivational performances & speeches

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In a heartfelt and practical talk, Mike Simmel proves with relatable language and with concrete personal examples—how to find success by doing what you love. He discusses how you can stand out; pursue your dreams while overcoming any adversity. Not your typical speaker, Mike will deliver a message that will resonate long after with students, educators, businesses,



“Mighty Mike” Simmel Empowerment & Motivational Speaking & Performances

Limits Do Not Define You, You Define Your Limits

Motivational Speaking and Empowerment Program



“Mike’s energy and enthusiasm are contagious. Your experience with Mike is sure to be an unforgettable one.”
- Mike Saunders, NY Knicks

Mike Simmel has appeared on ESPN, FOX, PBS, MSG Network and CBS College Sports Network as well as many local TV news shows for his work on the court and in the community. He has also been a featured guest on many radio shows across the country including Radio Disney, ESPN Radio, and Bloomberg. He recently signed a book contract with Magination Press, Washington DC to have his story told in a children’s book to be published in 2011.

Mike is a national spokesman for Epilepsy Awareness, and a role model on accomplishing your goals. Besides speaking at schools across America, he speaks and performs annually at the Epilepsy Foundation of America’s Kids Speak Up and at the US Public Policy Institute in Washington DC. He has been the keynote speaker at Foundation Affiliates throughout the Country. In 2006, he was the Honorary Chairman of The Walk for A Brighter Tomorrow.

In September 2009, Mike was honored by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce with the very prestigious TOYA award as being one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans for 2009. This award is 71 years old and past honorees include JFK, Bill Clinton, Arthur Ashe, and Payton Manning. In May of that same year, he was honored by NJ Governor Corzine with the Alvin Slootsky Exemplary Recreation Lifestyle Award for his work with people with disabilities.

He has performed his basketball wizardry and spoke at national events for numerous corporations and civic associations. For two years, he was a national spokesman with Eisai Pharmaceuticals, and from 2006-07, he was a national spokesman for Abbott Laboratories and their National Childhood Epilepsy Campaign.

In 2009, he was a principal performer and guest speaker at the Epilepsy Foundation’s National Walk for Epilepsy on The Mall in Washington, DC. He performs and speaks at many camps for special needs children across the country, including performing and speaking for the US Special Olympics.

During the summer, he tours performing and speaking at high school and college basketball camps throughout the country. Those included are Seton Hall, Georgia Tech, U Penn, Holy Cross, Navy, Stetson, Connecticut, and George Mason. Since 2002, Mike has lectured and performed at over 600 schools and colleges on empowerment. In 2009 Mike performed at the NCAA Final 4 Fan Fest Event in Detroit.

In 2007, Mike was honored at pre-game ceremonies at New York’s Yankee Stadium by the Yankees and Exceptional Parent Magazine. He was given the Maxwell J. Schleifer Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to the special needs community.

Mike was once your typical solid high school and collegiate player. Now he is someone who performs eye-pleasing tricks with the basketball and is a crowd favorite. He stands only 5’9” and has a natural affinity with children; everyone can relate to him in some way. “Mighty Mike” is your regular “boy next door” that has used his God-given gifts and work ethic to overcome perceived limitations and make his dreams in basketball come true. His background, struggles and captivating skills are something that you will be encouraged by and talk about for days to come. You’ll learn what it takes to be self-driven and have a heart bigger than a basketball. His tricks will make you gasp, his words will have you motivated.

At age 2 Mike discovered he had epilepsy and it changed his life forever. Mike talks about overcoming adversity and learning to empower yourself through self-discipline and facing your challenges head on.



“Mighty Mike” Simmel has been a member of the Harlem Wizards professional basketball team and a featured show performer at halftimes since 2001. Mike has performed his tricks and wizardry at college and NBA halftime shows, on TV, and at events throughout the country.

Mike founded and runs the successful “All Aboard, the Bounce Out the Stigma Express” Basketball Clinics and Parent Workshops held in affiliation with colleges and professional sport teams.

“Mike’s message about epilepsy was perfectly suited to professionals, family members, and people with epilepsy. It is an honor to have worked with Mike and we look forward to a long lasting relationship in the years to come!”

- Krista Nieman, Executive Director,
The Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio



“We appreciate Mike’s contribution to our national effort to increase public awareness of epilepsy. The Foundation is fortunate to work with someone who is willing to share his positive story and personal experiences.”

- Eric Hargis, President and CEO,
Epilepsy Foundation of America

