

INTRODUCTION

MIKE DILBECK

At this time, will you please take a moment to turn your cell phones to “silent” or “off” and refrain from text messaging during the program in consideration of our speaker and our audience. Thank you.

My name is _____. I am (leadership position or organization), and it’s my pleasure to welcome you.

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Mike Dilbeck is a Chicago-based video and film producer who creates educational projects aimed at empowering young people. He has produced more than 60 educational and promotional film projects for higher education organizations over the past two decades, earning awards and a reputation for challenging negative social norms in college student communities.

In 2007, Mike took part in creating the Response Ability project, which addresses “bystander behavior” —those times when a person observes something, recognizes it to be problematic, but fails to intervene in a constructive way. These behaviors can range from alcohol abuse, to hazing, to gossip and hate speech, and Mike stresses the importance of speaking up and acting based on your values. Seizing upon an opportunity to act can dramatically change the campus community.

Here to talk to us tonight about bystander behavior, please join me in giving a big (school or organization name) welcome to Mike Dilbeck!