

Introduction for Michael Poll “Discover The Leader Within”

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Welcome to our program! As a courtesy to our speaker and our audience, please take a moment to silence your cell phones. Thank you.

As an undergraduate student, today’s guest enjoyed many experiences as an involved student leader. However, his leadership was put to the test when he was asked by the university to develop a new student organization to change the face of campus life.

He had no office, no funds and no members to develop this “start-up” organization. Already an involved student leader with lots of experience and leadership skills, Michael had to dig deep to discover the leader within him.

He challenged himself by developing new skills and by critically evaluating his responsibility as a leader. Within two months the new organization was in place and making waves on campus. Michael was also a different person, a different student and a different leader.

Today, many colleges and universities regard Michael as a leading authority of leadership and personal development. As a full time speaker and consultant, he has spoken from Toronto to the Virgin Islands and in 43 states. Michael has written and twenty-one articles and developed two national student leadership instruments for which he’s received recognition. He’s served in numerous leadership positions with higher education associations and non-profits organizations.

Colleges aren’t the only ones benefiting from Michael. He’s consulted with people from nearly 1,200 different non-education organizations too! People from groups such as Kodak, Bank One, Nextel, Unilever, Sears, Kinkos, ESPN, State Farm, Ford Motor and AT&T. Therefore, he brings practical, “real world” strategies and ideas directly to college students!

Michael lives in the Chicago area where he enjoys spending time at the beach and laughing with his family. We’re glad he’s with us here today and his presentation; “Discover The Leader Within!” will surely get us moving in the right direction! Please help me welcome, our guest, Michael Poll...

(STAND, WAIT at microphone/podium, LEAD audience in applause.)