

Dr Paul Stuart Wichansky

A passionate TED Talk speaker and author who has triumphed over cerebral palsy and a hearing loss, Dr. Paul instills in students the motivation and perseverance needed to help his audiences soar towards success. During the past 37 years, *since age 10*, he has hosted an estimated 7500 presentations on the topics of diversity and disability awareness, character education, anti-bullying, and empowering our youth. He encourages his students to ensure their names become symbols for success as they embrace those ideals of leadership that help make their lives a success story.



Topics include

Disability Awareness · Character Education & Development
Self-esteem Enhancement · Anti-Bullying Strategies
Peer Leadership & Resiliency · Parent Workshops
Building Empathy & Respect · Overcoming Adversity
Staff & Professional Development Keynotes

Biography

Since age 10, Paul has hosted presentations and keynotes where he shares those experiences that have allowed him to triumph over his challenges, emerge from his wheelchair, and reach an ambitious goal -- to learn to walk. These assemblies help instill in youth the courage, confidence, and optimism to excel in their studies; treat their peers with respect; develop character and resiliency that are the hallmarks of leadership; and be inspired to realize their dreams.

Dr. Paul has been invited by the NJ State Police each summer to share insights and wisdom with trooper youth who want to pursue careers in law enforcement and/or public service. He has also keynoted at high-school peer leadership conferences, motivated thousands of coaches and athletes at the Special Olympics, and inspired government representatives at the United Nations.

His experiences are a testament to the power of courage and unconditional love, shared through his insights and feelings of self-criticism, frustration, reflection, humor, joy, and ultimately, triumph.

Inquiries & Information

Start the process by completing an online inquiry form at his web site:
www.justthewayyouare.com

Testimonials

"Paul Wichansky's presentation was the ABSOLUTE BEST assembly program I have EVER seen in 30+ years in middle school education!" - *Richard McMahon, Principal, Manhasset NY Middle School*

"You are something I always wanted to be, Dr. Paul. A hero. Not someone flying around in tights and a cape, but someone who can change the world, one person at a time. I hope to inspire others just like you have inspired me during my week at boot camp."
-- *Trooper Youth, 87th class*

"Using powerful imagery, Paul explained how the pain of negative words never really goes away. His message taught the students that everyone has something wonderful to offer. We all have special gifts inside waiting to be shared. Kindness and understanding can help those gifts be revealed."
-- *Noreen Daniel, Califon PTA*

"From the bottom of my heart, Dr. Paul, thank you. You gave me courage today, you gave me hope, and you made me smile again." -- *11th grader*

"Paul was warm, sensitive to the childrens' questions, informative, inspirational, and displayed a wonderful sense of humor. Children are already comparing him to some of the 'heroic characters' they read about in literature this year." -- *teacher, Red Bank NJ school*